



# 3PK

February 13-14, 2016

DATE

Matt's friends bring him to Jesus

LESSON TITLE

Luke 5:17-26

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can share Jesus with our friends.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**  
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

## tips

Encourage kids to clean by making cleanup time a game! Tell kids you're going to count to ten and see who can clean up the fastest, or have them pick up five toys as fast as they can. You can also turn on some music and have kids race to clean up by the time the song is over.

## check-in/out

Ask kids what it means to be healed, and who has the power to do it!

## large group heads up

Today's story is about a man who asked Jesus for healing in a very unexpected way! Jesus helped the man by healing him...and he wants to help us too!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line kids up.
- Tell kids that some of us are going to sit, and some of us are going to stand (*Have the first half of the line sit, and the second half of the line stand.*)
- Next, tell kids that we're going to practice helping each other. Each kid who is standing has to go find a kid who is sitting; then they have to help them by holding their hand and pulling them up.
- Let kids alternate helping each other up (the kids who stood first now get to sit and have others help them up.)
- After everyone has had a turn helping and being helped, line kids up again. If there's time before Large Group, ask kids what ways they help others at home, at school, on the playground, etc.

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) understand how Jesus healed a man and (2) identify how Jesus wants to help us too.

**Why?** Jesus can do miracles—and he loves it when we trust him enough to ask him for help.

**Tip:** Today's activity will require some space! Clear an open area so you can spread out the parachute for kids to hold.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why did the man in today's story need help? (he couldn't walk)
2. Who did he want to ask for help? (Jesus)
3. When he got to the house Jesus where was, there were TONS of people. What did this guy's friends do to get to Jesus? (they cut a hole in the roof and lowered him down)
4. When Jesus saw the guy coming down from a hole in the roof, what did he do for Matt? (he helped him; he healed his legs so that he could walk)
5. What will Jesus help us with? (Anything! If kids are old enough, talk about some specific ways Jesus can help us, like when we're scared/sad/angry, when we are hurt, when we don't how to do something, etc.)

### ACTIVITY

- **SAY:** Jesus wants to help us ANYTIME! Let's play a game to remind us that we can ask Jesus for help no matter how we feel.
- Have kids gather around a **parachute**. Follow the steps below to help kids understand that they can ask Jesus for help anytime.
- For each of the first 4 steps, **bounce a different ball** separately in the parachute. Then put them all together! Help the kids make balls bounce up and down in the parachute.
- Try these variations:
  - "Happy" (1<sup>st</sup> ball): Jesus helps me when I'm happy! (cheer and laugh as you bounce the ball around)
  - "Sad" (2<sup>nd</sup> ball): Jesus helps me when I'm sad... (pretend to cry "boohoo" or "waaah" while you bounce the ball)
  - "Scared" (3<sup>rd</sup> ball): Jesus helps me when I'm...scared! (Say "Aaaaah" or "oh no!" as you bounce the ball)

- “Angry” ball (4<sup>th</sup> ball): Jesus helps me when I’m mad (say “grrrrr” as you bounce the ball around)
- ALL 4: Jesus helps me...ANYTIME! (Throw all of the balls in the center and make it a free-for-all. See how long you can keep them bouncing!)
- Put the “happy” ball in the center and, using the parachute, roll the ball toward the kids, one by one. When it reaches a kid, call out “Jesus helps \_\_\_\_\_ (name)!”

***Extra time?*** Have kids do a coloring sheet. After that, play hot potato with the balls! Have kids sit in a circle, and pass around one ball while you play music. When the music stops, you DON'T want the ball in your hands! After a few rounds, add another ball, and have kids pass both balls around the circle at the same time. Keep adding balls to pass around, and stop the music periodically.

## special notes

We have a video for today's story, but the setup is really important. Be dramatic when you describe the guy who can't walk. It'll help kids see just how amazing it was that Jesus was able to help him.

## presenter tips

Here's a link to today's story. Look it up beforehand and get a feel for the story. That way you'll be prepared for kids before they arrive!

<https://vimeo.com/58300379>

## script

### \*Click to play intro music

Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

### Video: HOPS: Have fun!

(Holding up the Bible for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible".) That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan.

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. And it was all GOOD. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)

But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—could be close to God again! Do you know who the rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!) That's right! Jesus!

### INTRO: A MAN NEEDED HELP

Today, we're going to hear a story about somebody who asked Jesus for help. If you've ever needed help before, raise your hand up high! (Let kids respond.) Me too. I need help all the time! In the Bible, there was a guy who REALLY needed some help. We'll call him Mat, because his name isn't in the Bible. Matt needed help because he couldn't walk. (**Spread the sheet of tear-off paper on the stage or floor and sit on it.**) Because he couldn't walk, he sat



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on a mat all day. He couldn't go anywhere because his legs weren't strong enough. (Pretend to be struggling to make your legs work.) So guess what he decided to do...he decided to ask Jesus for help! (Stand up.) He knew that Jesus could do anything. Let's all say, "Jesus can do anything!" (Repeat out loud with kids.)

There was a problem. (Act sad and downcast.) Jesus was far away, and Matt didn't have any way to get to him! Matt didn't have a wheelchair, or crutches, or any way to move. There weren't any cars back then either. Can you show me your sad face? (Let kids respond.)

Guess what? Matt didn't stay sad, because some of his friends came and picked up his mat...while he was on it! They carried him all the way across town to find Jesus. Can you pretend like your carrying someone heavy? Let's pretend to show our muscles to see if you're ready to carry something heavy. (Let kids respond.) Good job! Mat was really excited to ask Jesus for help. He knew that Jesus could do anything, even heal his legs! Let's all say, "Jesus can do anything!" (Repeat out loud with kids.) Good job.

