

# “HEALING” - LESSON 1

## “Does God Still Heal?”

### Main Focus:

God is still in the healing business.



### Power Verse:

“...‘for I am the Lord who heals you.’” - Exodus 15:26



### Whatchagaddaknow:

“God Still Heals, And He Knows What I Need!”

## LEADER’S INFO

Jesus was a powerful man of miracles. While He was on Earth, Jesus did many miracles of healing. He healed the blind, the deaf, the lame, and more. The question is - “Does Jesus still heal people today?”

The answer is a resounding, “YES!” God’s power is still able to heal sickness, disease, and even emotional hurts and scars. Jesus is able to heal every issue we face.

In this lesson, the children will learn from the story of the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda. They will learn that Jesus knows exactly what we need, even before we ask.

Through this Bible Story, the children will be reminded that Jesus already knows what they need and is ready and able to heal them.



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“Does God Still Heal?”



### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### Character Skit

“Dr. Sniffs”



### Offering Time



### Game Time!

“Knock ‘Em Down”



### Bible Story

“Jesus Heals A Lame Man”



### Power Verse Video

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### Call To Action

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### Rewind!

Review Game



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## Lesson 1 Materials Needed:

### “The Spark” Intro Video

- “Does God Still Heal?”

### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video  
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

### Character Skit

- “Dr. Sniffs” Theme Graphic/Music

### Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

### Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video  
- “Knock ‘Em Down” Graphic  
- One pair of panty hose  
- Two tennis balls  
- Ten empty soda cans  
- Scissors

### Bible Story

- “Jesus Heals A Lame Man” Graphics

### Power Verse Video

- “Power Verse” Video

### Call To Action

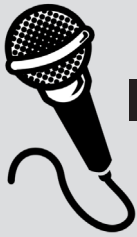
- “Does God Still Heal?” Graphics

### Rewind!

- “Rewind” Bumper Video  
- “Rewind” Lesson 1 Graphics

### Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Print Piece  
- Envelopes  
- Masking tape  
- A way to keep score  
- Healing Print Piece  
- Bibles  
- Pencils, crayons, or markers



## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Welcome to our series, “Healing.” How many of you have ever been sick? *(allow children to respond)* Being sick is the worst, isn’t it? You feel icky, tired, and, sometimes, even in pain.

How many of you have ever known someone who had a horrible disease - like cancer? *(allow response)* You feel so bad for the people you know and love when they are dealing with such a horrible disease.

Well, in this series, we are going to look at some really BIG questions about HEALING. We are going to look at what God’s response is when we are sick, hurting, or in need of healing.

Today we are going to tackle the very first question in our series. To find out what that question is, I want you to check out this video.

***(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 1”)***

**Leader:** Such a great question - “Does God still heal?” I mean, we know that God healed many people while Jesus was walking on the earth, but does He still have the power to heal the blind, deaf, crippled, and more? The answer is - “YES!” God’s power to heal is just as real today as it was back in the Bible days.

You’re going to learn all about that in your lesson today. But right now, I want you to meet my friend Boudreaux. He is going to teach you “Whatchagaddaknow.”

***(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Video)***



## **CHARACTER SKIT**

**Character: “Dr. Sniffs”** *(an overly eccentric doctor, dressed in a lab coat, carrying a pocket full of candy suckers, and wearing a “Groucho Marx” fake nose/glasses/moustache)*

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(comes out in a rush while theme music plays)* Did someone call a doctor? *(looks at leader)* You! Do you need CPR?! *(runs to leader, tilts their head back to open airway)* Just let me open your airway! The doctor is IN!

**Leader:** *(backs out of doctor’s reach)* Whoa, I do NOT need CPR...I’m breathing, standing, and talking to you. Ummm, thanks, though?

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(smiles)* You are very WELCOME! *(hands leader a sucker)* I am Dr. Sniffs, and I am here to help. *(extends hand for handshake)* Nice to meet me.

**Leader:** *(smiles, confused)* Er, yes, nice to meet you, Dr. Sniffs. *(shakes hand reluctantly)*

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(holds on to leader’s hand and takes their pulse)* You have a DANGEROUSLY FAST pulse rate currently. Put both arms in the air over your head and breathe slowly.

**Leader:** *(does what doctor says)* I don’t feel sick. I feel really great, actually.

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(nods head up and down)* Yes, I see. That is because I have healed you by having you raise your hands above your head and regulate your breathing. YOU. ARE. WELCOME. *(hands leader another sucker)*

**Leader:** *(returns to normal stance and breathing)* Well, thank you for caring. It’s funny you should show up here, because we are talking all about healing in our lesson today.

**DR. SNIFFS:** Oh! Why, of course, I’d LOVE to teach you all about healing, but you see, as a doctor, I am extremely busy. Thank you for the offer. *(hands leader another sucker and pats their head)*

**Leader:** Oh, thanks. *(shrugs)*

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(suddenly looks at leader’s eyes)* Oh dear, you may have the dreaded Chowder Eye Disease!

**Leader:** *(concerned)* The WHAT disease?

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(pauses, very serious)* Chowder Eye Disease. It occurs when someone is exposed to dinosaur dandruff. It’s very sad. You may not have much longer until you become a dinosaur.

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## **CHARACTER SKIT**

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**Leader:** *(skeptical)* I don't think that's a thing. Um, anywho.....we are learning that God still heals and knows exactly what we need. Even if Chowder Eyes is a thing, which it is NOT, I know that God can help me. *(smiles)*

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(nods head in agreement )* That is so true! Jesus knows what you need, even if I don't. Is it a sucker? *(hands leader a sucker)*

**Leader:** Oh, thanks. *(takes sucker)* You are right about Jesus - He knows what we need. And Jesus STILL has the power to heal us today, just like the times He healed people in the Bible!

