



Lesson Overview

Week of June 20

1 Life Need:

Discuss the blessings that occur when reaching out to Jesus.

2 Bible Learning:

Study Jesus' healing of an ill woman and Jairus's daughter.

Suggested Material:

■ *Adult Teacher's Resource Kit:* Poster and Reproducible Sheet—Faith in a Powerful Lord

3 Bible Application:

Comprehend your need to reach out to the Lord.

Suggested Material:

■ *Adult Teacher's Resource Kit:* Reproducible Sheet—No Matter What: Know That Jesus Listens

4 Life Response:

Reach out to Jesus with your every need.

Church/Home Theme:
We are the Body of Christ.

Lesson Focus:

Reach out to Jesus for new life.

Lesson Scripture:

Matthew 9:18-26

Healed by Faith

A Frantic Parent—Jairus, one of the chief rulers in the synagogue, humbled himself before Jesus. As Jairus worshiped the Master, he also requested His help. Jairus's only daughter had died, but Jairus believed Jesus could restore her. Jesus, His disciples, and several followers immediately headed toward Jairus's home. However, along the way, a woman suffering from a severe illness came up behind the Savior, also seeking healing. Both Jairus and the woman believed in—and found—Jesus' life-giving power.

A Suffering Woman—This woman suffered from a disease that caused bleeding. She reached out to Jesus, even though as an unclean woman she should not have done that. Her situation dictated isolation from the public. Jewish law declared her ceremonially unclean, unfit to stand in the presence of a priest or religious leader (Lev. 15:26). Yet, she believed if she only touched Jesus' flowing garment or robe, she'd be delivered and made whole. That's precisely what happened. The sick woman touched His garment, and He healed her. Jesus turned, saw the woman, and spoke kindly to her. There was no need to be afraid, Jesus told her. He acknowledged her as a daughter and commended her faith in Him.

A Healed Daughter—Jesus continued to Jairus's house. The professional team of mourners had already gathered, and Jesus told them to leave the child's room. They laughed when Jesus said the girl was not dead, only asleep, but once everyone cleared the room, Jesus took the deceased little girl by the hand and restored her life.

Every person on this earth is dead in his or her trespasses and sin (Eph. 2:1). On our own, we have no hope nor the possibility of deliverance from our sins. However, the Father sent His Son Jesus to be the life-giving source. He's ready to save those who choose to reach out to Him.

As Your Students Arrive

Before class, write the sentence "I need to have this kind of heart when I seek Christ" on a board or large sheet of paper. Also, write the acrostic word P A T H below the sentence. As students enter the classroom, ask them to provide an adjective that describes such a heart. The first letter of the word must begin with one of the letters in the word P A T H. Answers might include: Penitent for P; Adoring for A; Total for T; and Humble for H.

Start the class session by telling students that the subject of this week's lesson is why and how we should seek Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Link to Last Week

A few of your students may want to share how they experienced the Lord's calmness in the middle of a crisis this past week.

1 Life Need

Discuss the blessings that occur when reaching out to Jesus.

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Healed by Faith

"It's so good to see you smile," said Keisha. Precious blinked and smiled wider. The two women and Precious's 1½ year-old son, Kasen, were sitting in a booth at a sandwich shop.

"We haven't had any time together in a long time," said Precious.

"I understand. You're a new mom," interjected Keisha, and stopping herself from saying what she was thinking.

After giving birth, Precious had gone into a deep depression. Her husband and family thought she would grow out of it after several weeks. However, the postpartum depression had lasted until about two months ago.

"Looks like you want to say something," nudged Precious.

"Did you get some prescribed medicine to help with the depression?" asked Keisha.

"No, although there is nothing wrong with that," answered Precious. "I prayed continually for the Lord to lift me up. I could see what the depression was doing to me and my family."

"It was about three months ago when I began praying for deliverance," she continued. "I wanted to be a good mother and wife, and I couldn't do that in the grips of depression. I know God loves me, and I knew He wanted me healed."

