

A Deaf Man Hears

Bible Reading: (Mark 7: 31-37)

Resources: www.ChildrenSermons.com

Aim: Jesus the miracle performer heals a deaf man

Memory Verse

“If God loved us, we ought also to love one another”

(1 John 4:11)

Objectives: the children will

- Learn the story of a deaf man who is made well
- Learn about Jesus' love and care towards us
- Understand that everything God does is good and we can always trust God to work in our lives

The Story from the Bible (Mark 7: 31-37)

31 Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. 32 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. 33 And He took him

aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Introduction:

Play Charades. Have a child sit at the front of the room and act out an animal or an activity without speaking or making any noise. The other children in the class need to guess what this child is acting out.

Explain that people who are deaf (can't hear) and mute (can't speak) need to use sign language to communicate with others. Comment on how difficult this could be. Ask children to thank God for giving us ears that can hear and mouths that can speak.

Lesson outline *A Deaf Man Hears*

- In the region/district of Decapolis near the Sea of Galilee, there lived a man who couldn't hear. He was deaf.
- Deaf means can't hear. When someone can't hear, he would not be able to speak as well.
- The deaf man could not speak plainly. He had a speech problem.
- People couldn't understand him when tried to speak to them and he could not hear people speak to him.
- When Jesus came to town, the people got excited and gathered to see Him. They wanted Jesus to heal the deaf man. So, they took him to Jesus. They asked Jesus to heal him.
- "Lay your hands on this man and heal him", they said.
- Jesus looked at the deaf man. He took the deaf man away from the crowd.
- When they were alone, Jesus put his finger into the man's ears.
- Jesus spat. Jesus touched the man's tongue.
- Then Jesus looked to Heaven and prayed, "Be opened!"
- Immediately, the deaf man could hear. And immediately he could speak clearly.
- Jesus asked the people not to tell.
- The people were amazed at what Jesus had done.
- They could not keep quiet. "He has done all things well", they said. "He has made the deaf hear."
- Jesus made them very happy.

Conclusion:

- Who brought the deaf man to Jesus? It must be his friends or relatives... Remember He could not hear... Good friends always think of the needy and help them to be healed... What other Bible story friends made a big effort to their paralyzed friend?!
- Jesus healed the deaf man and many others to show God's love.
- The people could not be quiet about such a great miracle. They were amazed! Who is that Man that has such a power! Would you have done the same?

Application:

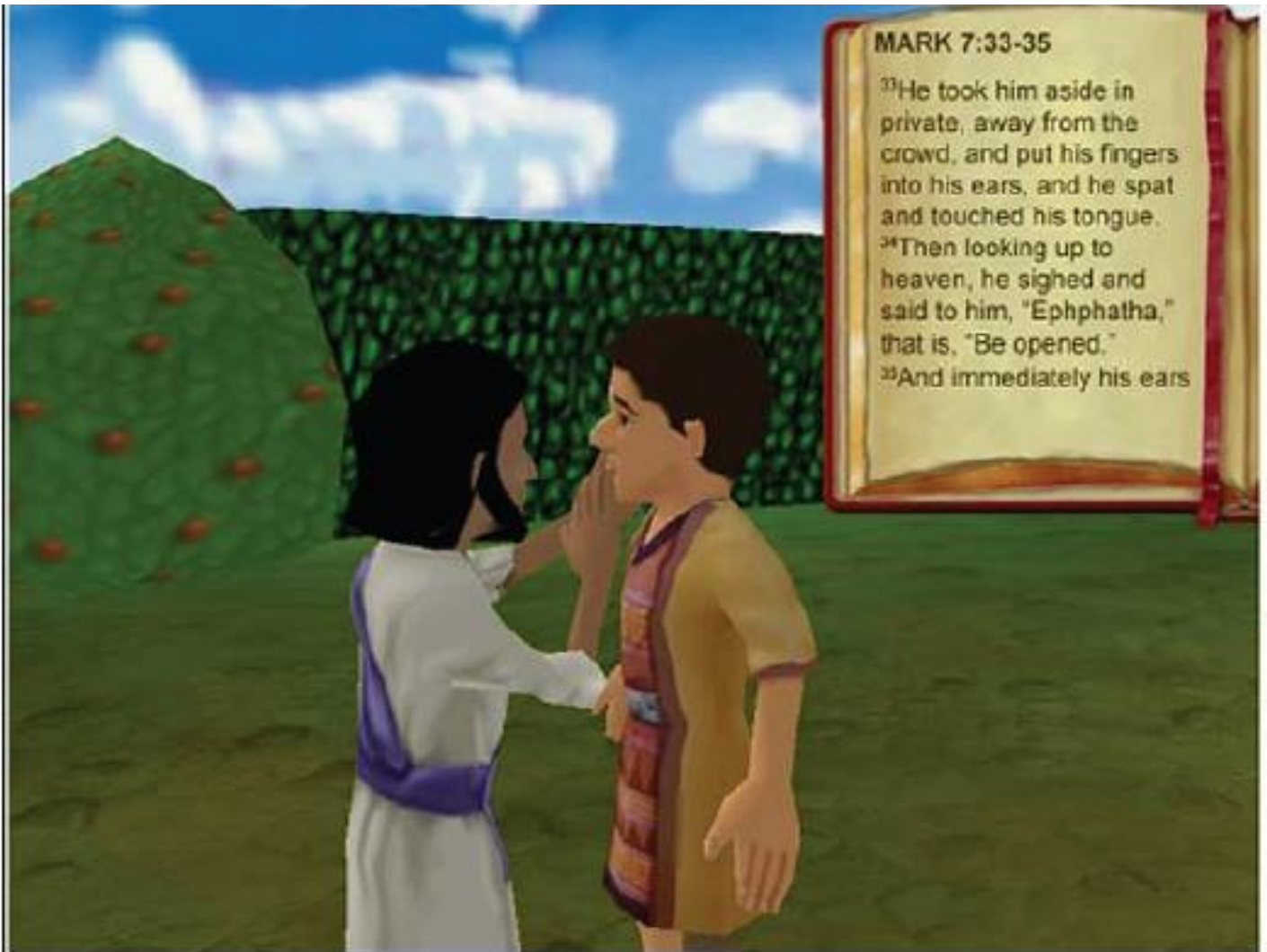
- How might you tell someone about God's love if he or she couldn't hear you? Talk about sign language. Encourage the children to sign language the Memory verse.



