



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of February 6, 2022: John 4:46-54 & 5:1-18

Memory Verse

John 5:8: Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

Prayer for Faith:

Dear God, thank you for being the one true healer. Help us to recognize that truth and to trust you sincerely. Thank you for your love. Thank you for Jesus! Amen.

Bedtime Blessing:

Sleep, my beloved
Rest through the night
May God be with you
Till dawn's morning light
Sleep, my beloved. Peace.

Meal Time Prayer:

Precious Lord, who blesses us more than we know. Bless this meal and the hands that prepared it, and keep us ever mindful of those in need. Amen.



The Story: 2 Healing Stories

Jesus Heals an Official's Son (John 4:46-54)

⁴⁶ Once more, Jesus visited Cana in Galilee. Cana is where he had turned the water into wine. A royal official was there. His son was sick in bed at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ The official heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea. So he went to Jesus and begged him to come and heal his son. The boy was close to death. ⁴⁸ Jesus told him, "You people will never believe unless you see signs and wonders." ⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰ "Go," Jesus replied. "Your son will live." ⁵⁰ The man believed what Jesus said, and so he left. ⁵¹ While he was still on his way home, his slaves met him. They gave him the news that his boy was living. ⁵² He asked what time his son got better. They said to him, "Yesterday, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the fever left him." ⁵³ Then the father realized what had happened. That was the exact time Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole family became believers. ⁵⁴ This was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.



Jesus Heals a Man at the Pool (John 5:1-18)

¹ Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish feasts. ² In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate is

Craft Corner

Get Well Cards (any age)

You will need: card stock (any color), markers, crayons, etc. stickers or other decorative additions. Instruct kids to fold card stock into a card and decorate front, perhaps add a message inside. Talk with kids about what it's like to be sick, other people being sick and how to care for them, etc.

Activity

Mat Weaving

You will need: there are a variety of materials that can be used to weave or make a mat. One would be a large piece of paper with slits cut along (but not to edges) and weave strips of other colored paper through. Other ways would be knotting plastic bags together or pieces of fabric. Google options for at home activity.



a pool. In the Aramaic language it is called Bethesda. It is surrounded by five rows of columns with a roof over them. ³⁻⁴ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie down. Among them were those who were blind, those who could not walk, and those who could hardly move. ⁵ One person was there who had not been able to walk for 38 years. ⁶ Jesus saw him lying there. He knew that the man had been in that condition for a long time. So he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" ⁷ "Sir," the disabled man replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when an angel stirs up the water. I try to get in, but someone else always goes down ahead of me." ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹ The man was healed right away. He picked up his mat and walked. This happened on a Sabbath day. ¹⁰ So the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath day. The law does not allow you to carry your mat." ¹¹ But he replied, "The one who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" ¹² They asked him, "Who is this fellow? Who told you to pick it up and walk?" ¹³ The one who was healed had no idea who it was. Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple. Jesus said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning, or something worse may happen to you." ¹⁵ The man went away. He told the Jewish leaders it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Authority of the Son

¹⁶ Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath day. So the Jewish leaders began to oppose him. ¹⁷ Jesus defended himself. He said to them, "My Father is always doing his work. He is working right up to this day. I am working too." ¹⁸ For this reason the Jewish leaders tried even harder to kill him. According to them, Jesus was not only breaking the law of the Sabbath day. He was even calling God his own Father. He was making himself equal with God.

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