



3rd - 5th

DATE January 26/27, 2019

STORY Pools of Bethesda

BIG IDEA

Jesus can heal us.

NEXT STEP

Ask Jesus for healing.

NEED TO KNOW

Invite your friends to Superbowl services, next weekend, **February 2-3!** You can also bring them to serve with you in Kids' Club as a first time volunteer!

MAIN VERSE

John 5

Isaiah 40:29 He gives strength to those who are tired. He gives power to those who are weak.

SCHEDULE

FREE TIME Connect with kids as they arrive and have free play (10 minutes)

LARGE GROUP Introduce today's big idea and story (15 minutes)

GAME TIME Reinforce the big idea through an active game (10 minutes)

COOL DOWN TIME Transition and cool down from game time (10 minutes)

LARGE GROUP Wrap up today's big idea and respond through worship (10 minutes)

SMALL GROUPS Personally connect with kids and apply the story to their lives (15 minutes)

LARGE GROUP

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TIME: 15 minutes

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SUPPLIES: None

VIDEO:

- E.T. / Ouch!
(0:00-1:35;
<https://bit.ly/2anMD6x>)
- God's Story / Pools of Bethesda
(<https://bit.ly/2qwyGqs>)

NOTES:

SET UP EXPECTATIONS

- **Say:** Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad to have you here! We want this to be a **safe** and **fun** place for you. To do that, let's all commit to doing a few things:
 - Show respect to each other
 - Listen when someone else is speaking
 - Have fun!

INTRODUCE THE BIG IDEA

- **Say:** Today, we're talking about a time when Jesus *healed* someone. Does anyone know what it means to "heal"? (Let kids respond.) It's when you become better after being sick or hurt.
- **Say:** Sometimes, you might be healed after taking medicine or going to the hospital. But when Jesus healed people, he did it through his power alone! And he has the power to heal US too. So here's today's BIG IDEA: **Jesus can heal us.**
- **Say:** Let's watch a clip from the movie ET. In the movie, there's a boy who's found a funny little alien who needs a home, so he keeps him in his closet! As you'll see in this clip, the boy learns that this creature has some really special powers.
- **Video: E.T. / Ouch!**
- **Ask:** So how did E.T. heal his friend? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he simply touched the boy's finger, and the injury disappeared! In that movie, E.T. and his powers are a made up story. But today, we're going to see how Jesus healed people in real life.

THE POOLS OF BETHESDA

- **Say:** In Jesus' time, they didn't know as much about medicine, so they tried some strange things to help them feel better. One of the those ways was to get in a special pool called the Pool of Bethesda. Do you think it actually worked though? (Let kids respond.) Nope, it didn't have any real power to heal people.
- **Say:** Let's watch a video about what happened when Jesus decided to visit the Pools of Bethesda. As you watch, pay attention to what really causes a sick man to be healed.
- **Video: God's Story / Pools of Bethesda**
- **Ask:** So where did the healing come from in that story? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, it came from Jesus's power! When the sick man met Jesus, that's when he was cured, not because he went to a special pool.
- **Say:** Jesus didn't just heal the man in this story; he healed people everywhere he went! And it's all because he has God's power, and can do things that only God can do.

SET UP GAME TIME

- **Say:** Let's do an activity to help us remember that **Jesus can heal us.** We'll have some fun pretending to be injured, and then getting healed!



GAME TIME AND COOL DOWN

GAME TIME

TIME: 10 minutes

BIG IDEA: Jesus can heal us.

SUPPLIES:

VIDEO: 10-Minute Countdown Timer

PREPARE

- Start the **10-Minute Countdown Timer**
- Keep kids in **one large group**.

HOW TO PLAY

- Choose one kid to be **IT** and one kid to be the **HEALER**.
- “It” will walk around and try to tag people on their legs or arms. Whatever body part gets tagged, you “lose” and can no longer use. *(So if you get tagged on your arm, put your arm behind your back. If you get tagged on your leg, you have to hop on one leg. If you get tagged on another leg, you have to sit down and crawl.)*
- The healer can go around tagging people who have lost the use of their arms and legs, and “heal” them so they can use those body parts again.
- Some things to remember:
 - Tell kids that they can only **WALK**. If they run, then you have the power to come tag them too, and they lose the use of a body part!
 - If your room is especially rowdy, restrict kids’ movement to only one area of the room (instead of letting them go behind chairs, under tables, on the stage, etc.)
 - Adapt the game as needed, depending on the size and energy of your group.