"I'm so happy for you, Precious," Keisha said.

"I'm so grateful to the Lord for healing me," Precious said. "Now I can get going on the young mother's ministry that I've talked to Pastor about."

1. Describe a time when you reached out to Jesus and He blessed your life.

2. Do you tend to reach out to Christ more when your life is going well or not going well? Explain your answer.

3. When you reach out to the Lord, how does He transform your life?

LESSON FOCUS: Reach out to Jesus for new life.

Read the anecdote in *Comprehensive Bible Study*, then form small groups for discussion and responses to **Questions 1, 2, and 3.**

Question 1 provides students with an opportunity to relate a wide range of ways by which Jesus has blessed them when they have reached out to Him. Blessings might include physical and/or emotional healing, supportive friendships, a cleansing of personal guilt and shame, and, most significantly, a redeemed relationship with the Lord.

Question 2 encourages students to examine why they normally reach out to Christ. On the one hand, deep anxiety or overwhelming fears might compel them to seek Christ. On the other hand, Christ's selfless love and compassionate character might attract them to Him. People's circumstances vary considerably, but what is important to remember is that Christ will receive us under any circumstances or in any situation.

Finally, for Question 3, discuss various ways the Lord transforms people's lives. One way is the way He transforms believers' minds so that they have a desire to learn from His holy Word and focus on God's truth when they make decisions. Another way is His ability to transform believers' hearts so that they desire to help others while feeling compassion for them.

2 Bible Learning

Study Jesus' healing of an ill woman and Jairus's daughter.



On the poster, read the third paragraph and point out the photo of an outer garment (Hebrew, *tzitzit*) like the one the woman could have touched.

THE SYNAGOGUE LEADER'S REQUEST

Read Matthew 9:18-19, and highlight these key points as you discuss the Scripture:

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- Jesus' fame as a marvelous healer had spread among the Jewish people after He healed several people in Capernaum and around Galilee (Matt. 8:1-17; 9:1-8).
- This fame had captured the attention of a synagogue leader and father of a young girl who was deathly ill.

- While our lesson text (Matt. 9:18-19) does not name this synagogue leader, longer, parallel accounts in Mark and Luke tell us that the leader's name was Jairus.
 - In Matthew's abbreviated account of the healing, this religious ruler had such a profound faith in Jesus that he knelt before the Lord and declared that Jesus could restore his daughter to life if He would come to his home and touch her.
 - In response to Jairus's plea and confession, Jesus

BIBLE EXTRA

Jesus' Ministry to Women and Children

In the first-century, women were generally held in low esteem. Many men would not speak to a woman on the street, especially if her character was questionable. A prayer from the rabbis would actually thank God that they had not been born female. In contrast, Jesus talked openly with women (John 4:7-26). He ministered to their needs and involved them in the work He was doing (Luke 7:11-15; 8:1-3; 10:38-42).

Moreover, in that culture, older people were revered. While godly parents loved their children, the parents often considered their sons and daughters to be of lesser value than adults. Regrettably, some even considered daughters to be a disadvantage. In contrast, Jesus welcomed boys and girls. He healed and blessed them, and cited their trustfulness as an example for adults.

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The Synagogue Leader's Request

Matthew 9:18-19, KJV

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

Matthew 9:18-19, NIV

¹⁸While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

An anxious local official came and prostrated himself in Jesus' presence as a sign of deep respect. The Gospels of Mark and Luke also have an account of this story, and they both mention that the man's name was Jairus.

When Jairus fell at Jesus' feet, he acknowledged in a dramatic, moving way that he was pleading before a person of unusual power and social standing. This was a remarkable public demonstration of both Jairus's need and his recognition of Jesus' amazing aptitudes and abilities.

