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TITLE

Divine Healing

REFERENCE

Luke 4:38–41

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Luke

LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 1



FOR THE LEADER

In this lesson, we will discuss God's power to heal.

KEY POINT

I will trust God to heal sicknesses and diseases.

KEY VERSE

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. **Luke 4:40**

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- Answers will vary.
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MATERIALS & PREP

Prepare a copy of the Student Handout for each boy.

- Paper and pen or pencil for each boy

Read the lesson in advance, taking note of the main points. Be prepared to present the lesson to your group, but avoid reading it word for word. Include discussion with the group to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 1



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READ

Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah. (Luke 4:38–41)

Divine healing is an important biblical teaching. We all get sick or hurt at some time but we can ask God to heal us.

How does it work? Is it magic? Is it luck? Is it real? The truth is that it's a mystery. We don't fully understand God's power to heal. However, we do understand that God's power is real.

Isaiah was a prophet. He lived hundreds of years before Jesus. Isaiah foretold Jesus' suffering. Isaiah 53 says Jesus suffered in our place. That means we don't have to die for our sins. Jesus also brought healing by way of the intense pain He suffered.

Naturally, some people have questions. One of these is: How do we receive this healing? James 5:14–16 says we are to ask for prayer in faith, and that God will bring healing.

Another question is: Why isn't everyone who asks for healing cured at once? That's a tough question. The answer has stumped people for centuries. We trust God but we don't fully understand Him. Also, God knows everything. We don't. In another passage Isaiah quotes God directly, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:8). Simply put, God has a plan. Sometimes God's plan involves healing us right away. Other times it doesn't.

Another thing to keep in mind is modern medicine. God gives us skilled doctors and useful medicine. These gifts often help us a lot.

Finally, why does God perform miracles?

Divine healing and other acts of God have purposes. These acts meet needs and show God's power. Miracles showed God's approval of Jesus (Acts 2:22). The Book of Acts shows the apostles working many miracles. These miracles helped prove God had sent them. The miracles also brought more glory to God. Praise to God should follow miracles.

Often people wonder why we don't seem to see miracles today. There are two answers. First, miracles do happen regularly. They are reported in local churches and on missions fields. Second, James 4:3 says, "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." God's gifts are to draw people to Him and to glorify Him. When you pray for a miracle, be ready to give glory to God, and wait and see what He does.



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- When have you heard about or seen someone receive divine healing?
- Why do you think God heals some people and doesn't heal others?
- What miracles of healing do you need to pray for today?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for Your great gift of healing. We are blessed to serve a God who cares about keeping us healthy and safe. As we pray for healing, help us to always honor You and praise You for Your great works. Amen.



RESPOND

Individually or as a group, have a time of prayer for healing. Make a list of those you know who need healing. Ask your church leaders for names of people you can add to your list. When you pray, remember to offer thanks to God for His love and concern. When you see God answer your prayers, be sure to praise and thank Him.

Remember to read your Bible this week using the Bible reading plan of your choice. A plan can be found in the Bible Reading merit or online at RoyalRangers.com. Review this lesson with a friend or parent as a way to help you remember it.