



3rd - 5th

October 29-30, 2016

DATE

Pools of Bethesda.

LESSON TITLE

John 5; Jeremiah 29:13

WHERE TO FIND IT

When you meet God, you find healing.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Next weekend is the last lesson of the Real Encounters with God series, and the week after that (Nov 12-13) kids will get something really special to help them and their friends explore God's story with their families at home! **Make sure to tell kids to invite their friends that weekend so they can be a part of it!**

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them what's taped on their marbles!

large group heads up

Today we'll see how Jesus healed a sick man in a very unlikely place, and we'll see that Jesus can bring healing to us too—inside and out.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

HOSPITAL TAG

**Keep kids in one large group.*

- Choose a location around the edge of the room to be the “**hospital.**” Set up **4 chairs** to designate where the hospital is.
- Choose one player to be the **tagger**, and one player to be the “**ambulance driver.**”
- The tagger will go around and tag people. Whenever you're tagged, you have to lay down on the ground as if you're “sick.” (If kids want to have fun with it, they can act like their sick or hurt, with coughing, complaining, etc.)
- The ambulance driver will go around the room to pick up sick people and take them to the hospital. They have to be touching the sick person the whole way back to the hospital, and they can only take one person at a time.
- When you're in the hospital, you have to do **10 jumping jacks** before you can go back out and play the game.
- After 5 minutes, tell everyone to freeze and then choose 1 more tagger and 1 more ambulance driver. Then let kids resume the game, now with 2 taggers, and 2 ambulance drivers!

TALK ABOUT IT

- What does it feel like when you're sick or hurt?
- What does it mean to be healed?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how Jesus healed the sick man at the Pools of Bethesda, (2) recognize that Jesus wants to heal us too, inside and out, and (3) worship Jesus in response to his healing.

Why? Since we live in an imperfect world, we can never be whole on our own. Only Jesus can heal us, but we have to be willing to ask for it!

Tip: Make an example of the marble craft beforehand so kids will know how it looks once they're finished!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why did the man at the pool need to be healed? (He had been sick for 38 years and couldn't walk anymore.)
2. What did Jesus do when he saw the man? (He asked if he wanted to be healed, and then he healed him. He also saw him later at the temple, and told him to stop sinning and follow him.)
3. Why does Jesus have the power to heal us? (Jesus has God's power; we also call that the Holy Spirit.)
4. What way do you want to be healed? (Encourage kids to think of inward struggles as well as outward struggles.)
5. What can we do when we experience healing? (Worship Jesus, thank him and spend time with him.)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Give each kid a **"Jesus heals" image** and **scissors**. Have them cut the image out (along the dotted line.)
- Tell kids to think of one thing they either **have been healed from, or that they want healing from**. Tell them write it on the back of their "Jesus Heals" image (They'll probably only have room to fit one word.)
- Give each kid a **marble** and have them **tape** their image onto the flat side, so that the "Jesus heals" image appears magnified through the marble.
- Tell kids to set this somewhere they can see everyday, so they're reminded of how Jesus wants to heal us and make us whole, no matter what we're dealing with.

Extra time? Play another game of hospital tag!

special notes

Jesus heals us inwardly and outwardly; both are equally important. Remind kids that healing doesn't just apply to sickness or outward hurt; it applies to how we feel and think too.

presenter tips

You can find today's video at crossroadskidsclub.net/weekend.

script

WELCOME AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and actively worship.

Notes:

***Click to play intro music.**

- **Welcome:** Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. We're so glad to have you here! Great job to our taggers, and especially to our ambulance drivers for taking people to the hospital!
- **Ask:** Why did some of you have to go to the hospital in the first place? (Let kids respond.) Yep, you had to lay down when you got tagged, and the only way to play again was to go to the fake hospital!
- **Say:** Raise your hand if you've ever been sick with the flu or a fever in real life. (Let kids respond.) Okay, raise your hand if you've ever broken a bone. (Let kids respond.) How about stitches? Has anybody had those? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, we've all gotten sick or hurt from time to time; sometimes it takes just a few days for us to feel better, and sometimes it can take weeks or even months!
- **Say:** Today we're going to talk about someone who was sick for 38 years! Can you imagine feeling that way for so long? You would probably try to do anything you could to get better.
- **Say:** Before we talk more about that, let's watch a clip from the movie ET. Has anybody seen it? (Let kids respond.) Well in the movie, there's a boy who's found a funny little alien who needs a home, so he keeps him in his closet!

