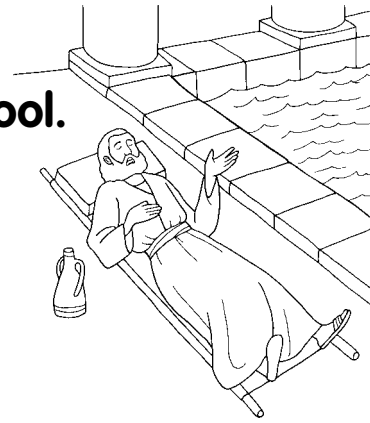


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☆Let's Talk

SAY Jesus went to the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem.

ASK Look at the picture. *What did Jesus see there?*

SAY Jesus saw a man lying by the pool who could not walk. Like the other sick, blind, and crippled people there, he waited for the water to bubble up. Everyone believed that the first person to get in the pool when the water moved would be healed of any sickness.

ASK *What do you think Jesus said to the man?*

SAY Jesus asked the man if he wanted to get well. Then Jesus healed him. The man got up, picked up his mat, and walked away. Later on, Jesus saw him at the temple and told the man to stop sinning or something worse might happen to him. Now the man knew that it was the Lord Jesus who had made him well. Jesus is God the Savior. He has power to heal and to forgive sins!

☆Let's Play

Have the children line up at one end of the room. At the other end of the room, spread a large **blue beach towel or blanket** on the floor to represent the pool of Bethesda. Stand by the blanket to lead *Race to the Pool*. At your command, children try to be the first to get to the pool as they *walk quickly* across the room. Then have them line up once again. Continue the game by calling out a different action. For example, children can *run* to the pool, *jump* to the pool, *tiptoe* to the pool, and so on. Play continues until several or all children have had an opportunity to be the first to reach the pool.

☆Let's Do and Say

Put a number of **first-aid objects** in a **bag**. Let children take turns pulling an item from the bag and telling what the item is used for. When everyone has had a turn, talk about how Jesus healed people in ways that medicine, doctors, nurses, and parents cannot.

☆Let's Pray

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you that you have power over everything because you are God. We pray for those who are sick and ask you to help them. Please forgive our sins, and help us to trust and obey you. In your name we pray, Amen.