

Jesus Heals a Man by a Pool

This story is based on John 5:1-15.

(Point to lame man near Jesus.) This man was lame. That means he could not walk. The man had been lying by the pool for a long time. People who were sick and needed help came to this pool. An angel would stir up the waters. The first one into the pool would be healed of their sickness.

One day Jesus walked by the pool. Jesus knew the lame man wanted to be well. Jesus stopped by the man and said, "Would you like to walk as other people do?"

The lame man said, "I have been waiting for a long time for my legs to get better. But there is no one to help me into the pool."

So Jesus said, "Stand up. Pick up your bed mat and walk!"

The man did what Jesus said. All at once he could stand up! He picked up his bed mat! And he walked!

Now the man was happy because Jesus cared about him and made him well.

Lesson 11

Family Time

Use these activities throughout the week to review the Bible lesson as a whole family or individually with your child.

Creative Corner

You'll need three $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 sheets of craft foam for this woven mat. Cut one sheet into 1" strips lengthwise. Cut another sheet into 1" strips widthwise. Lay long strips over the third sheet. Staple one end of each strip. Weave short strips in. Staple the loose ends.

Helping Hands

Let your child help when someone you know is sick by bringing something to drink, playing quietly while a sibling is resting, making a get-well card, helping make a meal for someone, or sharing a favorite book or puzzle with a sick friend.

Play Time

Set up a doll hospital to help your child see how Jesus helps sick people today. Comfort "patients" by telling them Jesus loves them and can make them well.



Bible Time

Use these Bible activities during family devotions or special Bible times you have with your preschooler.

In God's Book

This is a great story to have your child act out as the sick man. Use a towel or a blanket for the mat. As you read that Jesus told the man to get up and walk, your child should get up and be joyful that Jesus made him well.

Let's Pray

As your child gets scrapes and bruises this week, pray God would make them well. Pray also for those you know with more serious health concerns. Thank Him when someone who is sick gets well.

LESSON FOCUS:

Jesus can make people well.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

The Lord is my helper. Hebrews 13:6