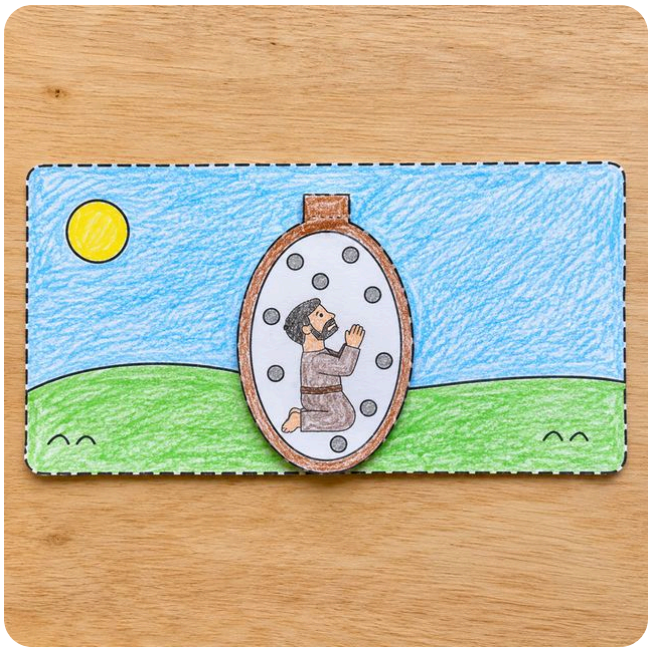
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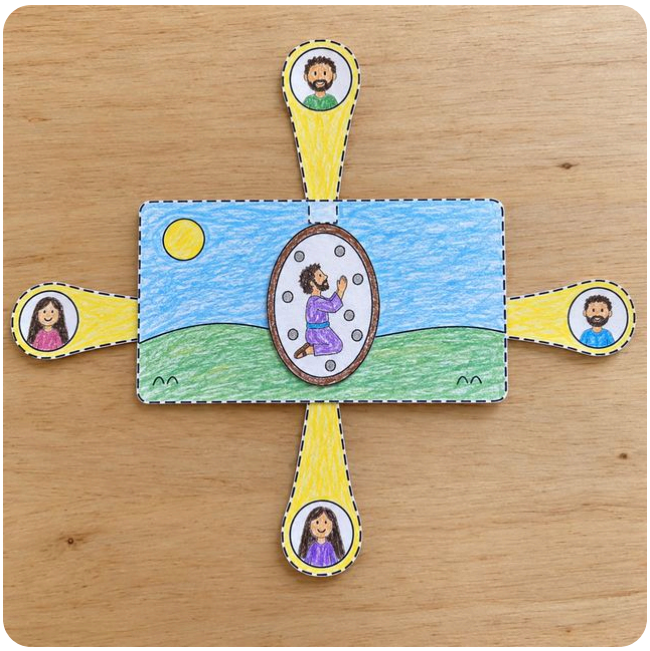
Jesus Heals the Leper Craft

I will; be thou clean · Mark 1:40–45 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



