

TEXT	BIG PICTURE QUESTION
Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Lame. John 5	Why did God create people? God created people to love Him and give Him glory.
MAIN POINT	MEMORY VERSE
Jesus healed a man who could not walk.	Isaiah 53:5b The punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

BELONG

Play time

Gently press your child's feet onto a washable ink pad or paint and then gently let him bounce or step across heavy-weight paper. Wipe his feet immediately. SAY: Jesus healed a man who could not walk. People were upset that Jesus healed the man, but God created people for His glory. Gather paper in several colors. Tear the paper into smaller pieces and scatter on the floor. Call out a color. Tell your child that when you say "pick it up", he should pick up a piece of paper of that color. Play until all the paper pieces are picked up.

Introduce the story

SAY: I had so much fun playing with you! Today we will hear a story about Jesus. Jesus saw a man who could not walk lying by a pool. The man had been there a long time because he could not put himself in the pool. Jesus told the man to get up, pick up his mat, and walk. All of a sudden, he was healed! Then the man did what Jesus said. Jesus healed a man who could not walk. Like that man, when we trust in Jesus and obey Him, He frees us from sin so we can follow Him.

BECOME

Tell the story

Play the video from wearecentral.org/kids or summarize the story.

Do it

Give your child a ball of Play-Doh and a rolling pin. Show them how to roll the it flat and then use a craft stick to trim the dough into a mat shape. Offer your child plastic people figures to use to play out the Bible story of the man picking up his mat and walking. SAY: Before he met Jesus, the man lay on a mat hoping to get into the pool that he thought would help him. All people need the kind of help that only Jesus can give. Jesus wants people to trust in Him so He can free them from sin.

As they are working, discuss the following:

- What did Jesus do for the man that the man could not do for himself?
- What does Jesus do for us that we cannot do for ourselves?
- Whom did the man who couldn't walk have faith in?

Optional printable activities are attached.

BEYOND

Learn it

Go over the memory verse with your child several times. Repetition is the key to learning!

"The punishment (wave your index finger from left to right)
that brought (open both hands in front of you as if presenting a gift)
us peace was on Him, (show peace sign with your index and middle finger)
and by His wounds (point to the middle of your palms with middle fingers)
we are healed." (make two fists in front of you to show how strong you are)
Isaiah 53:5b (open your hands like a book)

What Is Hiding?

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the key as a guide to find and circle the hidden items.



Preschool Activity Pages

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Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Lame

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus healed a man who could not walk.
- The man picked up his mat and walked like Jesus told him to do.
- The religious leaders were angry that Jesus healed on the Sabbath and said He was God's Son.

KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 53:4-5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did God create people? God created people to love Him and give Him glory.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What did Jesus do for the man that the man could not do for himself?
- What does Jesus do for us that we cannot do for ourselves?
- Whom did the man who couldn't walk have faith in?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- If possible, go swimming in a pool as a family. Review the Bible story as you swim.
- Plan a day of intentional Sabbath rest as family. Read Mark 2:23-28. Talk about what Jesus meant in verse 27.



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