

Community helpers 2

The Medical Profession

God is a Humble Servant

Spiritual Awareness: Jesus, the healing servant

God has provided healing for the whole person. We can trust in His great power to heal. God can still heal miraculously today, but sometimes He chooses to use his servants, doctors and nurses, to help cure our ailments.

God has also placed tools for healing within the creation. The human body alone has an ability to heal itself. We see this in the healing of cuts, bruises and broken bones. God has also given us healing plants to aid recovery. Sometimes we can be healed just by eating the right food. Many cultures have a wealth of knowledge on the medicinal properties of plants.

Our response to 'God is a Humble Servant'

Because God is a humble servant I will...

- follow the example of Jesus, the greatest servant
- be willing to help others
- consider the needs of others
- put others before myself
- let others go first
- not boast
- not think of myself as being more important than everyone else
- admit when I am wrong
- allow others to help me

Supporting devotional resource

Themes for Christian Studies 3, (Servant): Jesus, the healing servant

Biblical references

Bible stories and passages

The healing miracles of Jesus:

John 9:1-34 The man born blind

John 5:1-18 The man at the pool

Luke 8:43-48 The woman who touched the hem of His garment

Luke 5:18-25 A man came through the roof

Luke 6:6-10 Jesus heals a paralyzed hand

Mark 10:46-52 Blind Bartimaeus receives sight

Verses

Luke 4:18- He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor and recovery of sight to the blind.

Luke 6:17-18 They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases.

Matthew 14:14 He was filled with pity for them and healed those who were ill.

Matthew 4:23 Jesus went everywhere in Galilee. He taught in the synagogue and preached the Good News about the kingdom of heaven. And He healed all the people's diseases and sicknesses.

Key Questions

How did Jesus heal people when He was on earth?

Can He still heal people today?

What must we do if we want God to heal us?

God sometimes heals us instantly, but sometimes He doesn't. What other ways may God choose to help us get better?

How can doctors and nurses help us when we are sick?

How can we help ourselves when we are sick?

How can plants from God's creation help to heal?

Outcomes

Students will

Knowledge

- describe the roles of doctors, dentists, nurses, naturopaths and ambulance services
- understand the servant role of these workers and their role in healing the sick
- list methods of treatment and aids to healing

Skills

- classify equipment of doctors and nurses
- imagine the day in the life of a doctor or nurse
- interpret pictures of a medical worker at their job

Values

- appreciate the work of the medical profession
- be willing to share experiences and listen to others
- appreciate the work of medical missionaries
- have compassion and a desire to help those who are sick
- pray for those who are sick

Activities

- Describe visits to medical facilities including doctors, dentists, naturopaths and hospitals.
- Discuss pictures of medical workers at work.
- Invite visitors from the medical profession.
- Read the story of *Florence Nightingale* from *Themes 3, (Servant)*.
- Classify, identify and draw equipment used by doctors and dentists.
- Discuss clothing.
- Make a book describing the day in the life of a medical worker.
- Identify, classify and draw equipment used.
- Discuss medical procedures for e.g. broken bones, surgery
- Examine the school First-Aid kit and draw the contents
- Discuss dangers of swallowing unprescribed pills or medicines, and the need to keep these out of reach of young children.

- Invite a representative from the ambulance service.
- Discuss aids to healing such as rest, healthy food.
- Discuss the role of nutritional and herbal medicine.

Assessment

1. Make a chart to show the different jobs performed by a medical worker.
2. What have I learned from the study of medical workers...
 - about God?
 - about doing what God wants me to do?
 - about the Bible?

Learning Connections

English: Make a chart showing the days of the week and for each day, write some ways in which you will serve others.

Art: Drawing or painting a medical worker in their uniform; making gifts for those who need our special help.

Thinking Skills: See *Creative Thinking Skills* on this web site – “*Community servants*” (Lower Primary) and “*The Medical Profession*” (Middle/Upper Primary)