

Dramatize the Healing of the Man at the Pool of Bethesda

The purpose of this activity is to let the children experience some of the wonder of being someone with a physical disability that is healed by the Lord.

Materials: large square of blue silk

Procedure:

1. Teacher lays the blue silk on the floor in the middle of the room. It is the pool of Bethesda.
2. The teacher gives each child a different infirmity or affliction. For this activity, the children are to pretend that they have whatever affliction assigned by the teacher. For example, one child pretends to be blind, another has a broken arm, *etc.*
3. After reading the story from the Word (see John 5:1-15), start letting the children be healed. The teacher “troubles the waters” by jiggling the blue silk on the floor. She tells the children who gets to go to the pool and be healed. Repeat until all of the children have had a turn to be healed, *except* the paralytic who could not get to the water.
4. Finally, the paralytic is told by the Lord to pick up his bed and walk. Let the child playing this role stand up and walk.