

# Jesus heals many people

Directly on leaving the meeting place, they came to Simon and Andrew's house, accompanied by James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed, burning up with fever. They told Jesus. He went to her, took her hand, and raised her up. No sooner had the fever left than she was up fixing dinner for them.



That evening, after the sun was down, they brought sick and evil-afflicted people to him, the whole city lined up at his door! He cured their sick bodies and tormented spirits. Because the demons knew his true identity, he didn't let them say a word.

While it was still night, way before dawn, he got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed. Simon and those with him went looking for him. They found him and said, "Everybody's looking for you."

Jesus said, "Let's go to the rest of the villages so I can preach there also. This is why I've come." He went to their meeting places all through Galilee, preaching and throwing out the demons.

**Mark 1: 29-39 ('The Message' Bible translation)**

When Jesus started going around and healing people, everybody was excited and amazed! We know only too well from recent months what a terrible thing illness can be and how sometimes it can be very difficult for people to be healed, but here was Jesus going around healing people.

Doing things which we can't explain, like Jesus did, is often called 'doing miracles'. Well Jesus did lots of miracles.

He didn't just heal people's bodies, he was able to heal their minds as well. People in Jesus' time might have understood mental illness a bit differently from us today, but when people were very upset in their minds, Jesus was able to heal this as well.

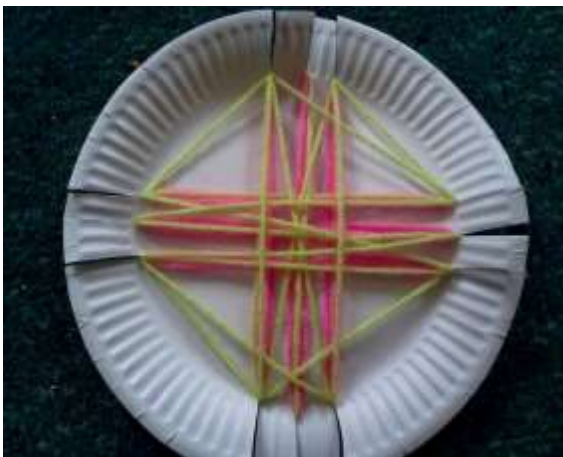
This is why people listened to what Jesus had to say - because he was able to do things which showed he really had power.

Today, we can pray (speak to) Jesus and ask him for his help. We might not always get the answer we would like, but by asking Jesus, we are bringing his love and care into the tough things in our lives.

## Prayer weaving

Here's a way of helping us to pray to Jesus for his help. The paper plate and wool you need to make this are included in this pack.

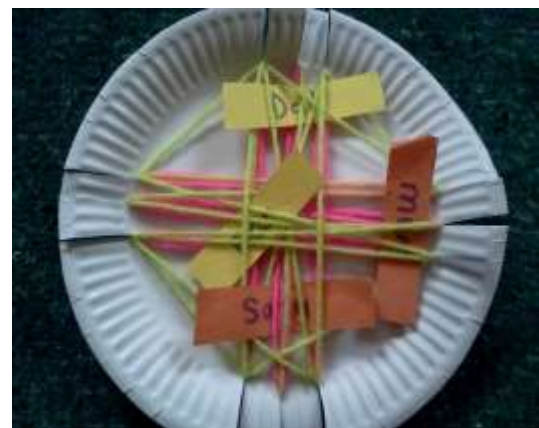
Cut slits in your paper plate like this:



Now wind wool between the slits so that it ends up making a cross shape with a possible frame around it!

As you wind the wool you can take time to think about God and about people who might need God's help.

Write your prayers for people or places on strips of coloured paper. Put them between the wool so that you are leaving them in God's hands.



Your design can also help you to think about the colourful, intricate nature of God and how He can sometimes feel like somebody we will never fully untangle and understand!

Here's a picture for you to colour of Jesus healing someone:

