

4 year olds, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade Bible Lesson 6-14-20

Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Lame

John 5:1-18

Story Point: Jesus healed a man who could not walk.

Memory Verse: "Surely he took up our pain...; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." **Isaiah 53:4-5**

Gospel Gems: The Jewish leaders were angry with Jesus for healing the man on the Sabbath day.
Jesus said He is God's Son.

PARENTS ONLY: Bible Study Guide

Located in the city of Jerusalem, the pool of Bethesda was a place many believed to possess healing powers. People who were sick or disabled went to the pool in hope of being made whole. They believed an angel would stir up the waters, and the first person to get in would be healed. Some translations include this detail in verse 4; but since the earliest and most accurate manuscripts do not include the detail, most contemporary translations omit it as well.

Jesus sought out a man at the pool of Bethesda who had been disabled for 38 years. Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to get well?" The man, not recognizing who was talking to him (see John 5:13), explained his inability to get to the pool in time. Filled with compassion, Jesus commanded this man: "Get up, pick up your mat, and walk." After decades of helplessness, the man was instantly healed. He picked up his mat and walked.

At this time, Jesus slipped away through the crowd. So when the Jewish leaders approached the man, asking questions about the healing and accusing the man of breaking the law by picking up his mat on the Sabbath, the man could not even identify who healed him. Yet Jesus sought out the man a second time. Jesus found the man in the temple and warned him, "Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn't happen to you."

Jesus cared about the man's body; He had healed it. But Jesus cared more about the man's soul. As you teach preschoolers, emphasize that the man at the pool was unable to help himself. Jesus healed him, and he obeyed Jesus' commands. In a similar way, we are unable to free ourselves from sin. Jesus calls us to trust in Him. When we trust in Jesus, He frees us from the power of sin and death so we can follow Him and obey Him.

Bible Introduction:

Ask:

"How much do you love going to the beach when it's hot outside? How about jumping into a nice cool swimming pool? (allow answers)

Say:

"In our Bible story today, there was a man who wanted to get into a pool but not to swim. This pool was a special pool but the man couldn't get in it by himself because he was lame. That means he couldn't walk. In fact, he hadn't been able to walk for a really long time. Let's read our story and find out what happened when Jesus came by the pool and spoke with the lame man."

Bible Story: Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Lame – John 5:1-18

PARENTS:

This lesson is paraphrased and in story form. The scripture references are listed above if you choose to read directly from the Bible. We encourage you to open the Bible either way you choose to share this lesson.

Jesus went to Jerusalem and stood by a pool called Bethesda (buh THEZ duh). Many sick people were lying by the pool. Some could not see, others could not walk, and some were paralyzed. Jesus saw a man who could not walk. The man had been there a long time. Jesus asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

The man answered, “Sir, I have no one to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up. Someone else always gets in before me.” The man thought if he could get into the water, he would be able to walk again.

Jesus said, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.” Right away, the man was healed. He picked up his mat and started to walk.

This happened on the Sabbath, so the Jews told the man who was healed, “It is against the law to pick up your mat on the Sabbath.”

The man said, “The man who healed me told me to pick up my mat and walk.”

“Who was the man?” the Jews asked. But the man who was healed did not know who had healed him. By this time, Jesus had slipped away into the crowd.

Later, Jesus found the healed man in the temple area. Jesus said to him, “See, you are healed. Now stop sinning so that something worse doesn’t happen to you.”

The man went to tell the Jews that Jesus had healed him. So the Jews tried to stop Jesus because He was healing people on the Sabbath. Jesus told them, “My Father is always working, so I am working too.”

Now the Jews hated Jesus even more. Not only did He break their rule about not working on the Sabbath, He was saying that He is God’s Son. Jesus is God’s Son, and He always did what God said was right.

Review Questions:

- Who did Jesus meet by the pool? (*a man who could not walk*)
- What did Jesus do for the man? (*Jesus healed the man.*)
- Why were the Jewish leaders angry with Jesus? (*Jesus broke their rule about not working on the Sabbath day and said that He is God’s Son.*)

Christ Connection – (all stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus)

“The man at the pool needed help. Jesus healed him, and he obeyed Jesus. We are sinners who need Jesus’ help. Jesus wants us to trust in Him. Jesus can free us from sin so we can follow Him and obey Him.”

Bible Activities pages:

- Access: **4 years – 1st Grade Activity pages 6-14-20** online.

Missions Moment:

Say:

“God healed a friend of missionary Amy Carmichael in a special way.

- Read “A Special Healing” below:
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A Special Healing

Amy had a very special friend named Arulai (AH-roo-lie). Amy loved her like a daughter. Arulai had come to live with Amy when she was just 12 years old. Arulai became part of the ministry to help other children.

One day, Arulai started to feel bad and got very sick. Everyone was very worried about her. She continued to get sicker and sicker. Amy and other friends cared for her day and night. A doctor came to see Arulai, but he told Amy that he wasn't sure that Arulai would live. Amy was heartbroken, even though she knew that Arulai would be with Jesus.

Amy prayed and prayed that God would perform a miracle and heal her friend. Amy prayed for three months that Arulai would be healed. One day, Amy realized that Arulai was getting better! She thanked God as she watched her friend get stronger and stronger. Everyone was amazed at how God healed Arulai.

Say:

“God answered Amy's prayers and healed her friend. Missionaries pray for God to heal people and that people will love and follow Jesus. We can do that too!

- Say a prayer asking God to heal and save people, but also thank God for the work missionaries (like Amy Carmichael) do.

Prayer:

“God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sins. We love You and want to obey You. Help us to show others Your love and to share with others that Jesus died to rescue them from their sins too.”