

JUNIOR Teachers Guide
(5 - 8 year olds)

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Aim: The aim of this short series of Bible Lessons is to take a *Luke* at the range of different people Jesus met, how *He* helped them and what this teaches us about our concern for others.

The basis of these lessons is found in Luke's Gospel, specifically, chapters 5 - 10. The series will consider the:

People Jesus Met


- The **Leper** (Luke 5: 12 - 16)
- The **Lifeless** (Luke 7: 11 - 17)
- The **Lunchless** (Luke 9: 10 - 17)
- The **Lawyer** (Luke 10: 25 - 37)

How Jesus Helped

- He showed His **POWER** over **DISEASE**
- He showed His **AUTHORITY** over **DEATH**
- He showed His ability to **SATISFY** the **HUNGRY**
- He showed His ability to **SEARCH** the **HEART**

What Jesus Expects

Jesus expects His people to show **compassion** towards others by following His example in meeting their needs, whatever the **cost** or **circumstance**.



**Love God and
Love Others
[Matt. 22: 37 - 40]**

The **Leper** Luke 5: 12 - 16



Introduce it

In this story, Jesus shows us that He was willing to help someone who was unloved by others because of their disease. In fact, Jesus does something that no one else would dream of doing, He touches the leper and heals him completely. Jesus also wants us to show His love to other people no matter what they look like.

Ask the children to think of a time when they were sick. Ask questions such as 'Who cared for you?' or 'What did they do to help you?'

Note: Some children may talk about colds or flu. Others may talk about a more serious illness.



Teach it

Jesus had finished His time alone praying in the mountains. Many people followed Him because they had heard He had healed the sick and taught the people about how to follow God. Jesus was approached by a man who had leprosy. Leprosy is a disease which affects the skin, covering it with spots and sores. Under Old Testament Law, people with leprosy had to live alone, away from others, in case they spread their disease.

Although a leper, this man recognised who Jesus was and he fell down and worshipped Him, begging Jesus to make him clean.

"If You are willing, You can make me clean," the man said.

Jesus showed the man compassion; He touched the man's skin and made him well again. In fact, as soon as Jesus spoke the words "Be clean" the leprosy instantly disappeared. Jesus told the man to go and show himself to the Priest who would confirm he had been healed as the Law demanded.



Learn it

**“Let us do good
to all people”**

[Galatians 6: 10]

Quick Quiz

Remember it

1. What was Jesus doing alone in the mountains?
Praying.
2. What did the Old Testament Law say about people with leprosy?
They were unclean and should live alone.
3. What did Jesus do to heal the man?
He touched his skin and said 'Be clean' and immediately the man was made well again.
4. Who did the man have to go to see and confirm he had been healed?
The Priest.

Pray it

Dear Lord Jesus,
Thank You for showing us through this story how God cares. Thank You for the good things You have given us. Show us how to do good to all people, everywhere. Help us as we think of other families and children who might not have what they need, to be like You in sharing what we have with others.
Amen

Complete it

Encourage the children to complete the worksheet, providing any assistance where required.

Do it

God still cares for people today!

Just as Jesus showed compassion to the leper, we ought to show that same compassion and care towards others today who need our help. This could include helping families and children through the Presbyterian Children's Society who, for over 150 years, have been supporting children and families in Ireland through difficult times.

It has been suggested that children in families who are experiencing poverty face greater difficulties regarding their health, education and opportunities in life. Whilst the Society cannot impact every family or take every child out of poverty, it can help make a positive difference in the outlook and finances of many Presbyterian families and their children.

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The **Lifeless** Luke 7: 11 - 17



Introduce it

This account from Luke's Gospel is one of three occasions in Jesus ministry where He showed His authority over death.

The other two occasions are the raising of Jairus daughter (Luke 8: 40 - 56) and the raising of Lazarus (John 11: 1 - 44). These are important lessons not just because of the *miracles* Jesus did but also because of the truth it teaches about His *mission*. He came to give new life to dead people. He is 'the giver of life' (Psalm 36: 9) and His death and resurrection guarantees that 'we may also live new lives' (Romans 6: 9).

Switch off your mobile phone before the lesson. Ask the young people 'Any ideas why my mobile phone isn't working?' Guide the discussion and suggest one answer could be that the **battery is dead**. Introduce the story by explaining that just as only the battery gives life to the mobile phone, only Jesus can give life to people who are dead.



Teach it

Jesus had just healed the Centurion's slave. Everyone was amazed as He had healed the man by just being present at the Centurion's house. His reputation among the people was growing and whether the person was a Roman soldier like the Centurion, or a man sick with leprosy (Luke 5), Jesus gave His time to people and healed many. He loved people. People from all backgrounds.

As Jesus approached the gate to a town called Nain, He witnessed a funeral procession. The young man who had died was the son of a widow. Jesus, seeing her pain and grief, had compassion on her

“Don't cry,” He said.

Then something amazing happened. Jesus reached out and touched the coffin. Everyone was still.

“Young man,” He said. “Get Up!”

To everyone's surprise, the young man got up and began to talk! Jesus had given him life again. All the people began to praise God, calling Jesus a 'mighty prophet'. His reputation for healing spread throughout the country.