COOL DOWN TIME

TIME: 10 minutes

BIG IDEA: Jesus can heal us.

SUPPLIES:

- Scenario page (1/group)

VIDEO: 10-Minute Countdown

PREPARE

- Start the **10-Minute Countdown Timer**.
- Stay in **small groups**.

ASK:

- Have you ever been sick or injured? Talk about it.
- What do you think that sick man was feeling before he met Jesus, when he had been sick for 38 years?
- What do you think he felt after he met Jesus, and was healed of his sickness?
- Can you be healed on the inside too? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, we just suffer on the outside, we might go through pain or sadness or anger, and that’s something you can’t see on your body.

DO:

- Read the “scenarios” from the **scenario page**, and let kids respond by saying how each scenario shows Jesus’ healing. It might not be very obvious at first how Jesus is present in each scenario, so encourage kids to listen closely!



LARGE GROUP

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TIME: 10 minutes

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SUPPLIES: None

VIDEO:

- 10-Second Countdown Timer
- This is Amazing Grace (bit.ly/2SRZO6s)
- Listen (<https://bit.ly/2PLi6Yk>)

***SPECIAL NOTE:** Before dismissing kids to small groups, remind them that next weekend, February 2-3, is Super Bowl weekend! It's going to be an extra-special experience they won't want to miss, so encourage them to come back, and invite their friends to come with them!

TRANSITION STRETCH

- **Say:** Let's take a minute for ourselves, and do a special stretch: stretch your feet out straight in front of you, and touch your toes for 5 seconds!
- **Play the 10-Second Countdown Timer**

JESUS HEALS US INSIDE AND OUT

- **Ask:** Does anyone remember our big idea? (Let a kid share it with the group.) Yep: **Jesus can heal us!** And at the Pools of Bethesda, Jesus healed a man, but not just in the way we might think. First, he healed him *physically*, on the outside. But what was the *other* way he healed the man? (Let kids respond.) He healed his heart too! He told the man to stop sinning, and start following God instead!
- **Say:** Jesus wants to do the same thing for us. He wants us to be whole, but that doesn't just mean healing our bodies on the outside. It means healing our sadness, anger, or loneliness. It means helping us through really hard things that we can't do on our own.
- **Say:** Let's read a verse from a book in the Bible called Isaiah. It shows us that Jesus wants to spend time with people who need his help. Can I have a few volunteers read this? (Give 2-3 kids a chance to each read it aloud to the group.)
- **Slide: Isaiah 40:29 He gives strength to those who are tired. He gives power to those who are weak.**

RESPONSE TIME AND WORSHIP

- **Say:** Now, sometimes, we might want Jesus to heal us as FAST as possible, right? Jesus doesn't always work like that, though. He's the only one who knows what we really need, and sometimes, it takes time. But that's okay, because we can always trust that Jesus wants the very best for us.
- **Say:** Right now, let's ask Jesus to heal us. Maybe you have a physical injury or sickness that you want healing for. Or maybe there's something on the inside you need healing for. Whatever it is, think about it right now as we pray.
- **Pray: Jesus, we ask you with our whole hearts to heal us right now, and make us whole. We know you're the only one who can bring real healing, and we love you so much. Amen!**
- **Say:** I think now is the perfect time to worship and celebrate Jesus for loving us so much, that he wants to use his incredible power to heal us!
- **Music Video: This is Amazing Grace**
- **Music Video: Listen**



SMALL GROUPS

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TIME: 15 minutes (or until parent pick up)

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SUPPLIES:

- Band-aid template (1/kid)
- Markers

EXTRA TIME?

- Give kids **maze and word-search activity sheets** to work on until their parents pick them up.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- Go around the group and let **every kid** answer this question: If you had to give up one sense (sight, smell, taste, sound) what would it be?

