

LESSON PLAN

A SERVANT HEALED; A SON RAISED TO LIFE

Luke 7:1-17

Lesson Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:7 “Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

Lesson Aim: We should give all the things that worry us to Jesus, because He wants to take care of us.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): How many of you have a pet dog or cat at home? Your pet depends on you to take good care of it. It depends on you to feed it good food every day and to take it to the animal doctor, if it gets sick. If you have a pet dog, it depends on you to give it exercise every day. How do you give your dog exercise? (You can play with it in the yard or take it on a nice walk. Some places have a dog park where the dogs can run freely.) What other pets do you have? How do you take care of them? If you have a pet, be sure to take good care of them, just like you want your parents to take good care of you. If you love your pets it will not be hard to take good care of them.

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse tells us that we are to give our cares to Jesus. What are our “cares”? Our “cares” are the problems that make us worry. They are problems that are too big for us to solve. We worry about these problems, because we are afraid of what will happen to us, if the problems are not solved. Our memory verse tells to give these cares/problems to Jesus. How do we give them to Jesus? We should tell Jesus about the problems that make us worry and then we should ask Him to take care of the problems. He may show us how to solve our problems, or He may bring someone to us who can solve our problems, or He may simply make the problems go away. If we truly give our problems to Jesus, then we will stop worrying about them. We can trust Him to solve our problems one way or another way. It may not be the way that we expected Him solve our problems, but it will be the best way. Our memory verse goes on to tell us why we should give all of our problems to Jesus. It says that He cares for us. That means He loves us and has the power to successfully solve our problems. This is a wonderful verse for you to memorize so that you will remember that Jesus promises to take care of you when you give Him your problems and believe that He will take care of them..

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scriptures for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. Our Bible lesson today will tell us how Jesus took care of two people who had great problems.

I. The Centurion - Luke 7:1-10

(A centurion was a Roman army officer who was in charge of 100 Roman soldiers.)

A. Problem - 1-2

The centurion had a problem that was very serious. His servant, who was very special to him, was about to die from a sickness that he had.

WE: When we have a problem, we need not think it is unusual. Life is full of problems and it is quite unusual, if we do not have many of them.

B. Plea - 3-5

The centurion knew how to handle his problem. He told Jesus about it. He sent some Jewish leaders to ask Jesus to come and heal his servant. That was a wise thing to do.

WE: We will do well, too, when we take our problems to Jesus.

C. Piety - 6-9

The centurion had a humble attitude toward Jesus. He knew that Jews had a rule that they were not to enter a Gentile's home, because they believed they were closer to God than Gentiles. If a Jew entered a Gentile's home, they believed they would be unclean before God. Jesus did not believe this,

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but that is what the centurion thought that Jesus believed since He was a Jew. So he sent some of his friends to Jesus when He came close to his home to tell Him that he was not worthy to have Him come into his home. Besides being humble, he had faith in Jesus to heal his servant. He believed that Jesus could command his sick servant to be well and it would be done.

WE: We need to be humble when we come to Jesus to ask Him to solve a problem for us. He is more than a man; He is the high and mighty God that created all things. We should bow our heads in His presence and it may be good to fall down on our knees before Him when we ask Him to solve our problem. We also should tell Him that we believe He can solve our problem. He likes to hear that we believe in Him. If we bring our problems to Jesus with humility and faith, we can be sure that He will listen to our prayers.

D. Present - 10

The centurion received a precious gift from Jesus when He healed his servant.

WE: We also will receive a precious gift from Jesus when He solves our problem. Be sure to thank Him.

II. The Widow - Luke 7:11-17

(A widow is a woman whose husband has died.)

A. Problem - 11-12

This widow had just seen her only son die. Her husband had already died and now her only son died. She deeply missed her son and wept. She would greatly miss his love and care. She needed someone to take care of her. Who would do it? This was a huge problem for her.

WE: We may think our problems are big, but are they as big as this poor widow's problem? Whatever our problems are, big or small, Jesus can take care of all of them.

B. Pity - 13-15

When the Lord Jesus saw the problem that this poor widow had, He pitied her and took care of her, even before she asked Him for help (cf. Isa 65:24). As the men were taking her son to the place where they would bury him, Jesus told the widow not to cry and He walked over and touched the open coffin.. The men carrying the body of the dead son stopped and Jesus said, "Young man, arise." Immediately the son of the widow arose and began to speak. Wasn't that a wonderful way for Jesus to take care of the widow's problem? He solved a big problem for her by raising her son from the dead.

WE: We can trust Jesus to solve our problems, too. He will do it, especially if we have asked Him to be our Savior. He loves us with a great love, greater than the love of anyone we know. He is our dearest Friend.

C. Praise - 16-17

The people were shocked when they saw what Jesus did to the widow's son. At first they were afraid and then they glorified God. They believed that Jesus was a prophet that had been sent by God to care for His people. Sadly they only thought He was a prophet when really He was the Son of God.

WE: Who do we think Jesus is? Is He a great prophet, or is He the great Son of God? He is God and because of that, He can care for us a lot better than if He were only a great prophet. That means we should praise Him, even more than the people that believe He is just a great prophet.

BE (for Action): Two people had problems in our Bible lesson today. Who were they? What were their problems? How did Jesus take care of them? What should you do when you have a problem? (Tell Jesus about it and ask Him to help you to solve it.) If you have not received Jesus as your Savior, you have a serious sin problem. You must tell Jesus about it and ask Him to save you from your sins. If you do this, He will save you from going to Hell and let you go to Heaven. That will solve your sin problem. If you have given Jesus your sin problem, then you can give Him all of the rest of your problems. He wants you to trust Him because He loves you. Will you give Him your problems?