

WEEK 4: Jesus Heals a Man

Big Idea: Jesus shows us God's love.

HANGOUT

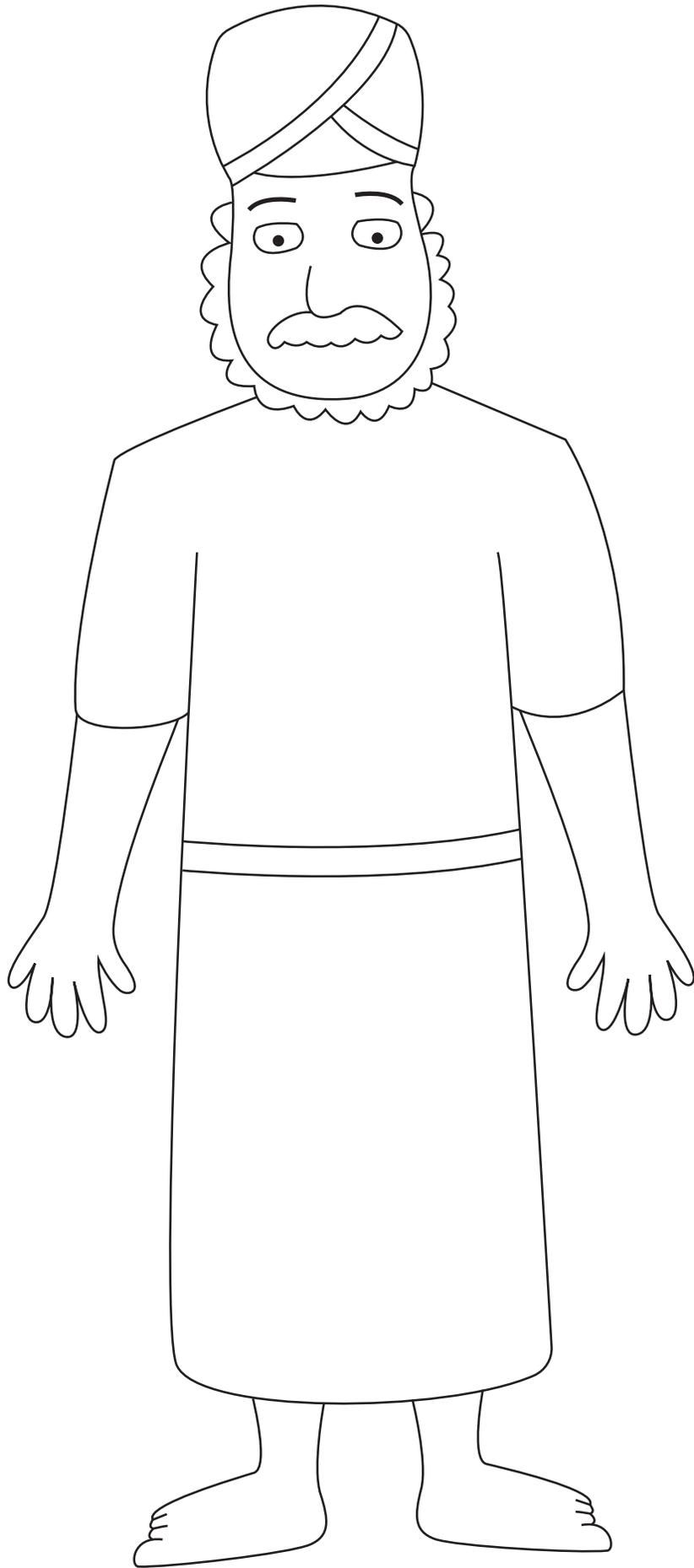
1. Explain that in Jesus' time, a terrible skin disease called leprosy was common. People who had leprosy would often cover up their skin with bandages. Provide a few rolls of toilet paper and guide everyone to wrap up a leader or one or two of the children if they're willing. After the group wraps up someone, let everyone know that **Jesus shows us God's love** by healing people. He healed people with leprosy, so they didn't need bandages anymore! Prompt the children to tear off the pretend bandages. If there's interest, repeat the activity.

HEAR

2. Tell everyone that in today's story from the Bible, Jesus shows us he is God's son. He can do amazing miracles like healing people!
3. Use a children's Bible to read about Jesus healing a man with leprosy (from Mark 1:29-31).
4. Discuss:
 - Who did Jesus heal? (a man with leprosy)
 - Do you remember what leprosy is? (a skin disease)
 - Did it take a long time for the man to heal or was he healed right away? (right away!)
 - Remind everyone that Jesus warned the man not to tell anybody he was healed. Did the man listen to Jesus? (no)
 - What did the man do instead? (he told everybody!)
 - What would you do if you saw Jesus do an amazing miracle?

HUDDLE

5. Guide the children to find a partner. Direct them to sit across from each other with their legs stretched out and the soles of their feet touching. Ask the partners to hold hands. One partner should lean back, while the other leans forward. Say the first part of this month's Key Verse: "Let's love each other..." Have the partners lean the opposite way, like a see-saw moving back and forth. Say the second half of the verse: "because love is from God! 1 John 4:7" Repeat until the children are familiar with the words and can say them along with you.
6. Pray, "Dear God, thank you for showing us your love through Jesus. Please help us to love each other, too! Amen."



PRESCHOOL

Jesus Heals a Man | Mark 1:40-45