



K-2nd

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

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:

- Toy Story / Buzz Tries to Fly ([youtube.com/watch?v=EWLrTjG7te8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWLrTjG7te8))
- 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:** Before we talk more about that, let's watch a clip from the movie Toy Story! In it, a toy named Buzz Lightyear tries to fly, but it doesn't turn out like he wants it to. As you watch, figure out what way Buzz needs to be healed.
- **Video: Toy Story / Buzz Tries to Fly**
- **Ask:** I feel pretty bad for Buzz Lightyear. What does he need to get all better? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, he needs someone to help put his arm back. And sometimes, we feel like Buzz Lightyear, don't we? We all get hurt or sick sometimes!

THE POOLS OF BETHESDA

- **Say:** Back in Jesus' time, they didn't know as much about medicine or sickness, 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? Nope, it didn't have any power to heal people.
- **Say:** Let's watch a video about what happened when Jesus decided to visit the Pools of Bethesda. He meets a man who needs to be healed, just like Buzz Lightyear! As you watch, pay attention to what really causes the 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!
- **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

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SUPPLIES: None

VIDEO: 10-Minute Countdown Timer

TIP: If kids are in kindergarten, it might be easier to just have them act “injured” or “sick” when tagged, instead of a specific body part.

PREPARE

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

HOW TO PLAY

- Choose one kid (or a leader) 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

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SUPPLIES:

- Band-aids (1/kid)

VIDEO: 10-Minute Countdown

***SIGN LANGUAGE LINKS:**

- Jesus (<https://bit.ly/2FqbPij>)
- Can Heal (<https://bit.ly/2RDpna3>)

PREPARE

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

ASK:

- What do you think that sick man felt before he met Jesus? How do you think he felt after he met Jesus, and could walk again?
- Can you be healed on the **INSIDE** too? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, we might go through pain or sadness or anger, and that’s something you can’t see on your body.
- Let kid share (if they want) how they’ve been hurt (on the inside or the outside), then say to each kid, “I’m sorry you were hurt. Can I give you a band-aid?” (Then stick a band-aid on them somewhere.)

DO:

- Practice motions to go along with today’s big idea (see links):
 - **Jesus** (point one finger to your right palm, then point the other finger to your left palm; see link)
 - **Can heal** (put your palms flat on your chest, then make them into fists)
 - **Us** (point both thumbs to yourself)



LARGE GROUP

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TIME: 10 minutes

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SUPPLIES: None

VIDEO:

- 10-Second Countdown Timer
- Everything Belongs to God (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEUN8D-LNFw>)
- More Like You Are ([youtube.com/watch?v=CzLAlrfOslo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzLAlrfOslo))

***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: Everything Belongs to God**
- **Music Video: More Like You Are**

SMALL GROUPS

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TIME: 15 minutes (or until parent pick up)

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SUPPLIES:

- Heart template (1/kid)
- Band-aids (2/kid)
- Markers (1 set/group)
- Scissors (1 set/group)

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

- How did Jesus heal the sick man at the Pools of Bethesda?
- Why do you think Jesus has 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.)
- 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.
- Give kid a **heart image**, and set out **markers and scissors.**
 - Let kids **color and cut the heart out.**
 - Ask kids: How have you been hurt before—but not on the outside, on the inside? How has your “heart” been hurt?
 - When they come up with something, let them **rip the heart in half.**
- Next, tell kids that Jesus wants to heal our hearts, just like he heals sickness and boo-boos!
 - Give each kid **2 band-aids** to put the two pieces of the heart back together.
- Have kids **draw a picture** on the back of the heart, showing something that they want to be healed of. Make sure to explain it in simple terms: *If you're hurt or or sick, you can ask Jesus to make you better! Or if you FEEL bad, sad or angry, you can ask Jesus to heal you of that too.*
- If there's time, practice the motions to go along with today's big idea:
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PRAY

- Ask kids if there's anything they want you to pray for, and then pray as a group.



