

THE HEALING AT THE POOL

John 5:1-15

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¹Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. ²Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “**Do you want to get well?**”

⁷“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸Then Jesus said to him, “**Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.**”

⁹At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘**Pick up your mat and walk.**’”

¹²So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “**See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.**” ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Jesus ask the man who could not walk?
5		2.) What did Jesus tell the man to do?
5		3.) What did the man do?
5		4.) Why do you think Jesus told the man to stop sinning or something worse might happen to him?

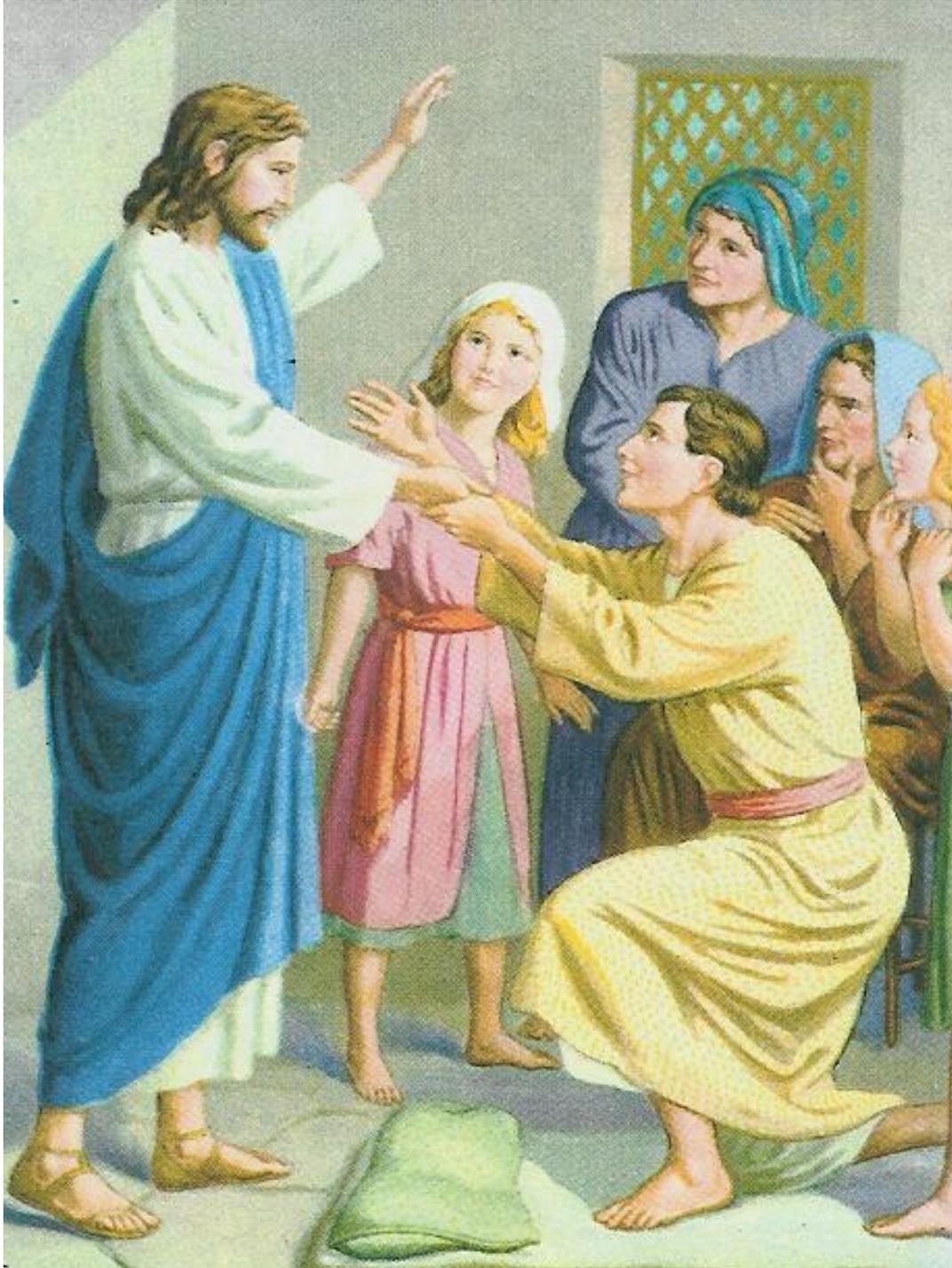
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning...”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Corinthians 15:34</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Jesus tells the crippled man to pick up his mat and walk

