**Family Bible Fun!**

Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Lame

**Read the Bible Passage**: John 5:1-17 (Sit on beach towels in a circle or around a pool or pond as you tell this story. Have children pretend they are the man. Roll up the towels and walk when you get to that part of the story.)

**Watch Lesson** on David’s Church Web Page: davidscbc.org

**Memory Verse:** Luke 19:10 “The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Where was Jesus when He saw the man who could not walk? (the pool called Bethesda in Jerusalem)

2. How long had the man been unable to walk? (38 years)

3. What did Jesus tell the man to do? (Get up, take up your bed, and walk.)

4. Why did this seem like and impossible command to obey? (the man was lame and could not walk)

5. Why were the religious leaders upset at the man who was healed? (He carried his mat on the Sabbath and

broke their laws.)

**Going Deeper Questions:**

1. What can this Bible account teach us about Jesus?

2. What are some things we trust instead of trusting God? (ourselves, money, etc.)

3. How can we help each other to trust God more?

**Super “Dad” or Super “Mom” Moment:** The man beside the pool was lame and could not walk. (Here is a two minute video about the location: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5Bj1V8irUU>) He was stuck. He was trusting the wrong thing. He thought the water could heal him. Instead he needed to find out who Jesus was and trust Jesus.

In the same way, we are “stuck” in sin until Jesus comes to us. In our heart we hear that he has died for our sin and rose again, and we choose to trust him to save us from our sin.

**Prayer Time with Family:** Praise the Lord that He has the power to heal. Take turns thanking the Lord. Pray for anyone who is suffering.

**Family Activities:**

1. Weave a construction paper mat. Fold a sheet of construction paper in half and make five evenly spaced cuts from the folded side to one inch from the end. Use different colors of paper to cut 1.5 inch strips. Weave the strips through the sheet of paper.

2. Play follow the leader doing many activities with your legs. Have your family form a line. Follow each other and jump, hop, skip, run, etc. and talk about all the things the man could not do at the beginning of the story but could do after Jesus healed him.

3. The man in the story thought the water could heal him. Have a water play session outside or beside the bathtub with funnels, measuring cups, and other household items. Talk about how the water did not heal the man, but Jesus did.

4. Use sidewalk chalk to make a hopscotch board on your sidewalk or driveway. Play as a family. Practice saying the. Bible verse before each person’s turn.

If you did some family activities, we would invite you to share them by emailing them to me at jsnyder@davidscbc.org.