connect questions

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

lesson supplies

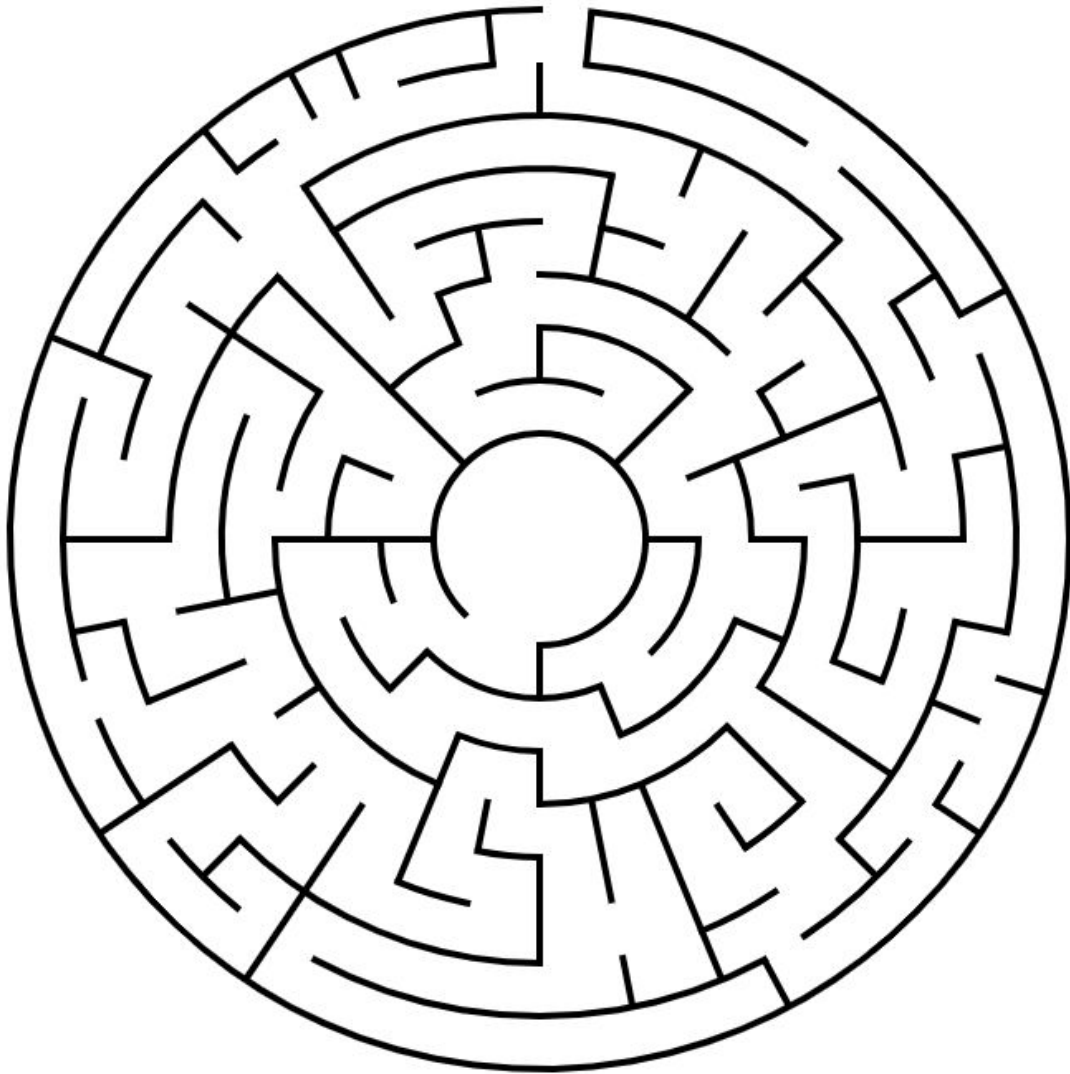
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Adventure Bible for Early Readers	1 per large group, reused	BiblesbytheCase.com	site

Small Group			
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Coloring page - Pools of Bethesda	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 7	site
Maze sheet - Pools of Bethesda	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 8	site
Word search sheet - Pools of Bethesda	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 9	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Scissors	1 set per group, reused		site
Band aids	3 per kid	Neon/Multi colored bandages	KC National
Heart template	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, black&white, Page 10	site