Mark and Luke's longer accounts note that while Jesus was accompanying Jairus, messengers came from his house to say the girl had died (Mark 5:35; Luke 8:49). In Matthew's condensed version, the story begins with Jairus falling before Jesus and saying, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live" (Matt. 9:18). Jairus believed that Jesus could restore his daughter's life. At this moment, Jesus had been sitting, the normal posture of a Jewish teacher while giving instruction. Jairus's remarkable display of faith was enough to move the Savior to get up with His disciples and go with this official.

4. What prompted the religious official to come to Jesus for help?

5. How did Jesus respond to the religious official's request?



Further commentary on this Scripture passage can be found on pp. 29-30 in *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: New Testament*.

and His disciples followed the ruler to his house.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 4

Jairus had a daughter, who was as good as dead due to a terminal illness (Matt. 9:18). The father was desperate to find some way to rescue his daughter from her terrible plight. So he turned to the Savior for help.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 5

Jesus could have responded by minimizing, dismissing, or rejecting the synagogue

leader's request. Instead, Jesus heard an anguished parent turn to Him in faith to rescue the girl. Apparently without hesitation, Jesus and the Twelve went with the religious leader.

THE HEALING OF A HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

While reading Matthew 9:20-22, note these important points:

- Another person who was desperate for Jesus' merciful aid was a woman

The Healing of a Hemorrhaging Woman

Matthew 9:20-22, KJV

20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matthew 9:20-22, NIV

²⁰Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

²²Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

While Jesus and His disciples were accompanying Jairus to his house, within the crowd was a woman who suffered from some sort of bleeding problem. The underlying Greek verb likely indicates the woman was plagued by chronic hemorrhaging, which had lasted for 12 years.

The woman's physical discomfort wasn't the only pain she had to endure. She also would have had to withstand rejection from her fellow Jews. This is because the law excluded someone with her sickness from religious ceremonies and social events. Added to the problem of isolation and loneliness was the financial drain of medical bills.

As Jesus made His way to the home of Jairus, the woman reasoned that He was her only hope of being healed. So, in a bold act of faith, which defied the contemporary norms of behavior, the woman came up behind Jesus and touched His clothing.

The woman believed that, as a result of her action, she would be "healed" (vs. 21). The underlying Greek verb refers to being delivered. It is the same term used in the New Testament for those who are rescued from turmoil,

BIBLE EXTRA

God as the Divine Healer

Scripture presents God as the divine healer (Exod. 23:25; Deut. 32:39; Ps. 41:3-4). The Old Testament prophets, as God's representatives, were used by Him to predict sickness and death. This was true of Nathan (2 Sam. 12:14), Ahijah (1 Kings 14:1-13), Elijah (2 Kings 1:4), and Elisha (5:27; 8:10). The prophets also intervened to bring about the healing of such people as the son of the Zarephath widow (1 Kings 17:19-23), the son of the Shunammite (2 Kings 4:18-37), Naaman (5:3-14), and Hezekiah (20:1-7).

BIBLE EXTRA

Jesus' Concern for the Afflicted

In Jesus' day, many diseases and infirmities plagued people. Also, ill individuals selected treatments from whatever was available. These sources included a number of healing cults and their shrines, various magical potions, spells, amulets, and sacred inscriptions.

With many diseases and few reliable cures, it should come as no surprise that all four Gospels are filled with accounts of afflicted people coming to Jesus and His curing them. He saw people as body-spirit complexes. Furthermore, He expressed a deep concern for the sick, disabled, and oppressed (Luke 4:18; see also Isa. 61:1).

who had suffered from a bleeding affliction for a dozen agonizing years.

- Unable to catch the Lord's attention with words, she pushed her way through a throng of people and touched Jesus' robe, believing that such an action

BIBLE EXTRA

A Synagogue Leader

The Jewish synagogue was one of several cultural institutions in Palestine during the first century A.D. The underlying Greek word means "a congregation" or "an assembly." The synagogue was a place of prayer and instruction in the Scriptures. The synagogue possibly originated in the time of Ezra. It might be referenced in Psalm 74:8, which is literally rendered, "the meeting places of God" and which the KJV translates, "the synagogues of God."

