

WHERE SICKNESS COMES FROM

SCRIPTURE TO STUDY: Luke 13:11-16; John 10:10; Acts 10:38;
Matthew 7:16-20

CENTRAL TRUTH: Sickness comes from the devil.

MEMORY VERSE: John 10:10, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...."*

I. Sickness comes from the devil. (**Transparency**)

A. The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy.

1. Sickness is a thief.
2. Sickness kills and destroys.

B. By their fruits we shall know them.

1. Jesus never made anybody sick.
2. Scripture attributes sickness to the devil.

C. **Object Lesson** - "By Their Fruits"

D. **Drama Skit** - "Don't Blame God"

II. Healing comes from Heaven.

A. Jesus healed all that were oppressed of the devil.

B. Jesus spent 75% of His ministry healing the sick.

C. **Bible Story** - "The Woman with the Spirit of Infirmary"

D. God doesn't have any sickness in Heaven.

E. **Object Lesson** - "Where Sickness Comes From"

III. When the devil brings sickness, don't receive it.

A. Every Christian gets attacked with sickness, just like every Christian gets attacked with temptation.

B. When sickness comes, don't receive it.

C. **Puppet Skit** - "Special Delivery"

SUPER CHURCH SCHEDULE

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DATE _____ / _____ / _____

1. Praise Songs

2. Announcements

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

3. Offering

4. Memory Verse - John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...."

5. Worship

6. Sermon - "Sickness Comes from the Devil" (Transparency)

7. Object Lesson - "By Their Fruits"

8. Drama Skit - "Don't Blame God"

9. Bible Story - "The Woman With the Spirit of Infirmity"

10. Object Lesson - "Where Sickness Comes From"

11. Puppet Skit - "Special Delivery"

12. Altar Call

13. Review

A. Where does sickness come from?

B. Where does healing come from?

C. Quote one scripture that tells us where sickness comes from.

D. By their _ we shall know them.

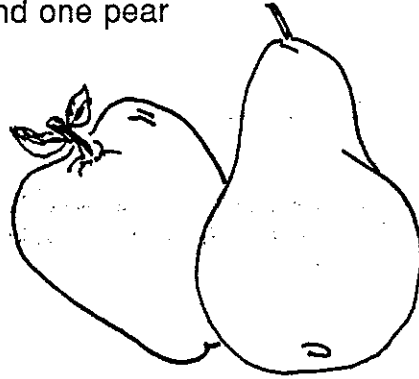
E. What does John 10:10 say?

BY THEIR FRUITS

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

CENTRAL TRUTH: Jesus brings healing, not sickness.

MATERIALS NEEDED: One apple and one pear



LESSON:

The Bible says, "by their fruits ye shall know them." What does that mean? (*Pick up the apple.*) I have in my hand an apple. If you were driving down the street and you saw a tree with a bunch of apples on it, what kind of tree would you think it was? That's right, an apple tree. Would you say, "Hey, there's a pear tree or an orange tree." No! You can tell it's an apple tree because it produces apples.

If you saw a tree with pears on it (*Hold up the pear*), would you say, "Hey, there's an apple tree! No! You can tell it's a pear tree because there is a partridge in it! Just kidding. You can tell it's a pear tree, because it produces pears.

The same thing is true concerning spiritual things. When Jesus was here on the earth, He spent 75% of His time healing the sick. Did Jesus ever walk up to a little boy and say, "You disobeyed your mamma today. Here, take the flu?" Did Jesus ever do that? No! Jesus couldn't produce sickness, because it's not in His nature. Sickness comes from the devil.

DON'T BLAME GOD

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 10:10, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy..."*

CENTRAL TRUTH: Satan causes sickness, not God.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Black sin robe, white robe and white beard, jump rope, two sets of adult size little girls clothes, large duffle bag, piece of cloth (2' square), magic marker, and a cassette tape of symphony music.

PREPARATION: Write the word "Health" on the piece of cloth and write the word "Sickness" on the large duffle bag. Dress one teacher in the black sin robe as Satan, dress another teacher in the white robe and beard as God. Have two ladies dress in the little girl's clothes.

LESSON:

This skit is a pantomime, so the actors do not talk during the skit. It is necessary for the actors to over dramatize actions in order to communicate effectively.

Play tape of symphony music while the actors act out the following skit. (*Swan Lake is a good tape to use.*)

Girl #1 enters jumping rope. She stops as she nears the center of the classroom. Girl #1 pulls out the cloth that says "Health" and shows it to the kids. She then places it in her pocket or belt so it is hanging out a little.

God enters from one side of the stage, Satan enters from the other side of the stage. Satan sneaks up behind Girl #1 and steals her "Health" cloth. Girl #1 turns around toward Satan quickly, glaring at him. Satan points his finger at God. Girl #1 looks at God, shrugs her shoulders, and resumes jumping rope.

Satan comes back again with duffle bag marked "Sickness", and sneaks up behind Girl #1. He throws the duffle bag over her shoulder. Girl #1 again turns and glares at Satan. Satan points his finger at God. Girl #1 looks at God, shrugs her shoulders, and starts to cough. Girl #1 continues coughing and eventually falls to the floor. Satan is standing to the side watching her and snickering.

Girl #2 enters carrying her Bible and sees Girl #1 laying on the floor. She taps her on the shoulder as if to ask why. Girl #1 points at God. Girl #2 shakes her head no, opens her Bible, and points at it. Girl #2 points at Satan. Girl #1 points at Satan with a questioning look on her face; Girl #2 nods her head yes.

