

# Family Faith

## Chapter 18

# Jesus Heals Us

Jesus is God, and he heals us.

### Chapter Summary

In the account of the healing of the paralytic, we learn about Jesus' ability to heal people. Because Jesus performs supernatural acts, such as healing the sick, we see that he is God. We believe because we have faith, a supernatural gift given to us by God at Baptism. Jesus heals our friendship with God, and he heals our hearts by helping us to be good so that we can live happy lives.

### More for Parents

Children love miracle stories. Their hearts are filled with awe and wonder and trust that Jesus did the things that the Bible says he did. As we become adults, we might become more skeptical. Is there a reason we might tend to doubt the miracle stories? Have we asked for a miracle in the past that God did not seem to answer? We have to wrestle with the reality that sometimes the miracle God wants to perform is not something we can see with our eyes. We have to trust that God is giving us what we need, which is, most importantly, grace and forgiveness. These might seem less tangible, but aren't they more incredible? How has God worked through our families? We are probably less selfish, more oriented toward others, more compassionate, and more patient. If we think back on our younger selves, isn't that pretty miraculous what God has done with us?

### Our Family Prays Together

Dear Jesus, you show us through your miracles that you are God's Son. Help our faith in you to grow. Amen.

### Let's Talk about It as a Family

- **What is an act that only God is able to do?** (A miracle.)
- **What are some miracles that Jesus did?** (He healed the paralytic and the blind man, and raised Lazarus from the dead.)
- **Do miracles help us to believe that Jesus really is God?** (Yes.)
- **Who heals our friendship with God?** (Jesus.)
- **Does Jesus answer all of our prayers, even if it is not in the way that we expect?** (Yes.)

### Let's Live Our Faith

- Ask your family what you as a family should do when Jesus heals those who are sick or need his help (thank him). Practice a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the healings (physical and spiritual) you have received.
- Discuss with your family how they think that people who were healed acted afterward.
- Jesus performed great and small miracles. Ask your family if they ever doubt that Jesus can really heal us. Say a short prayer, such as the following: "Jesus, help us to believe how great you are."

### Family Faith Activities

Here are some things that you can do as a family to nurture the gift of faith.

- Keep a list of people who need prayers posted on the refrigerator or a special place in your home. Every evening when you pray, add this or a similar prayer: "Jesus, please heal \_\_\_\_\_. Amen."
- Use holy water in your home to bless those who are sick or need God's help.
- Visit a nursing home, bring a card to cheer someone up, pray for Jesus to heal the sick, etc.

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# Small Wonders



Percy the Possum decides to find out what Manifold the Robot is *really* doing in the Kind Garden.

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