Jairus, as one of the local synagogue leaders, would have been responsible for the upkeep of the building. He also oversaw the physical arrangements of the Sabbath services. This included choosing who would pray, as well as those who would read from the Hebrew Scriptures.

BIBLE EXTRA

Jesus' Miracles

Jesus performed many miracles during His earthly ministry, some of which are not recorded in the Gospels (John 20:30; 21:25). When Jesus brought about a work of power, He directly intervened to counteract some established pattern in the natural order. The implication is that His miracles were extraordinary displays of His supreme control over creation.

Jesus did not intend His miracles to bring Him fame and fortune. Instead, they confirmed His claim to be the Messiah. His works of power also validated His assertion that He was sent by God and represented Him. Regardless of the miracle Jesus carried out, it proved the credibility of the truths He declared. People could see that Jesus was willing to reach out to people with compassion and grace, as well as encourage the doubtful to put their trust in Him for salvation.

would heal her.

- Perceiving both her touch and her faith, Jesus faced her and told her that her faith in Him had healed her.

- In that fateful moment, the woman was healed!

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 6

For 12 years, this woman had endured the plight of constant "bleeding" (Matt. 9:20), probably some kind of hemorrhaging. She convinced herself that if she could just "touch" (vs. 21) Jesus' robe, her physical condition would be healed. This belief, then, became the basis for her approaching Jesus.

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along with others who are saved from sin. Most likely, Matthew had both connotations in mind with respect to the woman. Her encounter with Jesus resulted in the woman being restored both physically and spiritually.

Both Mark (5:30-33) and Luke (8:45-46) add the poignant scene in which Jesus asked, "Who touched me?"—which was followed by His statement, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me" (Luke 8:46). The woman, realizing that she could no longer remain hidden, fell frightened and trembling at Jesus' feet (Mark 5:33; Luke 8:47).

Jesus responded to the woman with kindness and grace. He reassuringly addressed the woman as "daughter" and encouraged her with the words, "Take heart" (Matt. 9:22).

Next, Jesus declared that the woman's faith had healed her. The same Greek verb used in verse 21 occurs again in verse 22. The outtake is that the woman's healing affected her entire self.

6. *Why did the woman approach Jesus?*

7. *What response from Jesus did the woman receive?*

The Restoration of a Dead Girl to Life

Matthew 9:23-26, KJV

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

Matthew 9:23-26, NIV

²³When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. ²⁵After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶News of this spread through all that region.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 7

Far from being rebuked, the woman experienced Jesus' mercy and compassion. He referred to her as "daughter" (Matt. 9:22) and encouraged her to "take heart." In brief, the woman received an affirming, healing response from Jesus.

THE RESTORATION OF A DEAD GIRL TO LIFE

Next read Matthew 9:23-26, and discuss these summaries of the Scripture:

- When Jesus and Jairus arrived at the ruler's home, Jesus entered the house, loud with pipe or flute players and a large gathering of mourners.
- Immediately, the Lord ordered the crowd to

leave the room, and, moreover, He declared that Jairus's daughter was asleep and not dead.

- The visitors laughed at Jesus for making such a preposterous statement, but then were forced outside.

- With the disbelievers absent from His presence, Jesus went to the girl and grasped her by the hand.

- Jairus's daughter then awoke and got up to the amazement of all who were present, with such amazement rapidly circulating among the people throughout the region.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 8

Jesus could see that a throng of professional mourners was congregating at the synagogue official's house (Matt. 9:23). Yet, Jesus did not let the commotion distract Him. Instead, the Savior abruptly commanded these noisy individuals to leave (vs. 24).

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 9

Jesus, after He drove the professional mourners from the house, simply walked into the room where the girl lay, grasped her hand, and she was immediately restored to life.

