

The Pool of Bethesda

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LEVEL 1 – THE POOL OF BETHESDA



Materials Needed

Shoebbox or “base”
Clay and tissue paper
Crayons or markers

Directions

Talk about the story with your child.

Discuss:

- ◆ What was the pool like?
- ◆ What were the surroundings like?
- ◆ Who was at the pool?
- ◆ How would the people be dressed?
- ◆ What happened at the pool?

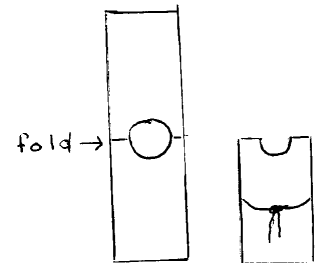
Making the scene

1. Use a shoebox turned on its side.

OR

Find something to use as a base (a piece of cardboard or cookie sheet lined with a brown grocery bag would work).

2. Tear blue and green tissue paper into small pieces.
Glue the pieces, overlapping them, on to the base to form the pool.
(or fill a shallow dish with water. You could add a little blue food coloring.)
3. Draw a pattern on the “walls” of the shoebox, and the area surrounding the pool to look like cobbles or stone.
4. Make figures out of clay to represent the Lord, the angel, the paralyzed man, and others.
Make columns and benches out of clay if you wish.
5. Your child may enjoy dressing each figure.
Cut a small rectangle of fabric. Fold it in half and cut a small hole for the head. Place it on the figure and tie it at the waist with a piece of yarn.



1. Arrange the figures around the pool.

The finished scene can be displayed, or your child can use it to act out the story by moving the figures while telling what is happening.