

Lesson 2	:	Sick for Thirty-eight Years
Bible Story	:	Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man in Bethesda
Lesson Scripture	:	John 5:2-14
Teaching Aids	:	Video clip/big pictures for the Bible story, CoD (Clearing of Difficulties) names and words written on separate sheet or cardboard, chalkboard/whiteboard or laptop computer, notebooks and pens for students, activity pages for enrichment, costumes for your kids <i>(if you plan to have a dramatization)</i>

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1. **We can be healed because of our faith in Jesus and His precious blood on the cross.**
 2. **Our faith comes from Jesus Christ our Great Healer.**
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By the end of this lesson, the students should be able to:

1. identify the place where Jesus healed a paralyzed man;
 2. tell the belief or folklore in Bethesda;
 3. recite SoF#2 with interest.
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For children aged 8-12 years old

"We believe that Jesus Christ is the Great Healer of the body and soul through the precious blood on the cross."

For children aged 4-7 years old

"We believe that Jesus Christ is the Great Healer of the body and soul."

1. Singing of Praises and worship (short songs only)
2. Opening Prayer
3. Greetings and Roll Call
4. Welcoming newcomers and introducing them to your class
5. Review of Last Sunday's Lesson. Recall the Bible story about the confessions of Peter and John the Baptist.

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1. **folklore** – a common belief or myth in a community or town
 2. **Bethesda**– also called *Bethsatha*; a pool with 5 porches located in Jerusalem; well-known for the myth that when an angel comes down to stir the waters the sick who comes to it will be healed.
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Ask the students about the stories they can remember about the miracles of Jesus.

*For bigger children, read to them the story in John 5:2-14. I suggest that you call one or two students to read the story to your class.

*For smaller children, tell the story at their level of understanding.

Bible Story:

"Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man in Bethesda"

In Jerusalem by the sheep market, there is a pool with five porches. They call this pool "Bethesda". In Bethesda are many sick people—blind, withered and lame. A folklore was known that an angel at a certain season went down the pool and stirred the waters and the sick people will receive healing when they dip into that pool. The diseased men would wait for the moving of the water.

A certain man was there who was paralyzed for thirty-eight years. Jesus was there too and found this paralyzed man lying and waiting for someone to bring him into the pool. Jesus asked him if he wants to get well. But the man complained that nobody brings him down the pool. Jesus commanded the man to rise up and take his mat. Suddenly, the man was healed!

Life Application: Kids, sometimes, we may experience getting sick like catching a flu, cough or fever. We can pray and ask Jesus to heal us because we believe that He is our Great Healer.

Teacher, allow your students to recite this statement of our faith a couple of times. See to it that each student can recite well.

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Ask the following questions:

1. In today's lesson, what is the name of the place where Jesus healed a paralyzed man?
2. What is the folklore or common belief in Bethesda?
3. Recite SoF#2.

Craft Time:

Dramatization: Try the Reader's Theater for kids!

Teachers may write a short script for this activity depending on the level of your pupils.