



UNIT 22 | SESSION 3 | June 20-21, 2020

## Elementary Parent Guide

# Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Lame

**Bible Passage:** John 5

**Story Point:** Jesus healed a man who could not walk.

**Key Passage:** "Yet he himself bore our sicknesses ...; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds." Isaiah 53:4-5

**Christ Connection:** When we trust in Jesus, He frees us from the power of sin and death so we can follow Him and obey Him.

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the discussion questions. Check out the [Younger Kids Activity Page](#) for K-1<sup>st</sup> or the [Older Kids Activity Page](#) for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

## ACTIVITY OPTION 1: IMPOSSIBLE COMMANDS

(No Supplies Needed)

Invite the kids to stand on one side of the room. Stand on the opposite side, facing them. Ask them to obey all the commands you will give. Proceed to give them commands that are impossible to obey. See the suggested commands below or make up your own.

- Jump into the air and wait 10 seconds before letting your feet hit the ground.
- Count to 15 million.
- Rub your belly, pat your head, and clap your hands all at once.
- Balance on one foot for a whole day.

After a minute or two, stop the game and ask kids about ways they might be able to obey the commands using special tools or technology. Be prepared to help kids come up with solutions to the impossible commands.

**SAY** • When Jesus said, "Pick up your mat and walk," it probably sounded like an impossible command. How could a man who could not walk obey such a command? The answer is with Jesus' power. **Jesus healed a man who could not walk.** When Jesus commanded the man to walk, He also gave the man the healing power to be able to obey. Jesus commands His people not to sin, and He died on the cross and rose again to give us the power to obey.

## ACTIVITY OPTION 2: KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

(Paper Bag, Note Cards or Paper Strips)

Write the key passage phrase on note cards or paper strips and place in a paper bag.  
Read the key passage aloud together. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

“Yet he himself bore our sicknesses ...; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds.”  
Isaiah 53:4-5

Have your child pull a card/strip from the bag and place it on the table or floor. Have them choose another card/strip and place it before or after the first card/strip, leaving room for other cards/strips if it does not immediately precede or follow the existing phrase. Allow kids to continue to pull and arrange the cards/strips until the words of Isaiah 53:4-5 are in order. Then read the key passage aloud together.

**SAY** • Jesus is the Servant the prophet Isaiah wrote about. He suffered for us, so we could be healed. **Jesus healed a man who could not walk.** When Jesus commanded the man to walk, He also gave the man the healing power to be able to obey. Jesus commands His people not to sin, and He died on the cross and rose again to give us the power to obey.

## DISCUSSION

(Bible)

Open Bibles to John 5 and explain that John wrote his Gospel so that people would believe that Jesus is the Son of God.  
Read aloud John 5:8-9.

**SAY** • Jesus went to the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem and healed a man who could not walk.

Discuss the following questions.

**Why did Jesus heal the man who was lame?** *Recognize that the man did not ask for healing. He had been disabled a long time and seemed hopeless. The man did not even recognize Jesus, but Jesus showed compassion to the man and healed him—instantly and completely. The man experienced Jesus’ power. Help kids realize that Jesus does not always heal people; sometimes His plan for someone involves sickness. But we can trust that Jesus is always working for His glory and our good (Romans 8:28).*

**How does Jesus give hope to sinners?** *Recall that the man at the pool was unable to help himself. Jesus healed him, and he obeyed Jesus’ commands. In a similar way, we are unable to free ourselves from sin. Jesus calls us to trust in Him. When we trust in Jesus, He frees us from the power of sin and death so we can follow Him and obey Him (Psalm 71:5).*

**What do Jesus’ healing miracles teach us about God’s kingdom?** *Point kids to the words of the prophet Isaiah about how the world would change when the Messiah comes. Isaiah said the Messiah would make the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the mute sing. God’s kingdom is one of restoration and healing. He shows His grace through healing today. We look forward to the day when Jesus returns and makes all things new (Mark 1:15).*

## REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Pray as a family and ask the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

## CONNECT

[\(Younger Kids Activity Page – K-1<sup>st</sup>\)](#), [Older Kids Activity Page – 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>\)](#)

Download the Kids Activity Page and encourage your child to do it at home with you this week.