

# 18. Healing a Man's Withered Hand

*The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children*

## Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) Jesus was in the synagogue and saw someone with a withered hand. Note that in those days people needed two good hands to do their hard work. Ask children to think of the kinds of things people needed two good hands to do in those days, because there were no machines, no computers, etc.
- b) Jesus told the man to stand up so that everyone could see how much he needed his hand to be healed. Then He asked them what they should do on the Sabbath: good or evil, killing or saving.
- c) Note how the people didn't say anything. Have you seen someone caught in doing something wrong, and when he's asked if he did it, he just keeps quiet? He doesn't want to admit he's done something wrong. In this case, they didn't say anything because they didn't care about the man with the withered hand.
- d) This is one of perhaps only two times that it says that Jesus was angry. Why was He angry? Because the scribes and the Pharisees were so heartless! He was so sad that their hearts were hard.
- e) Then the Lord did the miracle, and the scribes and Pharisees only wanted to find a way to kill Him for doing such a wonderful thing. So, Jesus went to the sea, and lots of people followed Him, which made the scribes and Pharisees even more angry. They wanted people to follow only them.



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## The Lord Heals a Man with a Withered Hand

And Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. Then the scribes and Pharisees watched Jesus to see if He would heal the man on the Sabbath day, so that they might blame Him for doing something against the law of the Jews.

And Jesus said to the man who had the withered hand, “Stand up in the middle of the people.” Then Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees, “Is it right to do good on the Sabbath day or to do evil? To save a man or to kill a man?” But they did not speak.

And Jesus, looking around at them with anger because He was sad at the hardness of their hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand!” And the man stretched it out, and his hand was made well like the other one.

Then the Pharisees went straight out of the synagogue to talk to King Herod’s men to see how they might destroy Jesus.

But Jesus left with His disciples and went to the sea. And a great crowd of people followed Jesus, having heard how many wonderful things He did.

Mark 3

