

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Matthew 8:1-15

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthew 9:36

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus made sick people well. (BT)

Jesus healed sick people. (P)

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus has power over everything—even sickness.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Jesus is God the Son and has authority over everything—even sickness.

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 1:10-25

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 1:23

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

MONDAY: *1 Corinthians 2:1-8*

TUESDAY: *1 Corinthians 2:9-16*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

THURSDAY: *1 Corinthians 3:10-17*

FRIDAY: *1 Corinthians 3:18-23*

SATURDAY: *1 Corinthians 4:1-5*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Matthew* and *1 Corinthians* together as a family:



- **Jesus' appeal.** Jesus came to earth to provide for the salvation of people. While Jesus was living on earth, He was the example of how others should live. Jesus' life exemplified what a God follower should look like, and people wanted to follow Him. The end of *Matthew* 4 tells us that Jesus was healing many people, and they began to follow Him from all the regions around Galilee. *Matthew* 5–7 records Jesus' longest recorded sermon which included many thoughts for people who truly wanted to follow God. As Jesus finished His sermon, He walked down the mountain and the people followed Him.
- **Jesus' compassion.** *Matthew* 8 records a few stories of healings that Jesus performed. These miracles are placed in Scripture as a way to help us see that Jesus was going to do what He said in the sermon He just preached. The first person Jesus encountered was a man with leprosy. This disease during that day and time was a horrible life sentence. With no known cure for leprosy, the lepers lived away from society and were instructed to keep away from those who were clean. The leper's faith in Christ brought him right up to Jesus Who healed him immediately. The faith the leper showed in Christ was an example for the crowd gathered that day and is an example for people today. On the same occasion, Jesus healed the servant of a Roman centurion with only His words. Jesus also healed Peter's mother-in-law who was home sick in bed. These healings showed that Jesus is God the Son and has power over everything—including sickness.
- **Paul's commission.** Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers and reminded them that all believers benefit from the same salvation through faith in Christ. Paul taught the Corinthians that because they share the same salvation, they should be united in their conviction of preaching the risen Christ. Paul said that Christ's example of unity with those who were sick and needed healing should be an example for Christians to lead united lives.