WINDOW ON THE WORD

Ancient Pipes, or Flutes

At ancient Middle Eastern funerals, it was common for mourners to express their grief loudly. In fact, culture at that time expected such clamorous utterance, and depending on the wealth of the attending family, professional wailers were even hired for such occasions. Moreover, music was commonly used to enhance such expressions of grief.

One instrument that was often used at funerals was the pipe, or flute, which is one of oldest musical instruments that is still in use. This simple wind instrument is called a ney or nay. In fact, the ney is seen on wall paintings in the Egyptian pyramids, thus dating it as far back as four to five millennia. It was made of a hollow cane or reed with five or six finger holes.

By the time the group arrived at the home of Jairus, a group of professional mourners had gathered to wail and play dirges on their "pipes," or flutes. Indeed, so many mourners had come to the house that the commotion became quite "noisy" (vs. 23). They may have been chanting and clapping, or pulling their hair, tearing their clothes, and beating their chests.

In keeping with the custom of the day, these mourners would accompany a funeral procession to the burial site of the deceased. Also, those who could afford it would pay individuals to deliver eulogies all along the route to the grave. These practices were considered the proper way to pay respect for the household's lost family member.

Jesus questioned why these people were making such a commotion, especially since the parents' daughter was "not dead but asleep" (vs. 23). The mourners ridiculed Jesus, perhaps concluding that He was crazy. The Greek word translated "laughed" (vs. 24) is used only here and in the parallel Gospel accounts in the New Testament. But Jesus was not crazy; He knew the girl's condition was only temporary.

Jesus "put" the mourners "outside" (vs. 25) of the house before He went to see the dead girl. According to Mark 5:40, Jesus took the girl's parents, along with Peter, James, and John, into the room where the corpse lay. There, Jesus grasped the girl's lifeless hand and she got up, alive.

As with many of Jesus' miracles, it was impossible to keep "news" of what happened from spreading through the "region" (Matt. 9:26). While Jesus had done things so far that other prophets had done (for example, Elijah raised the widow's son—1 Kings 17:17-24), Jesus would shortly give sight to the blind (Matt. 9:27-31) and speech to the mute (vss. 32-33), so that He could later prove to John's disciples that the Messiah had indeed come (11:4-5).

8. What did Jesus do with the crowd of lamenters He encountered?

9. How did Jesus restore the girl to life?

3 Bible Application

Comprehend your need to reach out to the Lord.

This step encourages class members to appreciate how vital it is to our faith to always glorify Christ no matter how He responds to our pleas. Allow students to select the activity they would like to do. If possible, photocopy this page and give instructions to each group. Provide paper and pencils for the cartoons group. Make copies of the handout from the Resource Kit for the group using it.



Handout:

'No Matter What: Know That Jesus Listens'

Answer the questions on the handout, then discuss the various perspectives generated by the questions. Focus on the Lord's desire for us to have a personal relationship with Him and not regard Him as our personal servant.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Discussion Group

Read "Come to Jesus" and answer **Questions 10, 11, and 12** in the student book. Some people are drawn to His teachings on forgiveness and redemption; others to His promises; and still others to His merciful and loving character. True love does not force its object to return its love, and while Jesus loves us, He will not coerce us to reach out to Him, and that's why He beckons and does not demand. When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit indwells in us, transforming us into the image of Christ, and we live a life entirely different from the life we lived before.

Three-Panel Cartoons

Individually, draw a three-panel cartoon in which the first panel portrays the synagogue ruler approaching Jesus amidst a crowd also seeking His help. The second panel shows Jesus' healing and commending a woman with a bleeding affliction. The last panel pictures Jesus raising Jairus's daughter from the dead. After you finish, display your drawings on a class wall and discuss how and why the Lord performed miraculous healing with these people. (Due to time constraints, drawing stick figures is encouraged!)

