



THE BOOK OF JOHN

JUNE 7 TODDLERS

REMINDERS

- As kids arrive, be sure they are engaged in an activity. For any sad toddlers, try to engage them as quickly as possible.
- Limit TV to 1-2 songs over the course of the service. Sing along with them! Be careful not to rely on screens for the whole morning.
- Coloring sheets are always available. Please watch closely to make sure crayons don't go in mouths.
- Remove name tags when they leave.

STORY & SNACK TIME

- About halfway through the service, gather the kids to pray and eat snack together.
- Read *Jesus Saves*. Talk about how much Jesus loves us and cares about each of us!
- Over the next several months, we will be going through the book of John. Some weeks we'll use *The Beginner's Bible*, and other weeks we'll use different books that highlight the theme.
- Not all kids will listen the whole time, and that's okay—still take time to read the story while they eat.

BIBLE STORY

John 5:1-18

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3-55**

OPENING OPTIONS (first 25 minutes)

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- Get Up and Walk Mat: Kids can decorate their paper mat. Remind them that Jesus said to “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”?

CLEAN UP SONG and BIBLE BOX

- About 25 minutes into the service, play clean up song and gather kids on carpet.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Pray on the carpet and head into snack time.

SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack as soon as they return
- Snack Discussion: How do you think man felt when he was healed? Remind kids that Jesus cared so much about this man and He cares so much about them too. He also has the power to do miracles!

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

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JUNE 7 BIBLE BOX

Hey friends, I'm so glad you came to church today!

I have a question for you! Do you like to go swimming in a pool? Thumbs up is yes - Thumbs down is no. Most of you like to go swimming in a pool!

Hold up Bible: There is a story in the Bible about a man who wanted to go swimming in a very special pool. It was a pool that could make sick people feel better. WOW!

Pour small amount of water into bowl. Let's pretend this bowl is a pool. The sick people waited for the water to get stirred up like this. *Use your finger or a spoon to stir it up.*

When the water was stirred up, it was ready to heal people. But there was a problem - only the first person in the pool got healed. Oh my, That was very frustrating!

There was a man who had been sick for a long time and he was always too slow to get into the pool.

One day, Jesus came to the pool and asked the man if he wanted to get well. The man said yes, but there was no one to help him get in the pool.

Jesus told the man to stand up and pick up his mat and walk.

And do you know what happened? HE DID!

He stood up, picked up his mat and walked away!

The man he did not have to get in the pool. Jesus healed him with his words. Let's all stand up and jump for joy! Thank you Jesus that you can heal us!



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JUNE 7 KINDER /1ST

OPENING OPTIONS

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- Get Up and Walk Mat: Kids can decorate their paper mat. Remind them that Jesus said to “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”?

WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up and prepare goldfish during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time. This volunteer should join the rest as soon as clean up and snack is set.

SMALL GROUP TIME (upon returning to your classroom, gather immediately on the carpet for small group time; you may not use all the questions, go through what you are able to)

1. Where did Jesus find the man who was sick? (At the pool of Bethesda which is where people who wanted to be healed would wait to get in the water)
2. How long had this man been sick and not able to walk? (38 years)
3. What question did Jesus ask the man? (Do you want to get well?)
4. Why do you think the man wanted help? (He couldn't walk and needed someone to help him.)
5. What did Jesus tell the man to do? (Get up, pick up his mat, and walk.)
6. How do you think the man felt after Jesus healed him? (Happy, excited, thankful, amazed... think about how you would have felt)
7. What does this story show us about Jesus? (Jesus cares and has power to heal)
8. Do you believe that Jesus cares as much about you as this man? (talk through how you can remember that, give your own personal examples)
9. In what areas do you need to trust Him that He cares about you and wants to heal you and give you hope? (they may not get very deep but help them to really grasp how much Jesus loves and cares for them; He's not a magic genie who make everything better, but He does truly want to care for and heal us)

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- Free play

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2ND-3RD**

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- Three Corners: Use the Trivia sheet to play a game of 3 corners (A, B or C)

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4TH-5TH**

OPENING OPTIONS

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- Story Wheel: Kids can color wheel and use a brad to put it together.

WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up the room during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time.

SMALL GROUP TIME (upon returning to your classroom, gather immediately on the carpet for small group time; you may not use all the questions, go through what you are able to)

1. Why do you think Jesus chose this one man out of all the sick people there? (We don't really know but we do know that Jesus knows people personally and cares deeply.)
2. What do you think life was like for someone who couldn't walk for 38 years? (Hard, lonely, dependent on others, think about if that had been you or if there was a time you had a broken leg or arm)
3. Why do you think the man gave excuses instead of immediately saying yes? (He may have felt hopeless or discouraged.)
4. What stands out to you about Jesus' words: "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!?" (Jesus spoke with authority and brought change.)
5. How is Jesus more powerful than the pool? (Jesus didn't need the water—He healed by His power.)
6. Have you ever waited a long time for something? How did you feel? (Connect the conversation to patience, trust, disappointment)
7. What does this story teach us about Jesus caring for people? (He sees us, knows us, and helps us.)
8. The religious leaders focused on rules instead of celebrating healing. Why can people sometimes miss what God is doing? (Sometimes we get wrapped up in the rules and forget to focus on what God is doing)
9. What is something you need Jesus' help with right now? (Invite honest sharing.)
10. In what areas do you need to trust Him that He cares about you and wants to heal you and give you hope? (they may not get very deep but help them to really grasp how much Jesus loves and cares for them; He's not a magic genie who make everything better, but He does truly want to care for and heal us)

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THREE CORNERS TRIVIA

1. Where did this story take place?
 - a. Nazareth
 - b. Jerusalem
 - c. Bethlehem
2. What was the name of the pool where the sick people waited?
 - a. Pool of Bethesda
 - b. Pool of Siloam
 - c. Pool of Galilee
3. Why did many sick people stay near the pool?
 - a. They liked to rest there
 - b. They believed the water could heal them
 - c. They lived nearby
4. Who came to the pool and saw the man lying there?
 - a. Jesus
 - b. Peter
 - c. John
5. How long had the sick man been waiting by the pool?
 - a. 8 years
 - b. 38 years
 - c. his whole life
6. What did Jesus ask the man?
 - a. "Do you want to get well?"
 - b. "Why are you here?"
 - c. "Who brought you here?"
7. What excuse did the man give Jesus?
 - a. "The water is too deep.
 - b. "I am afraid."
 - c. "I have no one to help me into the pool."
8. What did Jesus tell the man to do?
 - a. "Get up, pick up your mat, and walk."
 - b. "Pray and wait."
 - c. "Call for help."
9. What happened when the man obeyed Jesus:
 - a. He fell again
 - b. The crowd helped him
 - c. He was healed instantly
10. Why were some people angry that Jesus healed the man?
 - a. It was the Sabbath day
 - b. They didn't believe in miracles
 - c. The pool was crowded
11. Where did Jesus later find the man after he was healed?
 - a. At home
 - b. By the pool again
 - c. In the temple