

# The Healing of Simon's Mother-in-Law and Other Healings (Lower Elementary)

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February 7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Overview

This week's Gospel gives us a great snapshot of Jesus' public ministry. What did He spend time doing? Proclaiming the Good News! How did He do this? By preaching, praying, healing people of sickness, and casting out demons. In this lesson, students will create an artistic representation of Jesus' work of salvation.

## Directions

- A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
- B. Distribute drawing or construction paper to your students and make crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils available. Have your students choose one of Jesus' actions during this Gospel reading to illustrate and then write a sentence that explains how Jesus' action proclaims the Good News of Salvation.
- C. When students have finished, arrange their pictures together on a poster or bulletin board titled "Proclaiming the Kingdom of God."

## Answer Key

### Focus Questions

1. He goes to the house of Simon (Peter) and Andrew. There, He heals Simon's mother-in-law by grasping her hand and helping her up.
2. Everyone in town who was ill or possessed by demons. Jesus cured many who were sick and cast out many demons.
3. He prayed.
4. He goes to the neighboring towns in Galilee where He preaches and drives out demons.