



Right Here Right Now Jesus Encounters 2



Last week we noticed something in the history of Jesus' life that we read: when people experienced Jesus' presence and power, things happened! We also made pancakes that used a rising method that was power-packed.

Last week's challenge was to find a moment sometime every day to ask Jesus to fill you with what you need. You're welcome to do this again this week. Here's a hint: It's best to do this in a place where it's kind of quiet and where you won't be interrupted. Close your eyes if you want and open your hands. Wait. It can take a few minutes, longer than you're comfortable even sometimes, but hang in there, expecting God to bless you. In the Bible it says, "Wait patiently for the Lord." (Psalm 27:14)

Read two examples of Jesus' presence and power making a difference when someone asked:

Matthew 8:1-3 When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And then a leper approached, did him homage, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I will do it. Be made clean." His leprosy was cleansed immediately.

Mark 8:22-26 When they arrived at Bethsaida, they brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. Putting spittle on his eyes he laid his hands on him and asked, "Do you see anything?" Looking up he replied, "I see people looking like trees and walking." Then he laid hands on his eyes a second time and he saw clearly; his sight was restored and he could see everything distinctly. Then he sent him home and said, "Do not even go into the village."

Let's look closely.

1. Who approached Jesus when he came down the mountain in Matthew 8? _____

2. What did he want? _____

3. What did Jesus do? _____

Did it happen right away? _____

4. Who approached Jesus at Bethsaida – one person or more people? _____

5. Where did Jesus take the blind man? Why? _____

6. What did Jesus do? _____

7. What did the man see at first? _____

8. Did Jesus pray more than once? _____

So we can see that sometimes things, happen right away with Jesus and sometimes we **wait** and then see things happen. As we learned last week, when we invite **Jesus to fill us** with what we need for the day, it's like a **chemical reaction**. You take two things, one is you, the other one is Jesus. You put them together and **something cool happens!** But sometimes it isn't immediate. You also may be reminded during your day of the gift you received from Jesus, like a birthday present you put in your room and then later in the day go back and find it to play with.

Create this heavenly HEAVEN ON EARTH GARDEN that requires a little bit of **waiting**. **Parents please supervise!**

Materials: glass pie dish, bluing, water, non-iodized salt, ammonia, measuring cups and measuring spoons. Food coloring.

- Put about 6 charcoal pieces in glass pie dish
- In glass container mix SALT AND WATER first, then add the other ingredients. Mix well:
 - ¼ cup water
 - ¼ cup salt
 - ¼ cup bluing
 - 1 Tablespoon ammonia
- **Slowly, carefully pour mixture over all the charcoal pieces** so that the charcoal is **partly** submerged. (Save any remaining mixture in a glass jar for later.)
- Squeeze drops of food coloring over the charcoal. Put plenty of blue and green on. They work best. Leave a few un-dyed areas. Put your glass garden in a place where it will not be bumped. Watch it grow! (These are delicate. Don't touch or move.)

Optional: On days 2 and 3, pour into the bottom of the pan the remaining mixture or 2 Tbsp of the water, salt and bluing and ½ Tbsp ammonia. (Don't pour over the crystals!)

Other Activities: Coloring pages – Jesus Heals Blind Man, Jesus Heals Leper. Acrostic (older).

KEY:

1. A leper 2. To be made clean, healed 3. He was made clean. Jesus touched him and said, "Be made clean." 4. More, some people brought a blind man to Him 5. Jesus led him outside the village. We can only guess why. What's your guess? 6. He put spit on the blind man's eyes and laid His hands on him 7. At first the blind man saw people looking like trees 8. No, Jesus had to lay hands on him a second time