

This Sunday!

16th May 2020



Story: John 5 v 1-9

Theme: Jesus heals at pool of Bethesda

Disabled people used to gather around the Pool of Bethesda because the water was said to help heal those with physical problems. One of these was a man who had been an invalid for 38 years. He could not even get to the water and had lost all hope. Jesus told him to pick up his mat and walk. That is exactly what the man did!

Activity 1: Bible Story

In the city of Jerusalem there was a pool of water called "Bethesda". It was a beautiful pool with porches built around it so that people could sit and rest. Sometimes the water in the pool was very calm. But sometimes the water would bubble up.

Many sick people liked to go to the Pool of Bethesda. Some were blind or paralysed. Others could not walk. They came to the pool and waited for the water to bubble up. People believed that if they touched the bubbly water before it stopped bubbling then they would be made well.

One day Jesus passed by the pool and saw one of the men lying down beside the pool all alone. He noticed that the man was very sad so he stopped to talk to him.

The man could not stand or walk because his legs did not work properly. He was sad because he had been unable to walk for thirty-eight years. Every time the water bubbled up the man tried to get to it and touch it but he could not. He was also sad because he had no friends to carry him to the pool. Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to get well?"

The man told Jesus that he really wanted to get better but there was no one to carry him to the bubbly water. He was very sad. He thought that no one cared that he was sad.

But Jesus cared that the man was sad! He listened to the man and then he said something very surprising: "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

As soon as Jesus said this to the man the man was cured. For the first time in thirty-eight years he was able to stand up. He did just as Jesus said and picked up his mat and walked.

The man was so excited that he did not even notice Jesus slipping back into the crowd. People asked the man who had made him well. The man could not answer because he did not even know the name of the man who had healed him.

Later he saw Jesus at the temple and Jesus told the man to always be good. He was so happy to see Jesus. He was happy to see the man who had made him well.

Activity 2: Bible Video

Now show them the story on video through this link & talk through the following Questions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1cykPOiMuY>

Review Questions:

1. Why was the lame man lying alone beside the Pool of Bethesda? Waiting to touch the bubbly water and be healed.
2. Why was the lame man beside the pool so sad? He could not get to the bubbly water in time to be healed.
3. What did Jesus say to the lame man beside the pool? "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

Activity 3: Craft

Things you will need:

Paper
scissors
coloring pen/ pencils
Glue(if you would like to stick you man to your mat)

- split your piece of paper in to two half's one side will be your mat the other side your person.
- you might need some help with drawing your person but why try and draw round a toy figure
- on the other side of the paper draw a rectangle as big as your person
- now let color them in. what color will you choose
- once you have finished coloring its time to cut them out (you might need some help)
- optional you can stick you man to your mat

Activity 3: Bible Memory Verse



Activity 4: Worship

Use the following links for **NEW** Glo Kids worship videos

https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids_online/all-through-history/

https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids_online/deep-cries-out/

https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids_online/city-on-a-hill/

Activity 5: Prayer

Use this opportunity to pray together. Think about thanking Jesus that he loves us whatever we do. Is there anyone YOU know that needs healing? Pray for them now