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Come to Jesus

When you open the New Testament, the first words you read were penned by Matthew, who was an eyewitness to the earthly ministry of Jesus. At the time of their first meeting, Matthew was a tax collector, an occupation loathed by the Jewish community, particularly because tax collectors were in service of the Roman government and most of them were corrupt in their dealings with the Jews.

Quite possibly, Matthew was wealthier than most other Jews and enjoyed luxuries unavailable to them. His privileged status could have further alienated him, and when he became a follower of Jesus, the other disciples, no doubt, initially regarded him with suspicion and disdain.

As a disciple of Jesus, Matthew no longer focused his life on money and on dreams of living affluently. Instead, he became dependent on the charity of others while living with others with whom he would never have socialized. Matthew was now learning and sharing the teachings of his Master, Jesus. Before, Matthew worked for himself; now, he lived a dynamic life with a divine purpose.

Not surprisingly, therefore, Matthew filled his Gospel with stories of people from all walks of life who reached out to Jesus and found a new life in Him, just as he had. His Gospel and the stories he tells impress upon us that reaching out to Jesus not only is an expression of our need for Him but also that we have a marvelous life in Him when we do.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened," Jesus said to Matthew and us, "and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

10. *What compels people to want to reach out to Jesus?*

11. *Why do you believe Jesus beckons us to reach out to Him?*

12. *When we do come to Jesus, why do we invariably live a new life?*

4 Life Response

Reach out to Jesus with your every need.

Reaching out to Jesus for His help doesn't guarantee that He will provide what we want in the way we want and when we want, but it does indicate that we have placed our lives in His hands because we have our utmost faith in Him as our divine Shepherd. Moreover, such dependence allows Him to transform our lives into a far richer and more purposeful life.

Have your students read "Help!" in *Comprehensive Bible Study*. You may want your

students to return to the small groups they had in Step 1 to share about their situation, or volunteers may want to relate their situation with the rest of the class, especially noting how reaching out to Jesus will deepen their faith in Him.

End the lesson with a closing prayer. Ask God to help your students reach out to Jesus throughout their lives, and that no matter how He responds that their faith in Him will remain vibrant and unshakable. Thank Him that we have such a loving and merciful Savior, who always does what is best for us, and thank Him that He is our heavenly Father, who is ever watching over us.

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Help!

This week's Scripture focused on two people who sought Jesus' help. One was a father who asked Jesus to heal his daughter. The other was a woman who didn't verbalize what she wanted from Jesus but believed by touching His cloak that she would be healed from her physical affliction. Both possessed remarkable faith in Jesus, and in both cases, His healing power was demonstrated. Such help from the Lord tells us that He truly cares for us and has the authority to change our lives in miraculous ways.

► Describe a situation in which you need to reach out to Jesus and will do so this week. Describe the situation and write your prayer for reaching out to Him.

KEY VERSE

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

—Matthew 9:22, KJV

Jesus turned and saw her, "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

—Matthew 9:22, NIV

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Week of June 21 through June 27

(See *The Quiet Hour* and *Cross* devotionals on these passages.)

- Mon.** Isaiah 38:16-20—Let's Sing of the Lord's Faithfulness.
- Tues.** Matthew 14:1-12—The Baptist Dies for the Faith.
- Wed.** Leviticus 13:1-8—Symptoms and Treatments of Leprosy.
- Thurs.** 2 Kings 7:3-11—Lepers Share Their Good News.
- Fri.** John 4:39-42—Many Samaritans Believe in the Savior.
- Sat.** Luke 17:1-10—Doing What Needs to Be Done.
- Sun.** Leviticus 13:45-56; Luke 17:11-19—Cultivate Gratefulness for Acts of Healing.



As the class members are leaving, hand out copies of this week's *Power for Living*. Take or mail copies of *Lesson Leaflet* to those who couldn't be with you today, or send them to those you would like to join your class.

Before Teaching Next Week's Lesson

Before next week, read Matthew 14:22-33. Have students think about what they focus their eyes on throughout each day of their lives.