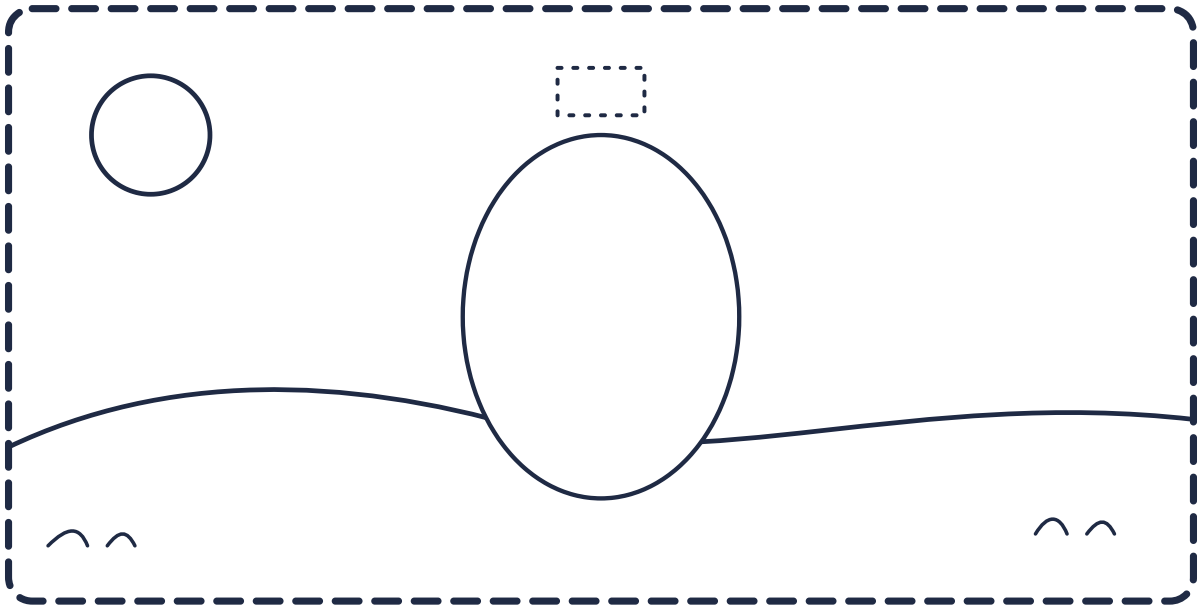
Harder

Both levels are a card with a light blue sky, a yellow sun and green hills. A brown-edged flap hangs over the big window: in it the man kneels with gray spots on him (Mark 1:40). Touch the flap and lift it, and the man underneath is clean (1:41–42). Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same with four yellow rays on every side, each with a person drawn in its window, because "they came to him from every quarter" (1:45).

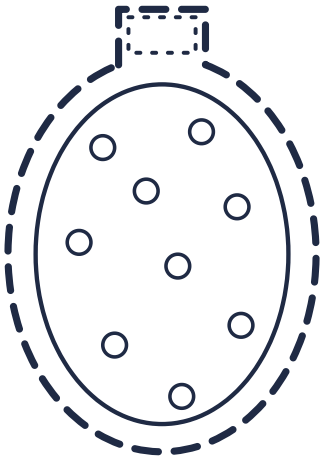
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, sun yellow, hills green. In the big window, draw the man made clean, standing, with no spots. Leave the dotted spot white: the flap's tab is glued there.



flap: edge brown, spots gray. In its window, draw the man kneeling, big, so the spots are on him. Glue only the dotted tab.

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

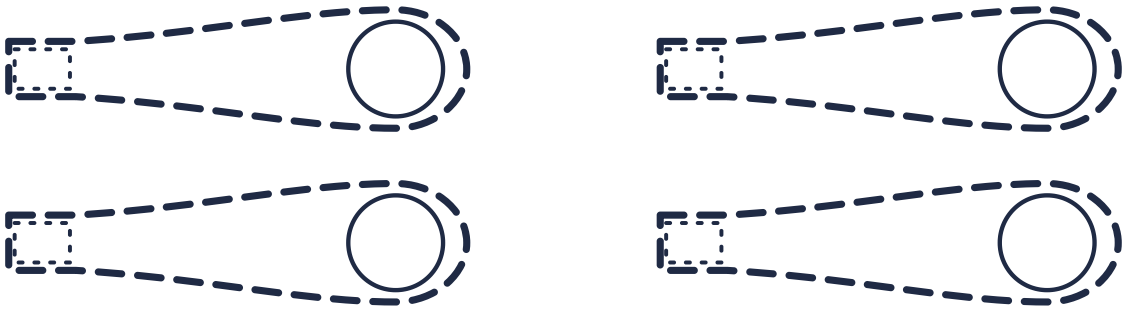
Mark 1:41 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Color each piece the way its label says. Draw the man made clean in the big window on the card, and the man kneeling in the flap's window. Cut out the card, the flap and the verse strip. Glue only the flap's dotted tab on the dotted spot above the big window, so the flap covers the window.