RESPOND TO THE STORY

- Why does Jesus have the power to heal us?
- What way do you want to be healed? (Encourage kids to think of inward struggles as well as outward struggles.)
- How can we respond to Jesus when we experience his healing? (Worship Jesus, thank him and spend time with him.)
- Who is another person besides yourself that you want Jesus to heal?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- This week's next step is to ask Jesus for healing.
- Hand each kid a **band-aid letter template** and **markers.**
 - On the top of the page, there's a band-aid with the words, "Jesus can heal us." Then it has a space for them to write to Jesus about **what they want healing for.** They can ask for healing for something physical, or something that's on the "inside."
 - If kids can't think of something they need healing for, **encourage them to ask Jesus for healing for someone else**—a family member, a friend, etc.
 - Encourage them to write like they would a letter to a friend. They can also draw a picture!
- On the other side of the temple is today's **verse.** As a group, practice memorizing it! Have some kids repeat it on their own, or split the group into teams, and see who can memorize it the fastest.

PRAY

- Let kids pray for each other—have them partner up, and ask what would like prayer for. Then give them some time to pray!



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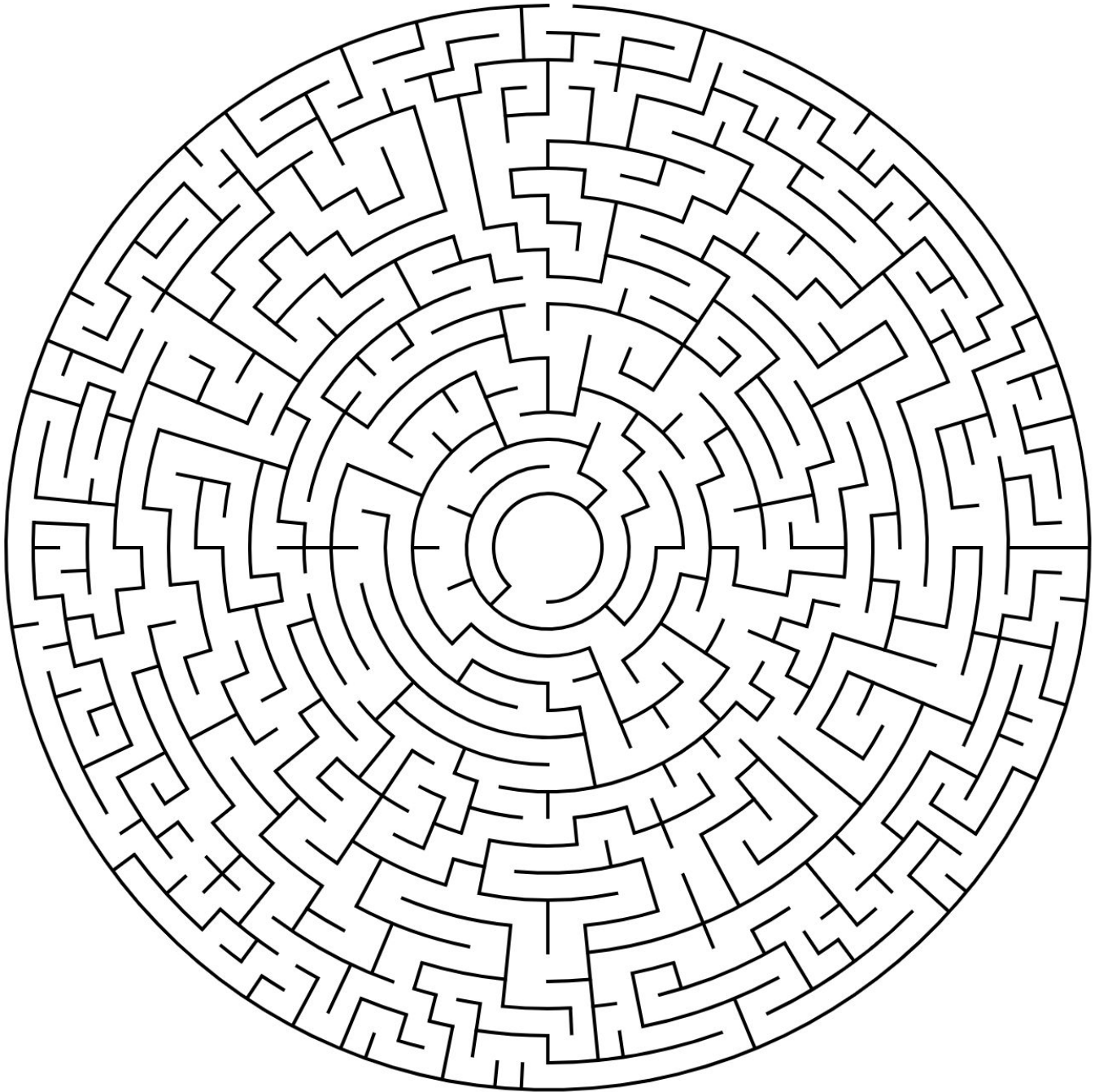
What does it mean to be healed?
Why can Jesus heal us?

