

Questions

- (1) How do you think Jesus got the power to do such amazing miracles? What explanation did Peter give in Acts 10:38?
- (2) What important habit did Jesus have that allowed him to connect with God (see Mark 1:35)?
- (3) A lot of people were impressed by the teaching and healing miracles of Jesus, but how did they respond to him in his home town of Nazareth? Why do you think they responded this way?
- (4) People have lots of needs, not just a need of healing from physical illness. We all have a problem with sin and separation from God. We need to be healed of wrong behaviour, unkind words and wrong attitudes. Does Jesus have the power to help us with these things? What does John say about the purpose of Jesus coming into the world in 1 John 3:5?
- (5) Does God always heal illness or disability? Look at the story below about Joni Eareckson who was paralysed in a diving accident at the age of 17. How has God used her life to bring help to other people?
- (6) Ask Jesus to show you where you need his healing in your life and ask him to help you.

Joni's story

Joni Eareckson was an active young person who enjoyed horse riding and other outdoor activities. Then, at the age of 17, she broke her neck in a diving accident, and this left her paralysed below the shoulders and unable to use her arms or legs.

At first Joni was overcome by feelings of depression and wanted to die. However, with the support of some caring Christian friends she found fresh strength to face her hardships and learned to trust God with her life.

Although confined to a wheelchair, Joni discovered she had artistic ability and learned to paint with a brush held in her mouth. She also found she could encourage and inspire other people through her ability as a speaker and writer of books.



Joni demonstrates her drawing ability

Joni started up an organisation called Joni and Friends, which offers practical help and support to disabled people and their carers. One of its projects is to provide free wheelchairs to disabled children and adults in poor countries around the world, sharing with them also the hope and love that Jesus gives.