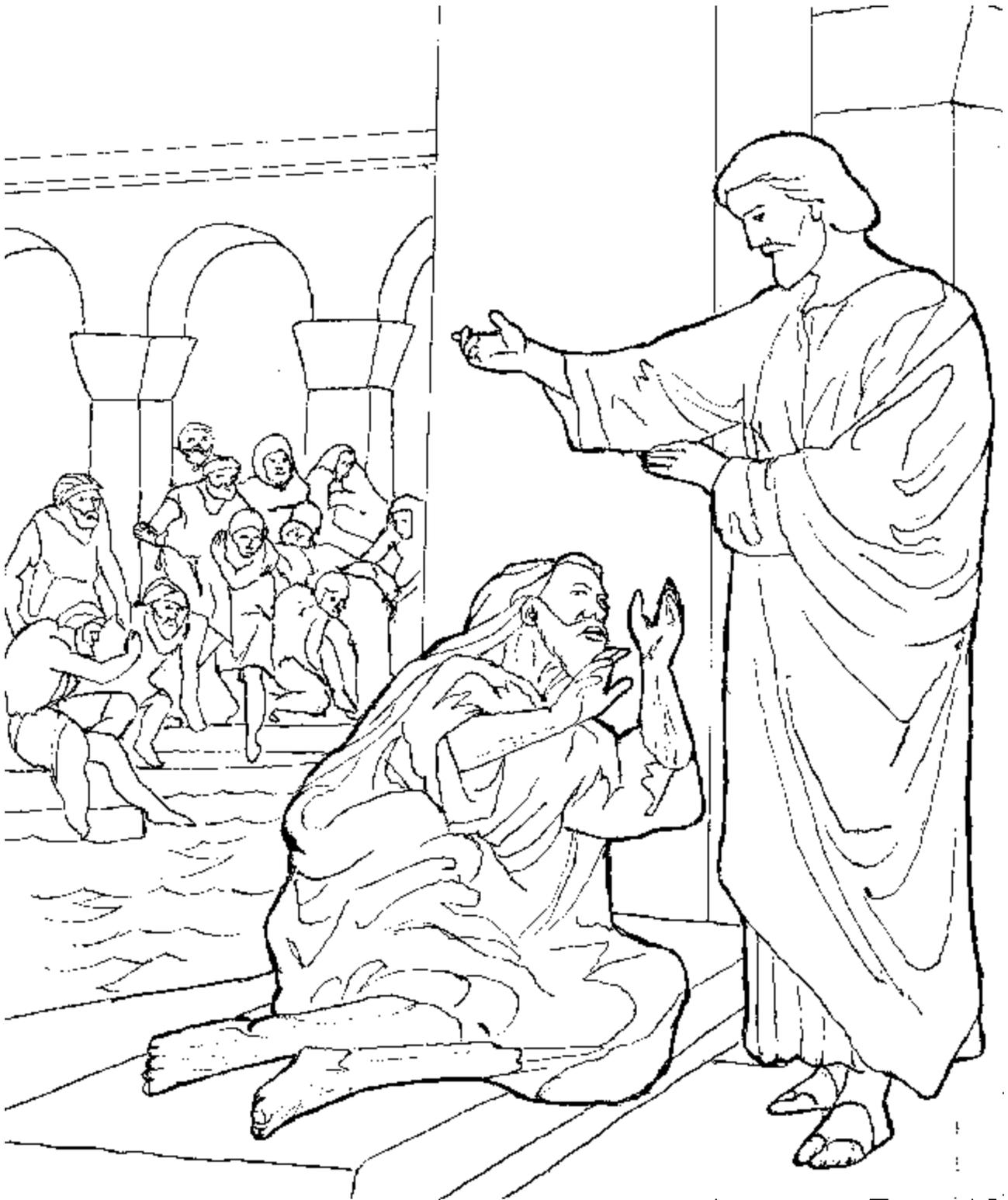


# Pool of Bethesda

John 5



## The Story

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

In Jerusalem, there was a pool called Bethesda, which means House of Mercy. It had five porches around it. In these porches lay many sick people. They were blind, lame, paralyzed or very sick. These people came to Bethesda because, at a certain time, an angel went down into the pool and stirred up the water. Whoever first stepped into the water after the angel stirred it, was cured of their illness.

One of the sick people at the pool was a man who had been sick for 38 years. When Jesus saw him lying there Jesus knew that the man had been sick a long time.

Jesus said to the man, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am trying to get there, another steps down ahead of 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 the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is against the law for you to carry your bed."

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

Then the Jews 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 of calling God His Father. The Jews wanted to kill Jesus.

Jesus answered them 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, receives everlasting life. He told them He was doing His Father's will. Jesus knew that these Jews did not believe anything he said. He was sad because, even though they had the things Moses had written, they didn't believe Moses' words nor the word of the Son of God.

***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 discussing the following questions. The answers are in italics below.

1. What was wrong with the man at the pool of Bethesda?
2. Why is there sickness in the world?
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?

Answers:

1. *He was sick.*
2. *There is sickness because of sin.*
3. *Jesus healed the man*
4. *The enemies wanted to kill Jesus because He healed on the Sabbath and He called Himself the Son of God.*
5. *We find out about Jesus in God's Word, the Bible.*

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



## Passage

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

## Hymn - TLH #290 v. 1

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

## 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.