

A Miracle on the Wrong Day?

Luke 13:10–17

1. **The** _____
Luke 13:10–13

2. **The** _____ **of the Synagogue Ruler**
Luke 13:14

3. **The** _____ **of Jesus**
Luke 13:15–16

Conclusion:
Luke 13:17

Application:

For the Family:

Read together Luke 13:10–17

Explain the story: Jesus is teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. He sees a woman who cannot straighten her back. She has been bent over for 18 years!

He calls her up to where he is teaching and says to her, “You are freed from your disability.” She is instantly healed, stands up straight for the first time in 18 years, and worships God. Talk about how amazing and wonderful it would be for her, and for everybody who saw it happen.

But then the synagogue ruler becomes angry with Jesus. He believed that Jesus had broken God’s rule about not working on the Sabbath. But it was really a rule that people had made up, not God’s rule.

Read Deuteronomy 5:12–15—The Fourth Commandment

Explain that God commanded the Jews to not work on the Sabbath. They were to rest, and remember that God had delivered them from slavery in Egypt. It was a day to rest and to worship.

The Jewish leaders were so concerned with keeping the Sabbath rule that they made up their own rules about what was not allowed on the Sabbath. One of their rules said that works of healing were not allowed. That’s why the synagogue ruler was mad.

But Jesus said that healing on the Sabbath was a good idea. This woman had been a slave to her disability for 18 years. Now, on this Sabbath day, she was freed from her disability, just like the Jews had been freed from slavery in Egypt.

Explain that Jesus chose compassion over man-made rules.

Pray together that you will always remember to take time to thank God for what he has done for you. Praise him for his mighty works of healing and deliverance.