

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 5A

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MAIN POINT

Jesus came to heal

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:12-13

AIDS

Stethoscope, band aids, ointment, first aid kit

ADDRESS

Show aids that help to heal people.

What are these things used for? E.g. to heal people, help people get better when they are sick or hurt.

Who uses these things? E.g. doctors, nurses, mums, dads, grandparents

If Mum or Dad can't help you when you are hurt or sick, who do they take you to see? E.g. doctors, nurses, hospital

Why do we go to see them? E.g. because they have special training and skills

What kind of training do they need to do? E.g. degree, special university

We are very lucky to have special doctors, nurses and hospitals for when we need them. They help our physical bodies get better.

Jesus is a special kind of doctor for our sins. God knows that we have sinned and done things wrong and he sent his son Jesus to save us.

Some people in the Bible didn't understand why Jesus was having dinner with sinners. Those people who were not doing the right thing. One named Matthew was taking money that wasn't his. They didn't know why Jesus would want to be friends with someone who was stealing.

Would you want to be friends with someone who was stealing or doing wrong things?

But Jesus knew that he needed to help Matthew and let him know he wasn't doing the right thing. He needed to teach and help Matthew. It is like he was sick with sin and needed Jesus as the doctor to fix him. We need Jesus to help us when we sin also. We ask for forgiveness and he forgives us. Jesus also asks us to help other people who don't know him or don't know the good rules God gave us to keep us safe and content. Jesus is our spiritual doctor.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving us people who can help us when we are hurt or sick. Forgive us when we do the wrong thing and thank you for healing us with your forgiveness. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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