

Jesus Heals

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Reading: Mark 1: 21-28
Reading: Mark 1: 40-45

Sad/Happy Pop-up Puppets

Explore how the man with an unclean spirit (Mark 1: 21-28) and the man with leprosy (Mark 1: 40-45) felt when Jesus healed them.



Before and After:
back-to-back faces



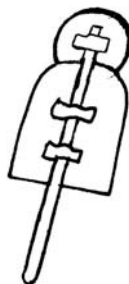
You will need:

- ♦ construction paper /cardboard
- ♦ disposable cup
- ♦ piece of dowel, drinking straw, pop-stick or satay stick
- ♦ fine felt pens
- ♦ masking tape or sticky tape
- ♦ wool
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ glue
- ♦ *Optional extras:* materials to "clothe" or decorate the upper body section.

What to do:

- Make a hole in the bottom of the cup large enough for the straw /dowel/ pop-stick or satay stick to go through.
- Cut two 2.5cm circles and torsos (waist to shoulders) from card or construction paper or draw the full head and shoulders figure. (See diagrams)
- Draw a sad face on one circle.
- Draw a happy face on the other.
- Attach head to shoulders with glue and/or tape.
- *Optional:* Write BEFORE: SAD and AFTER: HAPPY on the torsos.
- Glue wool on for hair.
- Children might like to decorate or "clothe" the upper body of the puppet according to the story you are illustrating.

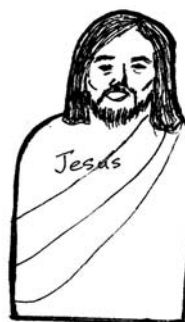
- Tape a straw or wooden stick to the back of one figure.
- Glue or tape the **Before** and **After** views together to complete the puppet.
- Push the straw/ stick down through the hole till the figure is hiding in the cup.
- Write the name of the character and a Bible verse, sentence or motto for the story on the outside of the cup.



Children can re-enact the story and show the change in the man's feelings when he is healed, by turning the puppet from sad to happy.

Other Stories and Suggested uses:

- *The rich young man:* happy when he first spoke to Jesus, sad when he realised he didn't want to give up all the things he loved more than God
- *Hannah:* sad when she wanted a baby, happy when Samuel was born
- *Bartimaeus* and the man who was deaf and mute: Sad when he couldn't see/hear/speak, happy when Jesus healed him.
- *Jesus with the children:*
 - ♦ Make a double sided puppet with Jesus on one side and a child on the other.
 - ♦ Write on one side of the cup: Who welcomed the children? Write on the puppet: Jesus!
 - ♦ Write on the other side of the cup: Who does Jesus love? Write on the child side of the puppet: Me!



Who welcomed the children?



Who does Jesus love?

You can also **make single-sided puppets** to use in stories where someone is hidden or emerges for a reason: e.g.

- *Esther:* She stayed hidden till it was time to speak to the king
- *Ruth:* going to speak to Boaz
- *Bartimaeus:* When he was blind it was like being in a dark hole; when Jesus made his eyes better it was like coming out into the light.
- *Samuel:* Write on the cup: Who did God call? Write on the puppet: Samuel!

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