LESSON 19

A Woman is Healed at Last



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus knows the longings of our hearts, even if we hide it from others, and that he cares for us.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 5:25-34**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 44:21**
God … knows the secrets of the heart …

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Talk about secrets. One may have a secret (hidden) place to keep things that no-one else knows about. Another example is the questions that will be asked in a test, which have to be kept secret beforehand.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. There was a woman who was very ill. She had been suffering for 12 years. No doctor could help her, although many had tried. She had spent all her money trying to find a cure (5:25-26). What made it worse was that her illness made her unacceptable to religious Jews. She was not welcome in other people's homes. She was not even allowed to worship God along with the rest of the faithful.
2. Then this woman heard about Jesus. By coming to him she acted on what she had heard. She came quietly and shyly, because she knew the people in the crowd would not want her there, close to them. Therefore she wanted to be healed in secret. She had great faith in Jesus. She believed his power was so great that she only needed to touch the hem of his clothes and she would be healed (5:27-28). **Show Picture 19.**
3. The woman did manage to touch Jesus and was healed immediately. Jesus felt it; he knew it was the special touch of someone needing help. He asked who had touched him (5:29-30). The disciples thought that was a silly question. He was surrounded by a crowd, as always, and everyone was pushing and shoving to get closer to him (5:31). It could have been almost anybody there!
4. However, Jesus kept looking for the person. The woman knew her secret healing had been discovered and she came to Jesus in front of the whole crowd (5:32-33).
5. Jesus spoke gently to her. He praised her faith in him. He told her she could be sure she would be well from then on. He greeted her saying, "Go in peace," which was to say, "You have nothing to fear anymore" (5:34).

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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

The woman was healed when she touched Jesus secretly but when she came forward to speak to Jesus she shared the miracle of her healing with everyone. It made her faith stronger when she shared openly what Jesus had done for her. She had more joy and peace than she would have had if she had just left quietly.

When we tell others what Jesus has done for us, our faith in him and our love for him grow stronger.



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