

Jesus Heals a Boy and The Disciples Don't Really Understand

Read: Luke 9:37-45

Ask:

What did Jesus do in this story? (he was disappointed with the disciples that they couldn't heal the boy; he healed the boy; he told the disciples that something bad was going to happen to him)

How did the disciples and crowds react to what Jesus did? (they were amazed, and were marveling at what God could do through Jesus; the disciples didn't get what Jesus was trying to tell them [v. 45]; the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus what he meant)

What were the disciples not able to do? (they could not heal the boy [cast out the unclean spirit]; they could not understand what Jesus was trying to tell them about that something bad was going to happen to him)

What is something that you can learn from this story? (we have to have faith to be able to follow in Jesus' example [v. 41]; Jesus has power over even the scariest situations; even the disciples were not perfect, they were not able to do what Jesus could do, and they couldn't understand what Jesus meant every time)

Lesson:

In this story we learned that sometimes, even though the disciples were supposed to be able to do awesome things because of Jesus' power, sometimes they couldn't do the things that Jesus could. This time, they couldn't heal a boy of his sickness because of a spirit that was controlling him. But Jesus could do it! And it seems like Jesus was a little bit frustrated because he expected that the disciples would have been able to heal that boy! What does this tell us? I think that maybe the disciples were not perfect, they were still learning how to follow Jesus! The 12 disciples were the guys who Jesus had specially called to follow him, and they still had a really hard time!

We are also disciples of Jesus, remember we talked about this a week or two ago? So if the disciples didn't always get it right when they were following Jesus, that means that sometimes we won't get it right when we are following Jesus. But! That is ok! The 12 disciples kept trying anyway, even though

Supplies (not included):

- AM/FM Radio
- (if you do not have a radio, there is a video which explains the same point)

they didn't get it right every time. We are not perfect either, but it is important that we keep trying to follow Jesus anyway! Jesus will keep helping us, but we need to listen to him.

By this time, your Basil Plant should have started to sprout and grow a little bit! The plant took kind of long to grow big right? It also can take some time of learning and growing to know how to be a disciple of Jesus. Remember, even the 12 disciples that Jesus picked to follow him took a long time to learn and grow!

Activity:

(from: <https://freebiblelessons.net/object-lessons/hearing-gods-voice>)

Listening to God - When God speaks to us usually the clouds don't roll back and we hear this loud booming voice from the sky. It is a quiet voice that we hear inside, but it is not always easy to hear. We have to carefully tune in and listen to hear from God.

(Take out the radio.)

Have you ever used a radio before? Sometimes it is nice to listen to the radio because there are all kinds of music and shows on the radio, but what do you have to do to listen to it? You have to tune in!

(Turn the radio on and start to roll through the channels. You can make comments on it as you go. Once you have done this for a few moments, turn the radio off.)

As you see there are many different voices on the radio, some are good and some are not so good. You have to tune in to the good voices, the ones that you want to hear.

We all want to hear from God, but a lot of the times we are actually listening to the wrong voices. There is so much noise in our life, and so much static that it is really hard to hear what God is trying to say to us. What do we need to do? We need to tune our lives to God and be quiet so we can actually hear Him.

(Alternatively, if you do not have a radio, you can watch this short video illustrating the same thing:

<https://youtu.be/KRepz-3J9Zw>)