



Lesson Four

Jesus Heals a Man at the Pool

Heart Preparation & Bible Background



Bible Truth

God the Son heals a lame man and tells him to stop sinning.

Scripture

John 5:1–15



Lesson Focus

Only God can make sick people well.

Goals for the Children

- Learn that Jesus healed the lame man to show that he is God.
- Learn that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God their Savior.
- Thank God that he has power over everything.
- Pray for those who are sick.



Memory Minute

Review Acts 10:38

Jesus . . . went around doing good.

What was the invalid thinking and feeling as he lay among the sick and disabled by the pool of Bethesda? His situation seemed sad and hopeless. He wanted to be well but had no way to get to the water when the healing spring bubbled up.

It was to this man that God extended his mercy and grace and gave the gift of faith. “Do you want to get well?” Jesus asked. And the invalid responded by pouring out his troubles to the Savior whom he did not yet recognize or know.

So when Jesus told him to get up and walk, the man obeyed and was healed. Can you imagine his sense of joy, freedom and purpose as he picked up his mat and walked away from the pool that day? But Jesus had something greater to offer. . . .

Later on, he found the man at the temple and warned him to stop sinning and be reconciled to God, whose mercy heals and saves. The man, who had longed for physical healing, now found the source of spiritual healing as well. Then he went off and gladly testified that it was the Lord Jesus who had healed him.

Whatever your needs may be, the Lord Jesus is able and willing to help. He knows what you experience and the hidden condition of your heart. He may not always choose to remove problems, heal physical ailments or change circumstances, but he doesn’t leave his people alone, without his sustaining power or sovereign guidance.

What the Lord wants from his people is repentance, trust and obedience. He teaches us that in his loving hands, we are safe and protected.

And he wants us to rely on him for spiritually healthy hearts—hearts that love God and live in a way that please him.