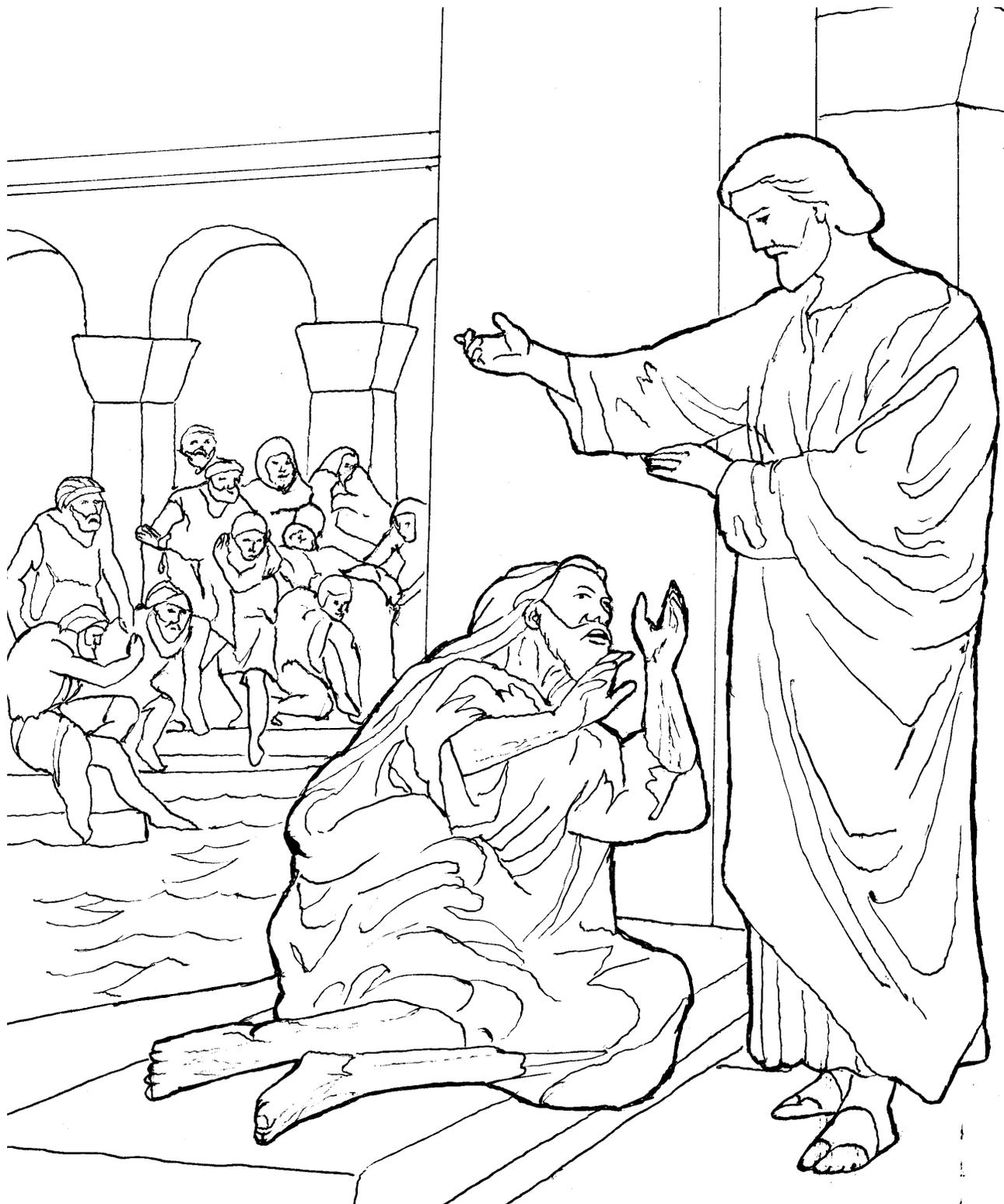


Jesus Heals the Man at Bethesda

John 5



The Story

There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem there was a pool called Bethesda. It had five porches around it. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water. Then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

Now a certain man was there who had a sickness for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there Jesus knew that the man had been sick a long time.

He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am coming, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

Immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. That day was the Sabbath.

Some of the Jews said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is against the law for you to carry your bed."

He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

But the man did not know who had healed him.

Afterward Jesus found the man in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Jews were angry with Jesus and accused Him of breaking the Sabbath law and calling God His Father. They wanted to kill Jesus.

Jesus answered the Jews and said, "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

Jesus also told them that whoever hears God's Word and believes will receive everlasting life. Jesus told the Jews He was doing His Father's will. He knew that these Jews did not believe any of this and though they had the writings of Moses, they would not believe Moses' words or Jesus' words.

Jesus took away the man's sickness and revealed Himself as the Son of God.

Jesus takes away my sins and reveals Himself through the Holy Scriptures.

Activity One - Review the lesson by matching the questions with the answers.

1. ____ What was wrong with the man at the pool of Bethesda?
 2. ____ Why is there sickness?
 3. ____ Who healed the man?
 4. ____ Why did the enemies want to kill Jesus?
 5. ____ Where do we find out that Jesus is the Son of God?
- A. The enemies wanted to kill Jesus because he healed on the Sabbath and He called Himself the Son of God.
 - B. We find about Jesus in God's Word, the Bible.
 - C. Jesus healed the man
 - D. He was sick.
 - E. There is sickness because of sin.

Activity Two - Trace each child's path to find out where they hear about Jesus.



Passages

John 5:39 - You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

2 Timothy 3:15-16 - And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Hymn - TLH #290 v. 1, 4

We have a sure prophetic Word
By inspiration of the Lord;
And tho' assailed on ev'ry hand,
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure
The teachings of the Word endure.
Blest he who trusts this steadfast Word;
His anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Prayer

Dear Son of God,

You have saved us from our terrible sickness of sin. Please help us to study the Scriptures and be strengthened in the knowledge of Your work of salvation. Lead us to praise You in thanksgiving, now and in eternity. In Your Name. Amen.