Learn it

“Be kind to one another”

[Ephesians 4: 32]



Remember it

Quick Quiz

1. What was the name of the town Jesus came to visit?
Nain.
2. Why was everyone so sad?
There was a funeral taking place.
3. What kind of woman had lost her son?
A widow.
4. What did Jesus do and say on seeing the woman upset?
He had compassion on her and touched the coffin asking the young man to get up.



Pray it

Dear Lord Jesus,

We thank You that You know when we are sad. We thank You that You understand when we are afraid. Show us Your love when we need it. Help us find our way through this life. Give Your comfort and help to people who are suffering. Grant them Your life giving presence.

Amen



Complete it

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The **Lunchless** Luke 9: 10 - 17



Introduce it

Jesus was accompanied by crowds of people wherever He went. This account in Luke's Gospel is an example. As Jesus provides spiritual food to the people, the disciples are confronted with the problem of the people's physical hunger and their inability to meet that need. The miracle that unfolds is a lesson in humility and trust for the disciples and for us. Jesus powerfully illustrates His ability to meet our needs.

Jesus shared what was brought to Him, feeding many people.



Teach it

The disciples returned to Jesus after visiting nearby towns and villages preaching and healing. Despite Jesus desire to quietly visit Bethsaida, the crowds continued to follow Him wherever He went.

Jesus welcomed them and taught them about God's kingdom, healing the sick as a sign that God's reign was present with them. The disciples came to Jesus and pleaded that He 'send the crowds away to find food for themselves' in nearby towns and villages.

But Jesus said, "You feed them".

The disciples were left stunned. They had very little food and no possibility of feeding such a huge crowd of people. All they had were five loaves and two fish brought by one child in the crowd. Nevertheless Jesus persisted in saying that they should feed the people. How were they going to do this they thought, as there were around 5000 men together with women and children? Jesus took control of the situation and asked the disciples to arrange the people in groups of around 50.

Jesus gave thanks and then offered the disciples food to distribute among the people. Remarkably 'everyone ate and was satisfied'. In fact there was enough food left over to fill 12 baskets! Was Jesus trying to teach the disciples something by having 12 baskets left over?



Learn it

**“My grace is enough;
it's all you need”**

[Second Corinthians 12: 9]

Quick Quiz



Remember it

1. What were the disciples doing before they returned to Jesus?
Preaching and healing in nearby villages and towns.
2. What was it Jesus was teaching the people about?
The Kingdom of God.
3. What did Jesus ask the disciples to do?
Feed the people.
4. What did Jesus use to feed the people?
Five loaves and two fish.



Pray it

Dear Lord Jesus

Many in the world are hungry – we thank You for our food.
Many in the world are afraid – we thank You for being with us.
Many in the world today have no friends – we thank
You for our friends.
For all the good things You give us – Thank You, O Lord.
Amen



Complete it

Encourage the children to complete the worksheet, providing any assistance where required.



Do it

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Just as Jesus showed compassion to the hungry crowds by the hillside, we ought to show that same compassion and care towards others today who need our help. This could include helping families and children through the Presbyterian Children's Society who, for over 150 years, have been supporting children and families in Ireland through difficult times.

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The **Lawyer** Luke 10: 25 - 37



Introduce it

The parable of the Good Samaritan is probably one of the most famous and well-remembered parables that Jesus taught. In it, Jesus answers the questions of the curious and cunning Lawyer, but not in the way he had expected.

The Lawyer sought to test Jesus by asking a seemingly obscure question: 'What shall I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus wasn't disturbed by this question. It seemed to Him a reasonable one. He simply referred the man back to the Law, back to the subject in which the Lawyer claimed he was an expert. Jesus and the Lawyer discussed Scripture and soon another question followed 'Who is my neighbour?' and it's around this question that the whole story revolves.

Ask the children if they have ever been asked really difficult questions. How did they answer? Explain that often Jesus used pictures of everyday things and situations to highlight some deep truth.



Teach it

The story is a familiar one. The difficult and dangerous journey from Jerusalem to Jericho (17 miles in total), the unexpected scuffle and the injury of the man as he is beaten, robbed and left for dead. The Priest and the Levite see the man and, instead of helping, ignore his need and walk by on the other side of the road. Will anyone come to help this Jewish traveller in distress? A Samaritan man comes along to help. He would have been the last person the people listening to the story would expect to help. The Jews and Samaritans had been long-time enemies. What would he do? - something all of us should do when we know others need our help; he helped to the best of his ability. Jesus explained to the Lawyer that the Samaritan

“...came to where the man was; and when he saw him, had compassion on him’

The Samaritan did what he knew was the right thing. He cleaned and bandaged the injured man's wounds and put him on a donkey and took him to a place where he would be cared for. He even left enough money to cover the man's expenses and agreed to cover any additional costs when he returned. “Look after him,” he said. On concluding His parable, Jesus turned to the Lawyer and asked

“Which of these three men was a neighbour to the man who'd been injured and robbed?”

The Lawyer replied 'the one who was kind to the man'. 'Exactly,' Jesus replied...'Go and show the same care for others'.



“Love one another as I have loved you”

[John 13: 34]



Quick Quiz

1. Where was the man travelling from
Jerusalem to Jericho
2. Who ignored the injured man and walked on by?
The Priest and the Levite
3. Who helped the injured man?
The Samaritan



Dear Lord Jesus

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for You;
Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
Let me watch You, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for You.
Amen



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