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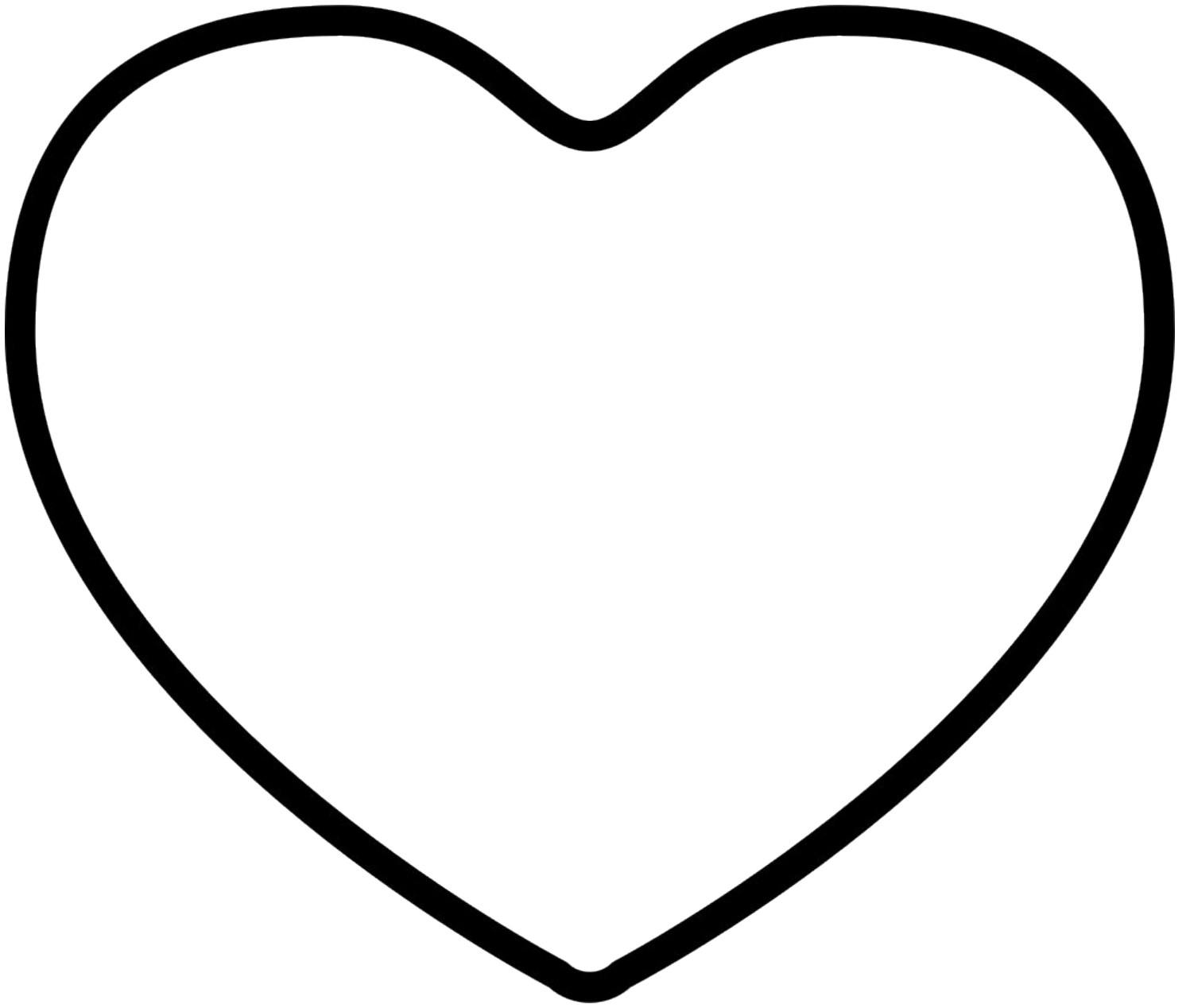
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1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Toy Story / Buzz Tries to Fly ([youtube.com/watch?v=EWLrTjG7te8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWLrTjG7te8))
3. Video: 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: Everything Belongs to God (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEUN8D-LNFw>)
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