Girl #1 jumps up from the floor, runs over to Satan, and throws the "Sickness" bag back at him. Girl #1 grabs Satan by the collar and demands that he return her "Health" cloth. Satan hands her the "Health" cloth, then runs away from her.

Girls #1 and #2 walk off the stage rejoicing.

THE WOMAN WITH THE SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 13:11-16

In the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. There was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years in the congregation. This woman was bowed over so she could not even stand up straight.

When Jesus saw this woman He said to her, "Woman be loosed from your infirmity." Jesus laid His hands on her and she immediately stood up straight and glorified God.

The pharisees that were there got mad, because Jesus healed her on the Sabbath. Jesus answered them saying, "You hypocrites, do not each one of you loose your ox on the Sabbath day and lead him to water? And shouldn't this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

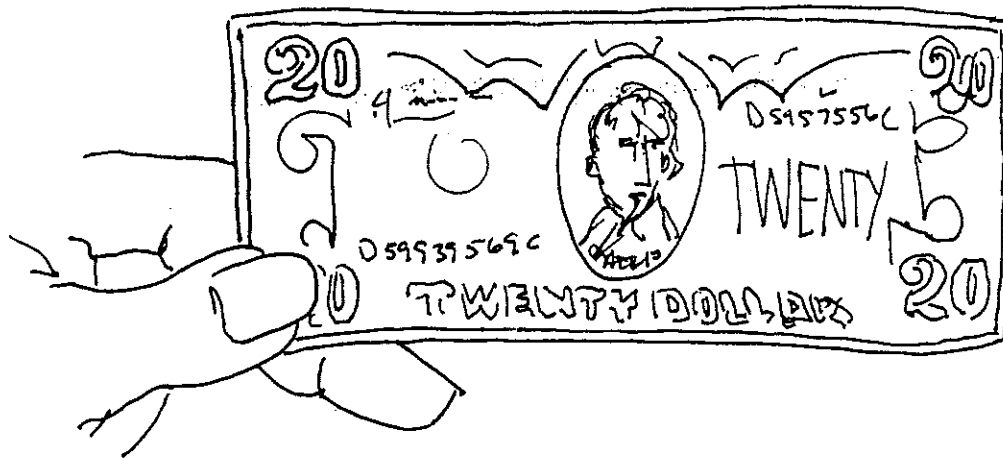
Notice that Jesus said Satan had bound this woman. God did not make this woman sick. Satan did. Satan is the author of sickness. Jesus is the author of healing.

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Acts 10:30, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil."

CENTRAL TRUTH: God cannot give anybody sickness, because He doesn't have any to give.

MATERIALS NEEDED: One \$20.00 bill



LESSON:

(Pick two kids from the congregation.)

Andy, I want you to ask Lucas for \$20.00. *(Andy asks Lucas for the \$20.00; Lucas doesn't have it to give him.)* Did Lucas give Andy a \$20.00 bill? No! Why not? Because, Lucas didn't have a \$20.00 bill. Lucas can't give away something that he doesn't have.

Andy, I want you to ask me for a \$20.00 bill. *(Andy asks for \$20.00. Give him the \$20.00 bill.)* See, I had a \$20.00 bill, so I could give it to Andy. Lucas didn't have a \$20.00 bill, so he couldn't give it to Andy.

The same thing is true concerning our Father God. He doesn't have any sickness up in Heaven, so He can't put sickness on us, even if we ask Him for it.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

CHARACTER: Sally, Devil, Robby, Heart, and Jimmy

PROPS: Two houses with a garbage can nearby.

(Enter Devil dressed up as a UPS delivery man.)

Devil: *(Singing)* Sickness, sickness, sickness in the morning, sickness in the evening.... *(Knocks at the door of the first house.)* Special delivery.

Sally: *(Answers the door.)* What's this?

Devil: A package for you.

Sally: I don't want that package. Take it and get out of here! *(Slams the door.)*

Devil: Hmm... I'll try that Robby kid. He'll take this sickness package. *(Sings)* Sickness, sickness... *(Knocks on the door of the second house.)*

Robby: *(Answers the door.)* What's this? *(Takes the package.)*

Devil: A special package just for you from God.

Robby: Hmm...

(Enter Heart)

Heart: Robby, don't take that package. It's sickness! It's not yours, God doesn't have any sickness to give you!

Robby: Yikes! I don't want this! Get it out of here! *(Slams the door)*

Devil: Now what?

(Enter Jimmy whistling and singing as he walks toward the garbage can.)

Aha! It's Jimmy, that baby Christian. He'll take it. *(Clears throat)*
Special delivery just for you.

Jimmy: For me? Are you sure?

Devil: Yeah, kid. Right here it says, "especially for you."

Jimmy: Gee, thanks! *(Takes the package.)* Hmm... *(Reads the package)*
SICKNESS!! *(Coughs and falls to the ground.)*

(Robby runs out of his house.)

Robby: Jimmy, Jimmy. What happened?

Jimmy: *(Coughing)* I took the special delivery package for me and it was
SICKNESS!

Robby: Sickness is not for you. God doesn't give anyone sickness. Here
give me that. *(Takes package from Jimmy.)* I'll put it in the
garbage where it belongs. *(Throws package into the garbage
can.)* Come on, Jimmy. Let's go in the house and I'll show you in
the Bible says brings sickness and disease. The devil causes
sickness and disease, Jimmy, not God. *(Walk to Robby's house
together)*

*(Devil pops up out of the garbage can coughing and holding the
package.)*

Devil: Rats! Spoiled again!