



For Toddlers

Summer Theme: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues.

Early Childhood Essential: I am a sinner who needs Jesus.

Memory Verse: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” – John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: Jesus Calms the Storm (**Mark 4:35-41**)

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, children will hear of the miracle of Jesus calming the storm. Children will learn that only Jesus has the power to tell the wind and the rain to stop. This story is a great example of God’s protection over us. Jesus can do anything and our hearts thirst for his goodness.

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For Preschoolers

Big Idea: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues.

Early Childhood Essential: I am a sinner who needs Jesus.

Memory Verse: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” – John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: Jesus Heals on the Sabbath (**John 5:1-17**)

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, children will hear about Jesus’s healing at the pool on the Sabbath. Kids will learn that we have people to take care of us here on earth, but only Jesus has true power to heal, both our physical bodies and our sinful hearts. **I am a sinner who needs Jesus.**

Pre-Video Discussion:

What is the coolest water park or pool you have ever been to?

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I Wonder Questions (Post-Video):

I wonder...

What was so special about the pool in today's Bible story?

*An angel would come and swirl the water and then people could be healed in it.

Why did the man by the pool want to be healed?

*He wasn't able to walk.

Did Jesus use the pool to heal the man?

*No, Jesus alone can heal us.

Early Childhood Family Activity Idea: **Paper Heart**

First gather a piece of paper, some markers/crayons, scissors, and some band-aids. This activity has two parts:

1. Cut the heart out of the paper. On one side of the heart, draw/write things that need to be healed in your life. Talk about these things with your children and remind them that Jesus cares for them by healing their hearts. Then put a band aid over the things they drew to remind them of this.
2. Flip your heart over to the blank side and draw ways that you can care for others! There are lots of ways we can care for others, just like Jesus cares for us.

For Elementary

Topic:

Jesus heals on the Sabbath.

Lesson Overview:

The pool of Bethesda was known for its healing powers. People with all sorts of physical needs would go to the pool and wait for it to be stirred in order to be healed. In today's story, we hear of a man who encounters Jesus and asks for his help to get into the water. What Jesus does next is what everyone least expected - Jesus healed the man without the pool and healed on the Sabbath which was unheard of. In this story, we see that God cares for and protects his people, and that Jesus is one with the same authority as God.

Key Scripture:

John 5:1-17

Elementary Essential:

God is good: He cares for, protects, and rescues his people.

Memory Verse:

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." – John 7:37.

Intro Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/438206789>

Bible Story Video Link: *No video needed today.*

Follow-Up Activity: Act it Out

After reading the story in John 5:1-17, have members of your family act out the story. Have someone be the man who was healed, another person be Jesus, and other family members can play the Jewish leaders.

Post-Video Discussion Questions: First, read Luke 5:1-17

- **What miracle did Jesus perform in today's story?** (*Jesus healed a man who hadn't been able to walk for 38 years!*)
- **What did the man want Jesus to help with?** (*Getting near the water so the pool could heal him*)
- **Jesus didn't just care about the man's physical need but cared about his heart too. How do we know?** (*He told the man to stop sinning when they met later in the Temple*)
- **How does Jesus reveal his authority in this story?** (*He didn't use the pool to heal the man, he healed him on his own. He calls God his father and says he is like God and works all the time, including the Sabbath.*)

Extended Study for 4th and 5th graders:

Read John 5:1-17. Jesus healed a man's legs by the healing pool. In those days, people often went into the pool for healing. Answer this question as a family, or write down your answer: What do you make of this passage when you realized that Jesus didn't use the pool to heal the man? What does this show us about the nature of Jesus and his power?