## JESUS HEALS THE MAN

We're going to watch a video about what happened when Matt and his friends went to find Jesus. As you watch, try to figure out if Jesus was able to help him.

### Video: God's Story / Jesus Heals a Man

So did Jesus help this guy? (Let kids respond.) YES, he sure did! When Mat finally got to the place where Jesus was, there was no way to get inside. So his friends cut a hole in the roof! Can you all look up at our roof right now? (Look up with kids.) Can you imagine if somebody cut a hole, and dropped down into our room right now? That would be crazy! And that's exactly what Mat did. When Mat finally asked Jesus for help, Jesus was glad to heal him, because Jesus can do anything. Let's all say, "Jesus can do anything!" (Repeat out loud with kids.)

## JESUS WANTS TO HELP US

Since Jesus can do ANYTHING, he wants to help us, too. Just like he helped Mat!

- **(Click to show *scared kid image.*)** If we need help when we're scared, can Jesus help us? (Let kids respond, "Yes!")
- **(Click to show *sad kid image.*)** If we need help when we're feeling sad, can Jesus help us? (Let kids respond, "Yes!".)
- **(Click to show *hurt kid image.*)** If we get hurt, can we ask Jesus to help us feel better? (Let kids respond, "Yes!")
- If we need help doing something really hard, can Jesus help us? (Let kids respond, "Yes!") That's right. Jesus can help us with ANYTHING, just like he healed Mat's legs.

## PRAY (Break it down into small, repeatable phrases)

Hi God! Thanks for helping us! We love you! Aaaaaaaa-MEN.

## WORSHIP

Jesus loves when we ask him for help. Let's all stand up and sing songs to show Jesus how much we love him, and how glad we are that he helps us.



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**Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage**

**Music Video: Come With Me**

**Song: Trust in the Lord** (extra song if you have time left over)

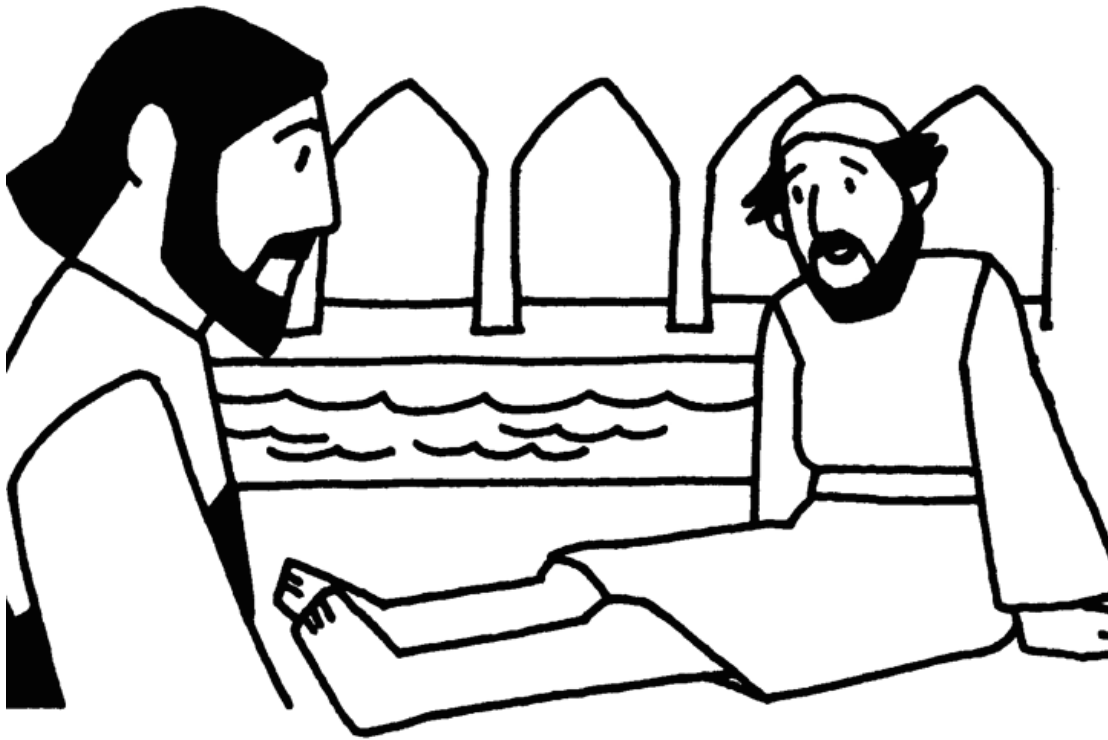
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Helping Game - No supplies needed

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## small group supplies

**Per group:** Bible, markers, 1 parachute, 4 beach balls (Can be any shape, color or size. (OT: IN-13639832)

**Per kid:** Mat coloring page

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## large group supplies

**Per Group:** Bible, 1 large tear-off sheet of paper

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## 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. HOPS: Have fun! (<https://vimeo.com/25767958>)
3. Video: God's Story / Jesus heals a man (<https://vimeo.com/58300379>)
4. Image: scared kid
5. Image: sad kid
6. Image: hurt kid
7. Music Video: Be Strong Take Courage (motions) (<https://vimeo.com/144037020>)
8. Music Video: Come With Me (<https://vimeo.com/49923933>)
9. Song: Trust in the Lord (KC & SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)

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## connect questions

How did Jesus help the man in today's story?  
How can Jesus help us?

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