Let's Pray

Dear God,
Thank you for sending Jesus to show us Your love.
Thank you for teaching us the right way.
Help us to always pray for the sick.
Help us to remember to pray for those less fortunate than us.
This I ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen

You may enlarge the picture and show it to your class



Jesus takes the man to a private area and heals the man. (Mark 7:33-35)

Questions:

1.



What was wrong with the man who was brought to Jesus?

2. **Where did Jesus take the man?**

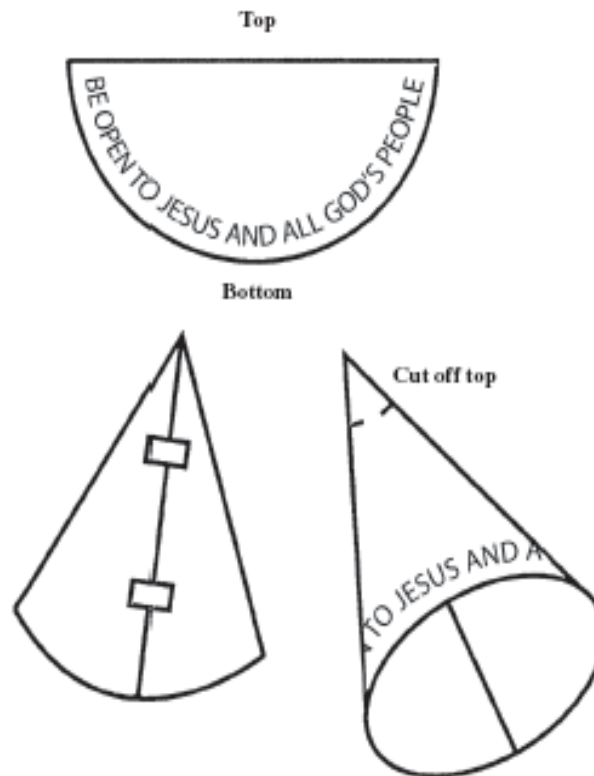
3. **How Did Jesus heal the man?**

4. **What did Jesus say to the man after he was healed?**

Megaphone Craft

In past times people who were hearing impaired did not have hearing aids, surgery, or sign language to help them communicate. One of the things they may have used was an ear trumpet to make sounds louder. An ear trumpet is pretty much exactly what it sounds like—a cone with a small end that fits in the ear canal and serves to better

collect and amplify sound. A person hard of hearing would hold it to their ear as someone else would speak into the large end of the trumpet. This resembles a megaphone that we might use today to make our voices seem louder.



Directions

1. Using a template, trace a half circle on a piece of construction paper.
2. Cut out the traced figure.
3. Starting from the left on the bottom, curved edge of the figure, print the message: BE OPEN TO JESUS AND TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE.
4. Draw pictures or write descriptions of persons you need to be open to, for example Mom and Dad, my teacher, my pastor, etc.
5. Form the half circle into a cone.
6. Tape the cone together.
7. Trim off the top point of the cone.

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BEFORE
AND
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Bible Study years 1&2: Jesus Heals a Deaf man

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Name _____

Date _____

1. What was wrong with the man who was brought to Jesus?

He was _____ .

blind deaf paralyzed

2. What does "deaf" mean? _____

Can't see can't walk can't hear and can't talk

3. Where did Jesus take the man? _____

The sea of Galilee Jerusalem Samaria

How did Jesus heal the deaf man?

Complete

Jesus took him away from other people, and put His
f_____ in his e_____, and He s_____ and
touched his t_____.

Then, looking up to heaven, He prayed, and s_____
to him, "B _____ O _____."

Find-A-Word

Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

c	d	l	p	q	g	j	n	x	a	s	o
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q	m	r	a	t	r	o	g	v	e	i	r
d	a	j	t	o	n	g	u	e	r	f	y

deaf	mute	hear
talk	good	everything
fingers	ears	tongue
opened	man	



Trace, Learn and Memorize:

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