WHAT'S HEALING?

Main Goal: Use a movie clip to illustrate healing and what it means.

Notes:

THE POOLS OF BETHESDA

Main Goal: Understand why people went to the pools to be healed, even though it sounds a little strange!

Notes:

- **Say:** As you'll see in this clip, the boy learns that this alien has some really special powers.
- **Video: E.T. / Ouch!**
- **Ask:** So what happened to the kid? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he got hurt and cut his finger on a saw. But what did E.T. do? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he simply touched the boy's finger, and it was healed!
- **Ask:** What does it mean to be healed? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, it's when your sickness or injury is taken away completely. Can you be healed on the inside too? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, we just just suffer on the outside, we might go through pain or sadness or anger, and that's something you can't see on your body.
- ~~**Say:** In that movie, ET and his powers are a made-up story. But today, we're going to see how Jesus actually healed people in real life. There was nothing fake about it.~~
- **Say:** In our modern world, what do we usually do when we're sick, like with a bad cough? (Let kids respond.) Yep, we might take medicine, or go to the doctor's office.
- **Image: Medicine/Doctor**
- **Say:** How about a hundred years ago? How do you think people tried to cure their coughs? (Let kids respond.) One popular way was to drink syrup made from *snails*! Eww!
- **Image: Snail Cure**
- **Say:** Sounds kind of weird, huh? The thing is, back then, they didn't know as much about medicine or sickness, so they tried some pretty weird things. And if we go back even further to Jesus' time, there were even stranger ways to try and feel better. One of the those ways was to get in a special pool called the Pool of Bethesda. Now when WE think of a pool, we might think of something like this, right?
- **Image: Modern Pool**
- **Say:** That's not really how pools looked back then, though. They looked more like this.
- **Image: Ancient Pool**
- **Say:** So, what do pools have to do with healing and getting rid of sickness? Well the Pool of Bethesda was supposed to be special. People thought that it could cure them if they got in it. Do you think it actually worked though? (Let kids respond.) Nope. it was kind of like the snail syrup; it was just a fake story.

JESUS HEALS A SICK MAN

Main Goal: Use a God's Story video to show how Jesus brought healing to a sick man.

Notes:

- **Say:** Let's watch a video about what happened when Jesus decided to visit the Pools of Bethesda. As you watch, pay attention to what really causes the sick man to be healed.
- **Video: God's Story / Pools of Bethesda**
- **Ask:** So where did the healing come from in that story? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, it came from Jesus's power! When the sick man met Jesus, that's when he was cured, not because he went to a special pool.
- **Ask:** What do you think that sick man was feeling before he met Jesus, when he had been sick for 38 years and couldn't even use his legs anymore? (Let kids respond.) Probably sad, hopeless, and in pain.
- **Ask:** What do you think he felt after he met Jesus, and was healed of his sickness? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, I bet he felt joy, excitement, hope, and peace! I know I would!

A REAL MIRACLE IN A REAL PLACE

Main Goal: Visualize what the Pools of Bethesda were like as a real place where Jesus did a real miracle.

- **Say:** Now even though this story took place a few thousand years ago, you can still go and visit the actual Pools of Bethesda today! It's *still* there! (Play the following video as you continue talking about the pool.)
- **Video: Pools of Bethesda**
- **Say:** It's kind of hard to tell now, but there used to be water that filled up this space. Over the years, the water dried up, and different buildings were built and then torn down. But you can still walk on the ground that Jesus himself walked on. A real place where he did a real miracle. It might have looked like this.
- **Image: Jesus Heals**

JESUS CAN HEAL ANYONE

Main Goal: Emphasize that Jesus loved and ministered to everyone, no matter who they were.

- **Say:** So let's imagine the pools, and there are lots of people around who are sick and in pain. (Play the following video loop while you continue talking.)
- **Video: Flowing Water**
- **Say:** They have no hope, and no other options but to come here and try to get healing from the pool...and then Jesus walks up.
- **Ask:** Do you guys think Jesus or his friends went to this place a lot? (Let kids respond.) No, they didn't. It was really only for sick people who believed the water had powers. So why do you think Jesus went? (Let kids respond.)

