Sometimes doctors give you medicines to help you fight disease. God has given us some different kinds of medicines to help us fight sin. **Look at the pictures below and circle the pictures of those things that you think God would like for you to use to fight the disease of sin:**

My Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross so that my sins can be forgiven. Because You loved me so much, I don't have to suffer the symptoms of sin all my life. I can be healed. Amen.

Library

- "When someone sins, he earns what sin pays— death. But God gives us a free gift—life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord" **(Romans 6:23).**

- "The Lord forgives me for all my sins. He heals all my diseases" **(Psalm 103:3).**

- "These are the evil things in the world: wanting things to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, being too proud of the things we have…. And everything that people want in the world is passing away. But the person who does what God wants lives forever" **(1 John 2:16, 17).**

My Friend Ellen Wrote

"[Jesus] saw a still greater need than bodily suffering. He saw symptoms of a deeper illness.… He was moved to still greater pity by the need of the soul" (Australasian Union Conference Record, June 1, 1900).

Bible Adventures for Young Readers

LESSON 10

Good Medicine

I Can Read Text

" 'Jesus went everywhere doing good. He healed those who were ruled by the devil, for God was with Jesus.' "
—Act 10:38

My Story

Nathan rubbed his tummy and moaned. "I don't feel very well," he told his mother.

Mom touched his forehead. "You don't have a fever," she said thoughtfully.

"My stomach hurts," Nathan said between moans. "Not my head."

"Oh, I see," Nathan's mother said with a nod. "Maybe we should go visit the doctor. There's a lot of sickness going around the neighborhood. Maybe you caught a nasty bug."

That afternoon, Doctor Kim smiled down at Nathan. "What seems to be the problem, young man?" he asked.

"My stomach hurts," Nathan said.

The doctor felt the boy's forehead. "You don't seem to have a fever."

Nathan rolled his eyes. "My stomach. My stomach! There's nothing wrong with my head."

Doctor Kim laughed. "I know it may be a little strange for me to see if you have a fever when your stomach hurts, but if your stomachache is caused by an infection, then your body heats up to fight the bugs and makes you have a fever. Do you understand?"

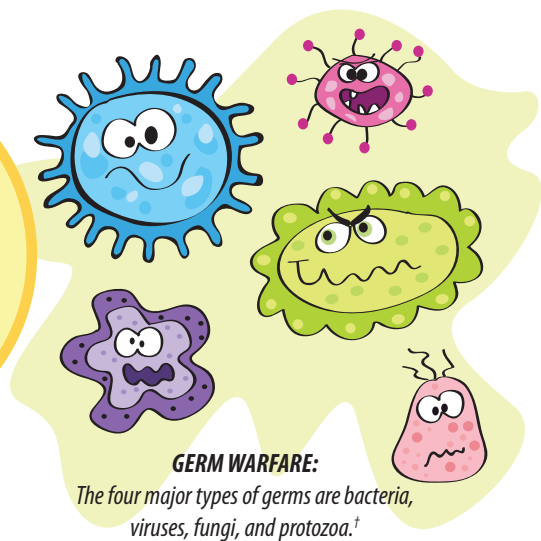Nathan nodded slowly. "Yes. That's why you feel my forehead, right?"

"Right. I'm looking for something called 'symptoms.' Symptoms—like pain or fever or bumps on your arm—can help me figure out what's making you sick. Then, when I know what's making you sick, I can give you the right medicine or treatment to make you well again."

Nathan smiled. "OK. I'll tell you all the symptoms that I have, even though they may not be in my stomach."

Sin is like a disease. It can cause many different kinds of symptoms. For instance, some boys and girls say that if they tell a lie, their tummy hurts. Some say that if they are unkind to someone, they begin to feel very sad. Others say that if they steal something at the store, the food they eat that night doesn't taste good and they can't sleep. These are symptoms of the sin disease.

Is there a cure? Yes! When Jesus died on the cross, He took all the symptoms of sin with Him. He took all the sorrow and guilt and sadness that sin causes and forced them to die right beside Him. Now, when we make a mistake and sin, we can ask Jesus to forgive us and the symptoms vanish. When we ask Jesus to forgive us for lying, our tummy stops hurting. When we say "I'm sorry" to the person to whom we were unkind, our sadness goes away. When Jesus helps us return something we've stolen, our food tastes good again and we sleep all night long. Sin is gone from our lives and so are the symptoms. Now that's good medicine!

Remember Zacchaeus up in the tree? He was a sinful man. But when he met Jesus, he changed forever. He was healed of his sin disease. Jesus wants to heal you too. Just ask Him.

Fun Facts

GERMS:
• Bacteria are found everywhere—in air, water, soil, animals, people, and food. They are very small living things. It takes one million to cover a pinhead, so you need to look at them through a microscope.*

GERM WARFARE:
The four major types of germs are bacteria, viruses, fungi, and protozoa.†

My Bible Adventure

Look up these texts in the LIBRARY and fill in the missing words.

"When someone _____ , he _____ what sin pays— _____ . But God _____ us a free _____ —life _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord" (**Romans 6:23**).

"The Lord _____ me for _____ my _____ . He _____ all my _____" (**Psalm 103:3**).

"These are the _____ things in the world: wanting things to please our _____ selves, wanting the _____ things we see, being too _____ of the things we _____.… And everything that people want in the world is _____ _____ . But the person who does what _____ wants lives _____" (**1 John 2:16, 17**).

Put a box around the words that describe how you sometimes feel (your symptoms) when you disobey God and do something you know you shouldn't do. **Put a circle around the words that describe how you feel when you ask forgiveness and choose to obey God.**

Joyful

Angry

Confused

Sad

Afraid

Brave

Content

Excited

Happy

GUILTY