

## Whiz Kids Club Message #7 – Fall 2021 Online

<b>Topic- Point:</b>	Person/Need – Jesus doesn't want anything to separate us from Him.
<b>Text:</b>	Mark 1:40-42

### Introduction:

With Covid this past year, one of the hardest things for all of us was not connecting with hugs and handshakes, or playing tag or holding hands. (*Show the pictures of hugging, high fives, etc as you talk*) What are some ways you can connect with someone without touching them? (*phone, eye contact, dancing, watching a show together, smiling, laughing, writing a letter, cooking, talking, walking, etc.*)

### Body:

In our Bible story we'll read about Jesus reaching out to touch someone, but, unlike our game, Jesus wanted that person to feel His touch.

The video I'm about to show is about a man with a big problem; he had a terrible disease called leprosy. It started with little black spots that turned into big sores. This was really bad! The people at this time thought that if you touched, or even got close to a person with leprosy, you could get it too. If you had this disease you had to live outside the city in caves with other lepers. If anyone got close to you, you had to yell, "Unclean!" This was a warning to them. If you got too close to healthy people, their law said they could throw stones at you!

**Watch this video, the story comes from Mark 1:40-42 (from 1:57 to 4:05)**

The man in the story had heard about Jesus and decided to take a chance. Yes, he might **get stoned, but there was also a chance he could be healed. He ran up and knelt right in front of Jesus. The crowds around them gasped!** Let me read these 3 verses to you. (*Read Mark 1:40-42*)

What did Jesus do? (*Let kids share*) It says that Jesus was filled with compassion. What does that mean? Jesus reached out His hand and **touched** the man. "*Immediately the leprosy left him!*" Jesus wasn't afraid like everyone else. **Could Jesus have healed him without touching him?** Yes, He could have just used words. He often did that.

**Pair Share:** Why do you think Jesus healed the man by **touching** him?

Jesus loved the man and knew he needed to be touched. It had been so long since anyone had touched him! Jesus knew the man needed that gentle, loving connection.

### Conclusion:

This story is a picture of how **Jesus loves us too.** No matter what separates us from Jesus, He wants to break through that. He loves us and wants nothing between Him and us. He's all about connecting with us.

**Action:** As you leave here tonight, I want you to put this in your head and in your heart: **Jesus loves you and wants nothing to separate you from Him. He's on your side!**

Close in prayer.