HEALING INSIDE AND OUT

Main Goal: Understand that to Jesus, inward healing is just as important as outward healing.

Notes:

- **Say:** Yep, Jesus didn't just hang around people who were like him. He wanted to spend time with people who *didn't* know God yet. He wanted to show love to those who were suffering, sick, and poor. The people who needed healing more than anyone!
- **Ask:** Jesus asked the sick man something first, does anybody remember what it is? (Let kids respond.) He asked, "Do you want to get well?" That might seem kind of weird, but sometimes Jesus doesn't want us to just wait around hoping to be get better. He wants us to come to him and ask for it.
- **Say:** After that, Jesus healed the man, but not just in the way we might think. First, he healed him physically, on the outside. But what was the other way he healed the man? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, he healed his heart too. He told the man to stop sinning, and start following God instead!
- **Say:** Jesus wants to do the same thing for us. He wants us to be whole, but that doesn't just mean healing our bodies. It means healing our sadness, or anger, or whatever we're dealing with on the inside. This goes back to the verse we've been learning for a few weeks. Let's read it together.
- **Slide: Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.**
- **Ask:** So if we want to be healed, and follow Jesus, what do we need to do? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, we have to seek him out and find him, with our whole heart! Now, Jesus might not always heal us right away. But he will give us what we need, in the time that we need it.

RESPONSE TIME

Main Goal: Let kids actively respond to the Holy Spirit.

Notes:

- **Say:** Now when we're healed by Jesus, should we just forget about it? (Let kids respond.) No way! When we're healed, it's a time for worshipping and celebrating Jesus for what he's done! We're going to watch a video right now that tells us a bit more about what it means to worship and spend time with God.
- **Video: Context / Worship**
- **Say:** Worship is our way of showing Jesus how thankful and excited we are that he uses his power to heal us. When we worship God, we spend time with him, and get to know him better.

RESPONSE TIME

Main Goal: Let kids actively respond to the Holy Spirit.

- **(Click to show an image/quick video of God's Story 365)** In a few weeks, you'll have a chance to get something really special that will help you spend more time with Jesus, just like we did in that worship video. It's a tear-off calendar all about God's story. It can help you get to know God better every single day! Make sure to invite your friends, so they'll have a chance to get one too!
- **Say:** Okay, right now, let's spend some time asking Jesus for healing. Right now, think of one way that you want Jesus to heal you. You might need to be healed outwardly, like with sickness. Or you might need to be healed inwardly, of sadness or loneliness or anger. Whatever it is, think about it right now.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Close the lesson with prayer and worship.

Notes:

- **Say:** Now let's pray together and ask Jesus to heal us.
- **Pray:** Jesus, we ask you with our whole hearts to heal us right now, and make us whole. We know you're the only one who can bring real healing, and we love you so much. Amen!
- **Say:** I think now is the perfect time to worship and celebrate Jesus for everything he's done, and everything he's going to do!
- **Music Video: I'm Yours**
- **Music Video: More Like You Are**

Dismiss kids to small groups.

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per room: 4 chairs

small group supplies

Per group: scissors, clear tape

Per kid: 1 “Jesus heals” image (Color, cardstock 12 images per page, Page 10), 1 glass piece (Michaels.com: Ashland Decorative Fillers, Jumbo Gems)

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

Per kid: none

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: E.T. / Ouch (0:00-1:35; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGA_uH0-n28)
3. Image: Medicine/Doctor (put both images on 1 slide)
4. Image: Snail Cure
5. Image: Modern Pool
6. Image: Ancient Pool
7. Video: God’s Story / Pools of Bethesda (in progress)
8. Video: Pools of Bethesda (0:45-1:36; no sound; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8lcLxS98Zk>)
9. Image: Jesus Heals
10. Video: Flowing Water (0:00-1:00; make repeating; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0Qk-tsGY5Q>; overlay with sound from this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEB38Wme3m8>)
11. Slide: Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.
12. Video: Context / Worship (in progress)
13. Music Video: I’m Yours (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPEYRxuE2IA&feature=youtu.be>)
14. Music Video: More Like You Are (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzLAlrfOslo&feature=youtu.be>)
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connect questions

How did Jesus heal the sick man?
How does Jesus want to heal us?

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