



## Inside and Outside Healing

### Children's Story

Year B, Proper 11

**Title:** Inside and Outside Healing  
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**Text:** Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 – 56  
**Theme:** Jesus shares and heals  
**Needed:** Band-aids – one for each child

#### **Gathering Activity:**

Welcome the children as they gather and remind them that this story time is a chance to gather close together with other children and with God. Take a moment to become aware of being together, as a group of children in the nearness of God. Imagine yourselves all together snuggling into God's big lap. Open your Bible to Mark 6 and read verse 34a. In today's Bible reading we hear about Jesus' compassion. Compassion is when you notice and care about what other people need. Jesus cared about and helped people by telling them good stories and by healing their sores and sicknesses. Jesus was helping people heal on the inside and on the outside. In today's children's story Andrew's parents act like Jesus when they show compassion, and help Andrew heal on the inside and on the outside. Listen:

#### **Wondering questions:**

- I wonder how soon Andrew would ride his bike without falling.
- I wonder how Andrew's parents were like Jesus.
- I wonder how Jesus heals and teaches us today.
- I wonder how we can help Jesus heal people on the inside and on the outside.

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## **Story:**

Andrew was playing outside, riding his bike up and down the driveway. He was almost ready to take off the training wheels. Now that he knew how to ride his bike with training wheels, he wanted to try and ride his bike without training wheels. When his dad came out to do some work around the house, he asked him about it. They decided that it was time to take off the training wheels. The time had come for Andrew to ride his bike all by himself. They went to the garage to get the right kind of tools (show the kids a wrench) and took off the training wheels. Andrew was so happy to get back on his bike. His dad held on tight while he got on. He gave directions about keeping steady and focusing on going straight and looking ahead. Andrew and his dad counted down from 3. (Let's count down together) 3 – 2 – 1. GO! Andrew was off! Without training wheels! On his own! Andrew was doing fine, but then he started to wobble. Down he went, right on the hard driveway. Andrew's knee was bleeding. It hurt, and he cried. His dad came running up to him and gave him a big hug and kiss. His mom came out, too, and took him back inside, where Dad held him while she gently washed Andrew's knee to get rid of the germs and dirt. Then she put a fancy bandage on the scraped knee.

Andrew felt much better. Even before the healing began, Andrew was comforted by the way his parents showed that they loved him. They were helping him learn how to ride his bike, they told him it was normal to fall a few times when you drive without training wheels, and they helped him try again. Next time, they said, they would run alongside him so they could catch him before he hurt himself on the cement again. All these things helped Andrew learn, and they helped him heal on the inside, where his feelings were, as well as on the outside, where his scraped knee was.

Here is a Band-Aid for each of you to help you remember that Jesus teaches and heals.

## **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, thank you for listening to us when we are hurting on the inside and the outside. Thank you for your healing power when we are sick. Please help (name the sick) feel your healing power today. Thank you for parents who show us your compassion by helping us. Amen.