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Good morning
everyone!

Welcome

Today we hear about how Jesus healed people who were sick.

Many people who were ill came to Jesus and he made them better.

Who makes you feel better when you are sick?

Let's think some more about healing today.

Opening prayer



Dear Merciful God,
look after all those who are sick. Help us to bring
them comfort and make them feel better in any
way that we can.

Watch over all doctors, nurses and carers and give
them strength in their difficult job.

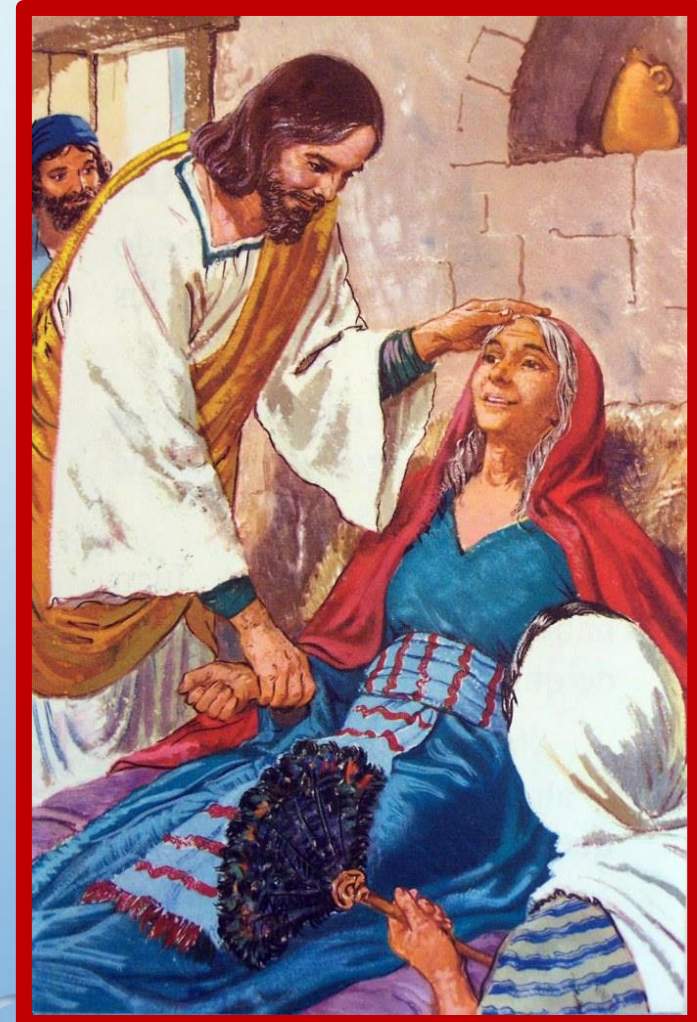
Amen.



Mark 1:29-39

Jesus and his disciples, including James and John, left the synagogue and went straight to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and as soon as Jesus arrived, he was told about her. He went to her, took her by the hand, and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began to wait on them.

After the sun had set and evening had come, people brought to Jesus all the sick. All the people of the town gathered in front of the house. Jesus healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases.



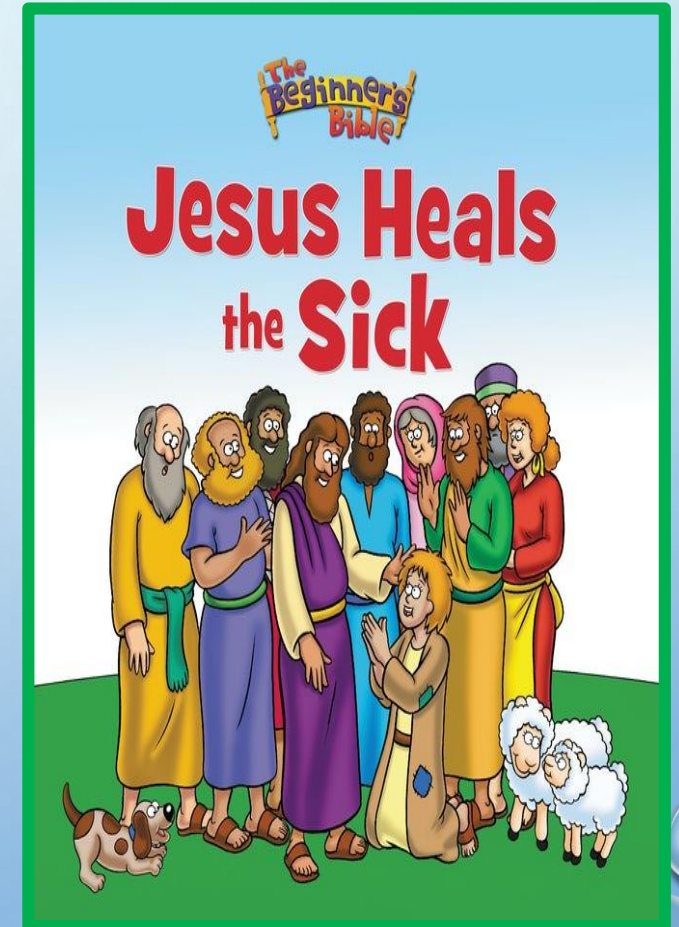
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Very early the next morning, long before daylight, Jesus got up and left the house.

He went out of the town to a lonely place, where he prayed. But Simon and his companions went out searching for him, and when they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

But Jesus answered, "We must go on to the other villages round here. I have to preach to them also, because that is why I came."

So he travelled all over Galilee, preaching in the synagogues.



Gospel reflection

What do you think this story tells us about Jesus?

Jesus cared for people and wanted to help them.

He was able to make people well again because he is God's son.

When people saw what he could do, they believed in him.

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 HELP

Gospel reflection

When was the last time that you were sick?

How did you feel?

Who helped you and made you feel better?

What did they do to make you feel better?

Gospel reflection

This last year has been a difficult one, but we have all been doing what we can to try to help ourselves and others to stay well and stop the coronavirus from spreading.



Gospel reflection

What have you done to help yourself and others to stay well?

Many years ago CAFOD supported villagers in Guarjila, in El Salvador, to set up a health clinic, and to train as health workers. The clinic is still going strong, helping pregnant women and their babies to keep well, and helping the community to stay safe from coronavirus.

Sometimes when we are sick we have to see a doctor or go to the hospital.



Gospel reflection

Jesus healed all those who came to him for help. Although we cannot heal people the way Jesus did, we can help them by making sure that wherever they are in the world, they are able to reach a doctor, or that the doctor can reach them, and that they get the medicine that they need.

We can also show people here who are ill that we care about them by looking after them, taking them some food or drink, by sending them a card or letter in the post, by phoning them or perhaps by going to the shops for them if they can't get out.



Get Well Soon
Sending all my sunniest thoughts your way for healing!

MY QUESTION TO YOU ALL TODAY IS

What will you do to show someone who is sick that you care this week?



Let us Pray



Dear God of love,
help us all to follow Jesus' example of loving care,
and to treat all those who are ill with kindness and
tenderness.

Amen.



THIS WEEK, I WANT YOU ALL TO SHOW
SOMEONE THAT YOU CARE!

