Dear Parents,

Regular Sunday School isn't a thing right now. We are all thinking about what is going on in the world and how our lives are changing each day. As partners with you in the spiritual formation of your child, the Children's Ministry does not want to miss any opportunities to continue sharing God’s love with our children. This includes, if kiddos are afraid of the Coronavirus, we want them to know what the Word of God teaches about Jesus power over disease and MUCH more! Below is a lesson to share with your child/children. Moving forward, you will be receiving lessons on a weekly basis from the ministry until we are together again.

Peace and Blessings to All,
The Children’s Ministry

**Jesus Has Power Over Diseases - LUKE 17:11-19**

It seems like all around us everything is cancelling, huh? First, it’s school… Then, it’s churches and businesses. It feels like everyone has just retreated inside their homes and is looking out at the world like it’s a little scary to go outside and when will life be normal again.

We know that when things seem scary, we can trust God, right? God is in control. Sometimes we might feel like things are out of control if they aren’t like usual, but that’s not true. God is always in control and you know what the cool thing is? God’s been through this before and God knows how to heal it.

When Jesus lived, there was a disease called leprosy. Leprosy causes bumps on your skin and it makes it so the nerves in your arms and legs don’t work properly. We know now that it’s not super contagious, but back then, people thought you could get leprosy just by touching one another. So, you know what they did?

They sent people to their rooms! Yeah, kind of like how I send you to your room when you’re fighting with your brother/sister! Lepers would be sent away from the people they loved because they were so afraid that others would get it, too. They’d live with other people who had leprosy, or by themselves. They didn’t have FaceTime, either, so once they were sent away, it was hard to keep in touch with the people that love them.

One day Jesus is walking outside, and ten lepers called out to them from far away. They kept their social distancing, but they were still close enough to talk to Jesus if they yelled! Jesus told them to go to the priests, and once they did, something amazing happened…

They were healed! The spots on their arms went away! They could rejoin their families! One of them was so excited he ran back to Jesus and praised him!

One day, Jesus will heal the sick. The world will return to normal, and yes… you will have to go to school again! But until we can be together again, we don’t have to be scared because God is bigger than any disease. He’s still in control and we can praise Him!
A FEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you feel afraid with what's going on around us?

2. How can you turn to God with your fears?

3. Does this story make you feel better about God's ability to heal our community?

4. How does it feel to be quarantined? Can you relate to why the people who were healed were so happy?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, we thank you for caring about us and loving us. We know that you are in control of our family and of our community, and of the entire world. We know that you will heal, and we praise you and thank you in advance for healing those around us. Amen.