

SABBATH SCHOOL

Level 2 • Unit 7 • Week 3

HEALING THE MAN IN THE LOFT

OBJECTIVE:

To show through the story of Eutychus who fell from the loft, that all good things are possible with God and to discuss the biblical principle of healing.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Do: Bring a man doll such as Barbie's Ken (in shorts to allow enough places to place the bandages).

Prepare: Ahead of time, make an extra copy of the following scriptures (some paraphrased) and cut into pretend bandage strips for the doll.

"I am the LORD who heals you" (Exodus 15:26).

God forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases (Psalm 103:3).

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing" (Acts 10:38).

"The Lord will heal Egypt. They will return to the Lord, and He will heal them" (Isaiah 19:22).

And Jesus went all about Galilee teaching and preaching and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people (Matthew 4:23).

"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the LORD" (Jeremiah 30:17).

"And when He [Jesus] had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness" (Matthew 10:1).

- Prepare: With the words facing down toward the doll's body, wrap one around the top of his head, and secure with clear tape. Continue by placing one around a foot, a thigh, neck, chest etc. until all the "bandages" are used, and he looks like he really needs help.
- Do: Lay the doll on a piece of blank paper where the children can see him when they walk into class.
- Say: Here is my friend, Jimmy Ache. He has been in an accident and needs some people to come and visit him.
- Ask: Who would like to try to comfort him?
- Say: Okay, good. His bandages need to come off, so could each of you do him a favor by removing one of them. After you do that, come stand beside me.
- Do: When all the bandages are off, have each child read (with your help if needed) the scripture on the back of the bandage strip he/she removed.
- Say: Jimmy looks like he feels better already. Those were very comforting words that you read. It's good to know that there's not a single affliction that God can't heal.

BIBLE LESSON:

- Say: Jimmy's not real, but I am going to tell you about a young man named Eutychus who really did live many years ago. The name Eutychus means "good fortune." Listen to the story carefully and see if he was really fortunate, as his name says.

Once long ago, a traveling minister named Paul came to the seaside town of Troas to speak to God's Church. A big dinner was served. Then everybody gathered around to hear the special guest talk about the way of life they were to follow as Christians. Folks found a seat anywhere they could. There was a full house whenever the apostle Paul came to town. Some people even sat on window ledges in the loft.

Now Paul was a man of many words. The church was brand-new and there was so much to talk about. He started preaching at supper time and kept on talking long after the dishes were put away. The sun went down and Paul was just getting warmed up. The stars came out, and he was on a roll.

There was a young man named Eutychus who found a good seat on an open window ledge. He could see very well from up there, so he stretched out his legs and listened in comfort. Eutychus rested his hands on his full stomach and leaned back on the window casing, listening to Paul's message. As the sermon went on long past dark, his eyelids got very heavy. His chin dropped onto his chest and he sank into a deep sleep. Dreaming, he forgot about the high window ledge where he slept.

At midnight Paul was still speaking. Eutychus' body shifted and he lost his balance. He awoke, but it was too late to catch himself.

"I'm too young to die!" he thought in the quick moment as he was falling.

Then the startled crowd rushed to the young man who lay dead on the ground.

Ask: Do you know what happened next?

Say: Paul rushed to Eutychus' side and put his arms around his limp body, saying to the crowd: "Don't worry. His life is still in him." The people were puzzled. How could he have survived such a fall?

The fact is, a miracle from God brought Eutychus back to life!

Ask: Do you think the people were surprised when Eutychus came back to life?

Say: Yes. This sort of thing doesn't happen every day. His loved ones were also very relieved and happy they didn't lose him. Humanly speaking, when someone dies, it's all over for them. But through Paul's faith and the power of the Holy Spirit, a miracle occurred. God healed Eutychus' broken body.

Ask: So how many of you think Eutychus was fortunate?

Say: I sure do. Our God is incredible isn't He. He can do ANYTHING!

Ask: Did you know that in the Bible, God says He will heal His people when they are sick?

Say: Yes. In James 5:15, it says, "The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."

Ask: So what can we do when we are sick and want to be healed?

Say: In the same chapter of James, verse 14, the Bible says: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

Ask: Have any of you ever been anointed when you were sick?

Say: That's good. And it looks like you got well, too—at least well enough to be here! It is of great comfort to know that we can call for God's special healing when we need it. He can heal whatever is wrong and make us well again.

Ask: Does God always heal right when we want Him to?

Say: Not always. Remember, God knows all about our life and has the whole picture in mind. If there's something about enduring an illness that would help us to grow in character, He may allow us to be sick for a while. For one thing, after you've been sick a few days you learn to appreciate it when you are well!

Ask: If someone dies, does it mean they didn't have faith?

Say: Not necessarily. It is sad, but death is just part of the way things are, as long as we are physical. That's why we look forward to a better time—when God's people will not have to worry about suffering or dying anymore.

Death is the end of human life as we know it. But remember, it is only a brief interruption when you consider that Christians are to be given a new and better life at the resurrection when Christ returns!

Fortunately for Eutychus, his physical life was miraculously restored to him after his horrible fall. We as God's people are also fortunate because the same God that cared for Eutychus cares for each one of us as well.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Do: Pass out the following word search.

Say: See how many words you can find on the sheet I passed out to you that relate to the story we just heard. There are four words that are upside-down or backwards.

Word Search God Heals Eutychus

C O M F O R T H C A B E			
U B T G U I T C T O S O	MIRACLE	DEAD	COMFORT
Z R F H E E S A F M A F			
V A O T D G R E A T L Y	EUTYCHUS	HOPE	FELL
R I P M E A X R I D L T			
L S E S L E E P T Y H G	WINDOW	PREACH	FAITH
D E A D T E L I H D E O			
A D E U T Y C H U S A D	HAPPY	SAD	GOD
S O I F P Q A E F I L Z			
T L G H M U R H A P P Y	SLEEP	HEAL	LIFE
E N W O D N I W T A I N			
T P B P O V M S N U R L	PAUL	RAISED	GREATLY
M T H E A L N F E L L P			

MUSIC:

Sing the following words to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."

Every good thing is possible with God!
Even things people see as very odd;
A young man raised from the dead,
And given new life instead.
Every good thing is possible with God!

God has lots of lovely things in store for you!
So try and have the faith to see Him through.
Sad things happen every day,
But they'll all work out some way.
God has lots of lovely things in store for you!

MEMORY VERSE:

James 5:15 "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."

family activity

THE POINT:

To show that all good things are possible with God (as shown in the story of Acts 20 about the young man, Eutychus, who fell from the loft, and to discuss the biblical principle of healing.

ASK ME...

- Who was Eutychus and what happened to him?
- Who told the people not to worry, that Eutychus was alive?
- What can we do when we are sick and want God's healing?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Discuss times and ways that people you know have been healed.

Read some other stories in the Bible of people who were healed or raised from the dead.

Talk about people you know who are sick. Make get-well cards to send. Make sure you remember to pray for them during family prayer time.

MEMORY VERSE:

James 5:15 "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."