lesson supplies

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Colored dot stickers	1 per kid	Provide enough colors for each group at a service to use a separate color. Staples: Avery 5472 or Avery 5795 or Avery 5473	site
Maze sheet - Pools of Bethesda	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 7	site
Word search sheet - Pools of Bethesda	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 8	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Scenario page	1 per group, reused	8.5x11 cardstock, black&white, Page 9 *Can use regular paper if using for only one service	site
Band-aid template	1 per kid	8.5x11 paper, color, cut into half sheets, double sided, Page 10-11	site

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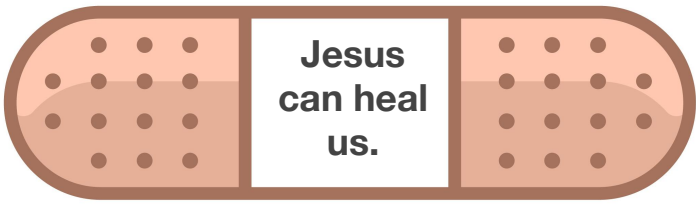
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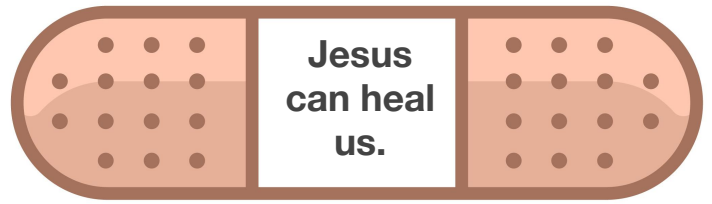
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SICK
WATER
WALK

Scenario page

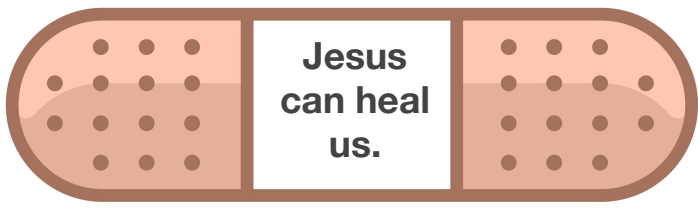
1. Tara has a bad sore throat and fever. She aches all over. Her mother takes her to the doctor. The doctor examines her and says she has strep throat. So the doctor gives her antibiotics to make her well. How did Jesus heal Tara?
2. Justin's dad died. Justin is very sad and misses doing things with his dad. Justin's uncle Bill spends time with Justin, playing video games and talking with him. Even though Justin still misses his dad, his Uncle Bill has helped him by showing him love, and being there for him. How did Jesus heal Justin?



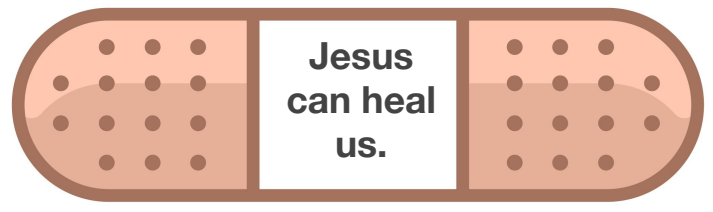
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A/V needs

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1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: E.T. / Ouch! (0:00-1:35; <https://bit.ly/2anMD6x>)
3. Video: God's Story / Pools of Bethesda (<https://bit.ly/2qwyGgs>)
4. Video: 10-Minute Timer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vn31KFenBlo>)
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7. Music Video: This is Amazing Grace (<bit.ly/2SRZO6s>)
8. Music Video: Listen (<https://bit.ly/2PLi6Yk>)