



## Vacation Church School Life of Christ # 2

*And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. John 10:16*

### Lesson: Jesus Heals The Nephites

Memory Verse: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up... James 5:15

### Goals:

By the end of the class the child should be able to:

1. Recall that Jesus came to this land to visit his people
2. Know the story is from the Book of Mormon
3. Tell what administration is and what it for
4. Name a way they can help those with needs
5. Remember that God heals and blesses us today

### Vocabulary:

Administration- the act of faith in calling for the ministry to lay their hands on you, anoint you with oil and pray for you

Lame- disabled, unable to move one or more limbs

Blind- can't see

Elder- a minister who is called by God

Consecrated oil- oil that is set apart for the use of administration

### Scripture References:

III Nephi 7:6-26

III Nephi 8:1-8

III Nephi 12:8

Book of Mormon 12:8

James 5: 14-15

Mark 6:5  
Acts 28:8  
John 10:16

**Introduction:**

Materials:

- Ear plugs
- Blindfold

What would it be like to not be able to see? If we blindfold someone, what things would change for that person? It would be completely different, wouldn't it? Would it be harder if you were born blind? You wouldn't even really know what color was. What else would be different? What if you couldn't hear? You would miss out on a lot of things that we enjoy everyday. What if I told you about someone that could take away someone's blindness? It would seem incredible, wouldn't it? That same person healed sickness and made the lame to walk. Do you know who I am talking about? Jesus, he performed these miracles around Jerusalem, those stories are found in the Bible. Remember our memory verse for the week? Jesus came to this land to visit the people of the Book of Mormon and teach the same things he taught the people in the Bible.

Story: (You may read the story from the scripture references above or read the story below.)

Jesus had finished teaching the people so much of his gospel. They had listened to him for many hours. He knew they were tired and weak. "Go back to your homes now and think about the things I have said. Pray to God and ask him to help you understand," Jesus told them.

Jesus was going to leave them for a while to go to God, his Father. He was also going to show himself to other groups of people, other tribes. He had spent the day with 2,500 Nephites. They were special to him and special to God. The land they lived in had been chosen by God especially for them. Before his death, he had spent his time sharing the gospel with the people across the ocean in Jerusalem and round about. His believers there were special to him too.

There were still other tribes, who had not seen him or heard his words. The Nephites did not know where these tribes were. The people in Jerusalem did not know where these tribes were either, but the other

tribes were not lost to God. God had led the other tribes to homes just like he had the people of the Nephites over 600 years before. God commanded Jesus to go to them and to teach them also. Jesus told the Nephites he would come back the next day.

He looked at the people. They were crying. Have you ever cried when someone you loved had to leave for a while? These people loved Jesus. They believed He was God's son. They didn't want him to leave. Jesus knew they wanted Him to stay longer.

"Have you any sick among you?" He asked. "Bring them to me."

The people began coming to Jesus. Some were blind. They had heard Jesus' words but couldn't see him. Could Jesus help them? Others were deaf. They couldn't hear his words. Some were lame and needed help getting to Jesus because their legs didn't work just right. Walking was hard for some and impossible for others. The people continued to come to Jesus; those who were sick, hurt or couldn't speak. They believed Jesus would heal them. He would make them well.

As Jesus looked at them his heart was full of love for them. He wanted to heal them. He wanted their hurting to stop. He wanted to do for them the same wonderful healings he had done in Jerusalem.

"Your faith is great enough," he told them. "I will heal you."

Jesus healed each one of them! How thankful they were. What a wonderful time it must have been for those who were healed. How do you think they felt? How do you think the people watching felt? They had not been healed but what a wonderful sight it would have been to see friends and family changed so quickly.

Everyone's heart was so full. How great God was. What great power he'd given His son. The Nephites bowed down at Jesus' feet, those who had been healed and those who had witnessed it, and they worshipped Him. They kissed His feet and cried because they were so happy. What a special day this was!

### **Discussion:**

Today, Jesus had given power to men in the Church of Christ's priesthood to act for him to do many special things for us, like he did for the Nephites. The Elders are men that have the authority or power from God to do this. We call it administration when they put a drop of oil on someone's head and pray for them. The Bible tells us that if we are sick, we should call for the Elders of the Church. They put a drop of Consecrated

Oil, oil that is for the special purpose of Administration. The Elders will put their hands softly on our heads and pray to God. They will ask God to help us. The Elders must have faith that God can heal his people. The sick person must have faith too. They will pray in Jesus' name. Have you ever been sick and been administered to?

When we are at home or church and someone is being administered to, what should we do? We can kneel or sit quietly with our heads bowed, while others pray, but that is not all. In our mind we should say a silent prayer for the person and for the Elders too.

Jesus healed the sick among the Nephites almost 2000 years ago. How wonderful that He has provided a way for us to receive that same blessing today. The gospel he taught the Nephites is the same gospel we believe today.

### Memory Verse Craft:

#### Conversation:

Turn into your Bibles to John 10:16. Jesus is speaking to the people in Jerusalem. (Have child read the verse) Jesus is like a shepherd. His followers are like his sheep.

Who do you think he was speaking of? Who were the "other sheep" who would hear his voice? He was talking about the Nephites. Turn in the Book of Mormon to 3 Nephi 7:20 Jesus is speaking to the Nephites in this land, "And verily, I say unto you, that ye are they of whom I said, other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

- Print out a copy of the picture below for every student. Have them print the Memory Verse onto the sheep.
- Laminate if desired.