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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level



4 rays: color them yellow and draw a person in each window. Leave the dotted ends white.
Glue each dotted end on the back of the card: one at the top, one at the bottom, one on each side.

How to add the rays

1. Make the card from page 2 first.
2. Color the four rays yellow. Leave the dotted ends white.
3. In each ray's window, draw a person coming to Jesus: men with short hair, women and girls with long hair and long dresses. Cut out the four rays on the dashed lines.
4. Turn the card over. Glue the dotted end of one ray on the back at the top edge, one at the bottom edge, one at the left edge and one at the right edge, so each ray points out with its window showing on the front side.
5. Glue the verse strip on the back in the middle, between the rays.
6. Tell it: the man "went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter" (Mark 1:45). The news went out every way, and "they came to him from every quarter" (1:45). **Every quarter** means every direction: up, down, left and right on your card.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/jesus-heals-the-leper-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in light blue, yellow, green, brown and gray, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the flap and the verse strip ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color, draw the man in the two windows, and glue the flap's tab on the dotted spot with your help. Then they touch the flap and lift it.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut and glue the flap. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card, then add the four rays from page 3 on the back so they point out on every side, each with a person drawn in its window (Mark 1:45). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the sun yellow and the hills green. Leave the big window and the dotted spot white.
2. **Draw the man made clean:** in the big window on the card, draw him standing, with no spots (Mark 1:42).
3. **Color and draw the flap:** color the edge brown and the spots gray. In the flap's window, draw the man kneeling down (1:40). Draw him big, so the spots are on him.
4. **Cut:** cut out the card, the flap and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
5. **Glue the flap:** put glue on the dotted tab only. Press it on the dotted spot above the big window, so the flap hangs down and covers the window.
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card, and read it together.
7. **Tell it:** the leper kneels and says, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean" (1:40). Jesus "put forth his hand, and touched him" (1:41): touch the flap with your hand. "I will; be thou clean": lift the flap. Immediately the leprosy departed from him (1:42)!

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the flap. Who came to Jesus, and what was he doing? *(A leper, beseeching Jesus and kneeling down to Him, Mark 1:40)*
- What did the leper say? *("If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean," 1:40)*
- Why did a leper live alone? *(God's law said he must dwell alone, without the camp, Leviticus 13:46)*
- Touch the flap. What did Jesus do with His hand? *(He put forth His hand and touched him, Mark 1:41)*
- What did Jesus feel for him? *(Compassion, 1:41)*
- Lift the flap. How fast was he made clean? *(Immediately, as soon as Jesus had spoken, 1:42)*
- Who did Jesus tell him to show himself to? *(The priest, 1:44)*
- What did the man do instead of saying nothing? *(He began to publish it much and to blaze abroad the matter, 1:45)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **leper** is a person with **leprosy**, a sickness of the skin; **beseeching** means begging; **if thou wilt, thou canst** means "if You want to, You can"; **moved with compassion** means filled with pity and care; **put forth his hand** means reached out His hand; **departed** means went away; **straitly charged** means strictly commanded; **shew** means show; **publish** and **blaze abroad** mean tell everywhere; **every quarter** means every direction.
- **What the Bible says:** the leper came "beseeching him, and kneeling down to him" (Mark 1:40), and Jesus "touched him" (1:41). Mark doesn't say what the leprosy looked like or where the healing happened. The gray spots, the sun, the hills and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story, not details from the Bible.
- **No one is drawn on the template, and never Jesus:** each child draws the man in the two windows (and people in the ray windows for the harder level). The child's own hand touching the flap stands for the moment Jesus touched him.
- **Keep it gentle:** call leprosy "a sickness of the skin." Don't add bells, rags or bandages; the Bible gives none here.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and help each child glue the flap's tab. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child touch the flap and lift it while you say, "I will; be thou clean."
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Jesus heals the leper lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/jesus-heals-the-leper.

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