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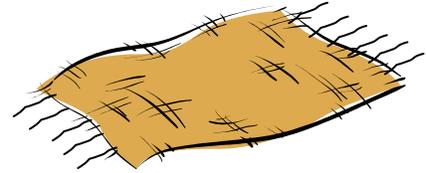
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: MATS

Students will make mats to remind them that Jesus healed a man that was crippled.

MATERIALS

1. Felt
2. Yarn
3. Glue
4. Sequins (optional)



DIRECTIONS

1. Cut felt into rectangles (approximately 4" x 5")
2. Cut pieces of yarn (approximately 1 1/2" long)
3. Let children glue the pieces of yarn to two ends of the felt to look like fringe.
4. Glue sequins to the mat for color (optional).

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are gluing the pieces of yarn to their "mats", remind them that Jesus healed him simply by telling him to get up and walk. Later Jesus told the man to stop sinning or something worse may happen. Help students realize that sin is worse than being sick or crippled because it makes our heart sick. When Jesus healed the man, he was concerned about the man's physical *and* spiritual health.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

"Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning..."
1 Corinthians 15:34

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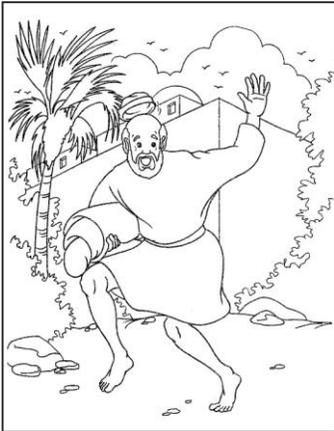
Jesus healed many people. Choose the right word for each sentence and then read about a man who had waited a long time to be healed.

1. Jesus went to _____ for a special Jewish feast.		a. New York b. Jerusalem c. California
2. In Jerusalem there is a pool with five covered porches. The pool is called _____.		a. Bethzatha b. the Healing Pool c. Waterland
3. There was a man _____ there who had been sick for 38 years.		a. running b. jumping c. lying
4. Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be _____?"		a. rich b. well c. happy
5. The sick man answered, "Sir, there is no one to help me get into the _____."		a. school b. car c. pool
6. Then Jesus said, "Stand up. Pick up your _____ and walk."		a. mat b. crutches c. suitcase
7. And immediately the man was _____.		a. worse b. well c. worried

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In Jerusalem, there was a very special pool that disabled people used to go to. Some of the people were blind, lame, or paralyzed. This pool could make the people well.

One man had been sitting by the pool for 38 years. He could not walk. Jesus saw the man and asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

“Sir,” the man said, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

Jesus told the man, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once, the man was healed. He picked up his mat and walked.

Some Jews that were watching were upset to see the man carrying his mat on the Sabbath. On the Sabbath people were not supposed to work. Carrying a mat was considered work. The Jews wanted to know who told the man to pick up his mat and walk.

Later, Jesus saw the man in the temple and told him to stop sinning or something worse may happen to him. The man left and told the Jews that it was Jesus who healed him.

For more details, please read John 5:1-15 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus ask the man who could not walk?
2. What did Jesus tell the man to do?
3. What did the man do?
4. Why do you think Jesus told the man to stop sinning or something worse may happen to him?

MEMORY VERSE

“Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning...”
1 Corinthians 15:34

TRUE OR FALSE?

- T F A special healing pool was in Jerusalem.
- T F One man had been sitting by the pool for 22 years.
- T F Jesus told the man to get up and walk.
- T F The man was healed and began to walk.
- T F The Jews were glad to see the man walking.
- T F Jesus told the man to stop sinning.