



## VOLUME 8 SUGGESTED THEMES

### Unit 22: Jesus the Healer

**Theme Idea:** A central part of Jesus' ministry was healing the physically and spiritually ill. In this unit, kids will experience a marathon first aid station while learning that the true healer is Jesus. Decorate with a marathon themed check-in station. Display theme-based banners throughout the room. Create a first aid tent and stock it with themed props such as empty bandage boxes, water bottles, towels, and clipboards. Place orange cones around the room to mark a race track.

- **Session 1:** Two characters are checking in supplies at the first aid tent. They talk about how important it is to have the right things ready (water, bandages, medicine) before runners begin their race. One mentions how people come to the station trusting it can help them, which leads into the story of a man who trusted Jesus to heal his son—even from a distance.
- **Session 2:** The characters are reviewing the marathon route and notice that not everyone will stop at the first aid tent, even when they clearly need help. One says, “Sometimes people won’t ask for help, even if it’s right there for them.” Connect the narrative to how the people in Jesus’ own hometown rejected Him, even though He came to bring them healing and good news.
- **Session 3:** The characters are talking about how the first aid tent can get really busy when lots of runners come in at once. They joke about how it can feel overwhelming, but remind each other how good it is to see people cared for. This sets up the scene of Jesus healing many people in Capernaum, showing His power and compassion.
- **Session 4:** At the first aid tent, the two characters notice that some runners don’t just come in with sore muscles—they have bigger injuries that mean they can’t finish the race. They talk about how sometimes people need more than a quick fix; they need real healing. This sets up the story of Jesus’ healings in Galilee, showing that His healing goes deeper than physical needs; Jesus heals sinful hearts.



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### Unit 23: Jesus the Teacher

**Theme Idea:** In this unit, kids will learn that Jesus taught with authority, showing people how to live in God’s kingdom. To bring this to life, the classroom becomes a bustling city center with a central information kiosk. Two characters at the kiosk observe the busy activity around them—people rushing, stopping, or asking questions—and use what they notice to spark conversations that lead into each Bible lesson.

- **Session 1:** At the info kiosk, two characters notice someone struggling with a heavy load. They chat about how frustrating it is when you want to help but can’t fix everything. This opens the door to talk about Jesus’ power to heal not only physical problems but also deeper issues, like sin.
- **Session 2:** The characters watch people wandering through the city center, unsure how to get to their destination. They discuss aloud how we can know who to follow and who to trust. This leads into a discussion about Jesus calling His disciples—not because they were perfect or special, but because He wanted them to follow Him, learn from Him, and help others.
- **Session 3:** The characters notice people rushing through the city center, focused only on their to-do lists—buying, delivering, or checking off tasks—without noticing anyone who needs help. They comment on how easy it is to get caught up in doing things for God instead of resting in what He has already done for us. Characters discuss how God’s love for us equips us to serve others.
- **Session 4:** The characters notice people in the city center stopping to listen to an important speaker. They talk about how everyone needs guidance to know the best way to live. This leads into Jesus’ teaching on the mountain, showing how people in God’s kingdom should live—with kindness, honesty, and faithfulness.



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### Unit 24: Jesus the Promised One

**Theme Idea:** In this unit, kids will learn that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Bring this to life by redecorating the room as a lamp store. Decorate for this theme with tables or shelves with lamps, lanterns, or string lights—mixing bright, dim, and flickering lights. The characters observe the different lamps and light around the store, and remember that Jesus brings light into the world’s spiritual darkness.

- **Session 1:** The characters are stocking shelves and fixing lamps, talking about how some lamps shine brightly while others struggle to glow. They notice a dim lamp and discuss how even a small light can bring hope in the darkness. This leads to the story of how John the Baptist was reminded that Jesus is the promised Messiah.
- **Session 2:** The characters are arranging lamps in a display when they notice one that had been off suddenly lights up on its own. They talk about how sometimes a light can come back to life in the most surprising way. This leads into the story of Jesus raising the widow’s son.
- **Session 3:** The characters are carefully polishing a lamp covered in dust, noticing how it shines like new once cleaned. This introduces Jesus forgiving the woman’s sins, teaching kids about the power of forgiveness and God’s love.
- **Session 4:** While fixing a lamp that keeps dimming, the characters experiment with different ways to make it shine steadily. They notice that consistent attention and care keep it glowing. This connects to Jesus teaching people to pray continually, helping kids understand dependence on God and the value of persistent prayer.
- **Session 5:** The characters sell a new lamp to a customer who comes in with a broken one. They comment how all our possessions eventually break or wear down. This leads into Jesus’ teaching to store up treasures in heaven.