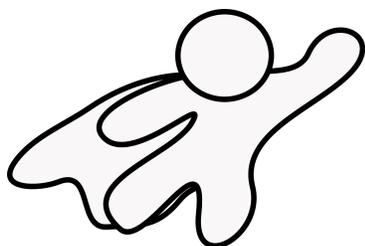


# Jesus Heals, Prays, and Preaches

*Mark 1:29-39*

## Bible Point: Jesus cares for us



If you could only have one super power, what would it be?  
Would that super power be more helpful to yourself or to others?  
What superpower do you think would help the most people?

It's fun to think about superheroes and superpowers isn't it? Flying, seeing through walls, or even being invisible. It would be so cool to be able to do something no one else could do. When Jesus was on earth, many people thought of him as a kind of superhero.

Right after Jesus chose his disciples he visited the home of Simon and Andrew, two of his new disciples. When he got there he discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very sick and stuck in bed. All Jesus had to do was touch her hand and she was instantly healed.

This was a huge shock to her and everyone else watching. How had this man done this? That is impossible! But it wasn't impossible, because Jesus really did heal her. Everyone was so excited and in shock that they ran to tell everyone they knew, especially those that were sick. Everyone needed to see this man and his super power of healing. Person after person came to the door, and Jesus touched each one, healing them of anything they had.

In the middle of the night Jesus snuck out of the house and went off to pray. His disciples found him and asked him to come back, because there were more people at the door asking for his healing. But surprisingly, Jesus said no. Jesus knew that healing the sick wasn't the plan. He had something much more important to do, and it involved an even greater super power that would help even more people. Do you know what that super power was?...

Jesus could save our hearts. Jesus cares for us and our hearts. Anyone who has ever lived or will live could be saved by Jesus. That is one incredible super power!

Even though healing the sick was very important, Jesus knew it wasn't nearly as important as caring for us and saving our hearts. So instead of returning to the house, Jesus and his disciples left and traveled around preaching to huge crowds, teaching them about God, being saved, and going to heaven.

Jesus was, is, and always will be the ONLY one who could ever have the power to save us, and we need him to save us so we can live with him forever in heaven. Jesus is the ultimate superhero with the ultimate super power. Jesus is the Son of God.

## Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to care for us. Thank you that Jesus is strong and he can help us with anything. Help us to trust Jesus this week.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Helping Hand Craft:



### Supplies:

Paper, paint, paint brush, paper plate, marker

### Instructions:

First write "Jesus Hands Help Others" at the top of the paper. Then write "So Can Mine!" on the bottom leaving enough room to add your handprints in the middle. Add the words: Bible story: Jesus cares for us (Mark 1:29-39) along the bottom of the paper.

Then place a small amount of paint on a paper plate. Using the paint brush, paint one hand at a time with a thin layer of paint and place it down on your paper. Hang up your picture when dry.