

Adventures with GOD!

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Biblical Reference	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-36
Key Verse	Jeremiah 17:14
Key Concept	God cares about my body and has the power to heal.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the healing miracle that God did. 2. Express how God has the power to heal and decide what is best for us. 3. Tell the story and say today's memory verse.

Life Application

God cares about our physical health. God wants us to take care of our body, because it is a gift from God. We are to keep it healthy (healthy food, exercise, hygiene, etc.). There are times when only God can heal us, either directly or through medicine and doctors. It's those moments when we have to trust God to do what is best for us, thanking God for his power and wisdom. This week the children will pray for the healing of someone who is ill and for their own health.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW Adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Craft	Paper, crayons	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	See instructions	10 minutes
Verse	See instructions	10 minutes
Activity	Booklet, pencils, Bibles	10 minutes
My GROW Adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review: As children enter take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials on the Covchurch.org website in the same place as the Adventures with God sessions.

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle. Light the candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

Prayer Example: Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Bible Reading: Explain that as we read the Bible we do so first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out-stretched, palms up to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the biblical reference for the day (2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-36) two times and ask children to respond.

Question examples: What did you notice in this passage? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you through the story?

Craft: Give to each child a copy of the illustration on page 4, so that they can color it. While they are working, they will probably ask about the picture - what they see, etc. If they ask questions, take the time to respond.

Bible Exploration: Divide the class into two groups. Group # 1 read 2 Kings 4:8-17. They must decide how they will present the story to their peers. The group # 2 read 2 Kings 4:18-22, 32-36 and decide how to present it to the others (with illustrations, with drama, etc.). After they give their presentations, ask them where they see the power of God in the story. What were the problems or challenges that needed to be faced? What miracles did Elisha perform? Illness and death are a part of the broken world we live in and they have always challenged the faith of believers. However, in some circumstances God heals in response to the prayers of believers, and in other cases God's healing comes in the form of death.

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God is sovereign. God has the control and power over life and death. God always has the last word! Our responsibility is to pray, in God's and trust God to act as God sees best. Who can each of them be praying for? Are there people in their families who are sick? Neighbors? Friends at school? People at church? Spend time praying together for these people.

Verse: Use one of the activities at the end of this material to teach the memory verse.

Activity: The verses used today in their booklets are:

Tasks: 2 Kings 4:14-16, 2 Kings 4:27-31

Miracles: 2 Kings 4:17, 2 Kings 4:32-37

Problems: 2 Kings 4:14-15, 2 Kings 4:20

Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:

G: God's Word: What is the story? (Give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

R: Relationships: Is there anything in today's Bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the Bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others and give them a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

O: Outward Action: Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

W: Worship: Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? How would you like to respond to God? What would you like to say to God?

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, it reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

Prayer Example: Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen.

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Illustration



“Lord, heal me. Then I will be healed” Jeremiah 17:14