

Parents, put together a bag of items that make noise (i.e. keys, bag of marbles, kids toy...it can really be anything!)

Parent: To start off today's lesson, let's see if you can identify what items I have in this bag!
*Shake each item without showing it and allow your child(ren) to guess what they think they are.
Repeat until you have gone through all of the items.*

In today's bible story, we are going to read about a man that couldn't hear anything at all. He couldn't hear people talking, he couldn't hear the birds singing...in fact, he was completely deaf! Let's read the story in **Mark 7:31-37**.

After you have read the story, go ahead and talk about the following questions:

- Think about if you couldn't hear anyone around you and all you could see were they're lips moving. How would you feel? Would you be sad?
- If you couldn't hear but then all of a sudden you could hear again, how would you feel? How do you think the deaf man in the story felt after Jesus healed him and he could hear again?
- Some people are deaf, and other people have different sicknesses and diseases. How does God heal your sicknesses?
- Sometimes people with different disabilities or sicknesses are looked at differently. Does God look at anyone differently? Or does He look at us the same?

God looks at all of us the same – as His own children! Jesus healed the deaf man that very day, and He heals us today too, and we don't have to do anything for Him to heal us! That's how much Jesus loves us. He died on the cross so that we are saved from sin, death and the devil and can live with Him forever. Each and every day, Jesus walks by our side through all of our joys and struggles, and He never leaves us. Jesus wants us to share the message of His love with everyone around us – including those who may feel left out (like the deaf man). *Who can you share Jesus love with this week?*

Today's memory verse is from **Psalm 119:156, "Great is Your Mercy, O Lord."** God certainly has mercy upon us and shows us love no matter what, and because of this, we are able to love other people in all situations!

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for loving me / and for healing me from my sins. / Help me to share Your love / with everyone around me. / In Your name I pray, / Amen.