**DR. SNIFFS:** Well, we should get started with your check-up. I have other patients waiting.

**Leader:** *(confused)* Oh, I don't need a check-up, but thank you.

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(confused)* You don't? Then what am I doing here?

**Leader:** *(laughing)* Haha, I have NO idea!

**DR. SNIFFS:** Well, I really need to get back to the office and, you know, get to work. *(hands leader a sucker)*

**Leader:** *(stares for a moment, then takes sucker)* Thanks. How many of these do you keep on you?

**DR. SNIFFS:** In doctor school, they taught me to have about 30 on me at any given time. Why?

**Leader:** Oh, I am not complaining - I LOVE suckers! Just curious. *(smiles)*

**DR. SNIFFS:** *(looks all around)* I hear another emergency call! I've got to go. *(hands leader a sucker)* The doctor is OUT! *(runs offstage while theme music plays)*

**Leader:** Well, okay. Bye, Dr. Sniffs!



## **GAME TIME**

### **“Knock ‘Em Down”**

#### **Items Needed For Game:**

One pair of panty hose; Two tennis balls; Ten empty soda cans; Scissors



#### **Preparation:**

Take the scissors and cut the panty hose at the top (open end) of each leg, removing the waistband. Place a tennis ball inside each leg of the hose. Push both balls down until they settle at the bottom of each leg. Set up ten soda cans in random places on the opposite side of the room from the starting line.



#### **How To Play:**

Choose five boys and five girls to participate in this relay game. Hand each team one of the legs of the hose with a tennis ball in it. When you say, “Go!” the contestants must each place the hose over their head, place their hands behind their back, run to the other side of the room, and, with their hands behind their back, attempt to knock down a can. Then, once they knock down a can, they must run all the way back to tag the next person in line. The first team to knock down five cans will be declared the winner!



# **Bible Story**

## **“Jesus Heals A Lame Man”**

### **Materials Needed:**

“Jesus Heals A Lame Man” Graphics; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

### **Preparation:**

Familiarize yourself with the story in John 5:1-15; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

### **The Story:**

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of John, chapter 5. Jesus and the disciples were at a place called the Pool of Bethesda. This was a small pool of water in the city of Jerusalem. There was a legend told about that pool. The legend said that every once in a while, an angel would come by and stir up the water. According to the legend, when the water began to bubble up, the first person who got into the pool would be healed.

(*show pic*) Jesus went to the Pool of Bethesda and saw a man lying on a mat. This man was lame, which means he was crippled and couldn’t walk. Jesus felt very sorry for the man, so He went to him and asked him a question - (*show pic*) “Would you like to get well?” Jesus asked the man this because Jesus knew the man had been crippled for 38 years. That’s a long time to not be able to walk.

(*show pic*) The lame man answered Jesus, “I can’t. I have no one to help me. Every time the water bubbles up, other people get into the pool faster than I can because I can’t walk.” This man didn’t realize who he was talking to. He didn’t realize that Jesus already knew all of this. After all, Jesus knows everything. Not only that, but Jesus had power to do more than just help the man into the pool. Jesus had the power to heal the man completely. And that’s exactly what happened.

(*show pic*) Jesus told the lame man, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” (*sit down on the ground*) Suddenly, the man began to crawl to his knees (*demonstrate this*), then he slowly began to stand up, knees wobbling, (*demonstrate this*) until, finally, he got all the way to his feet! (*show pic*) The man was completely healed! Everyone around him was amazed at the power of Jesus! Jesus demonstrated that HE was the HEALER!

The man took his mat, rolled it up, and walked away. He didn’t need that sitting mat anymore. I bet he didn’t want to sit down again for a long, long time. He had been healed by Jesus, and he would never be the same again!

In your lesson today, you are going to learn that Jesus STILL has that same power to heal! If you or someone you know needs healing from sickness or hurts, listen closely to today’s lesson!





## **Call To Action**

### **“Does God Still Heal?”**

#### **Materials Needed:**

“Does Go Still Heal?” Graphics

#### **Preparation:**

Begin with the slide titled “Does God Still Heal?”



**The Message:** *(title slide)*

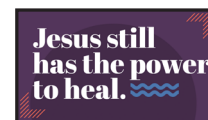
Today we began a new series called, “HEALING.” In the Bible, we find many instances of God healing people. Can you name some examples of healing that we find in the Bible? *(allow kids to answer, but here are some to mention if they don’t think of many):*

*Lame man at Pool of Bethesda  
Blind Bartimaeus*

*Lazarus raise from dead  
Deaf mute*

*Naaman’s leprosy healed  
Centurion’s daughter*

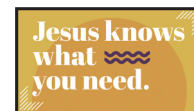
We could go on and on, but we have a lot to learn today. The fact is - God did a lot of healings and miracles in the Bible days. Many people ask, “Does God still heal?” Does He still do miracles and healings just like He did back then?” The answer is definitely, “YES!”



**Jesus Still Has The Power To Heal.** *(slide)*

The Bible says in *Hebrews 13:8* that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” That means that He doesn’t change. The same power He had thousands of years ago, He still has today. All over the world, there are reports of blind eyes being made to see, deaf ears being able to suddenly hear, and even crippled people standing up and beginning to walk. All of this is done through God’s power to heal.

Remember our Bible Story? The Lame Man did not even know who Jesus was. Yet, Jesus walked right up to him and asked, “Would you like to get well?” You see...



**Jesus Knows What You Need** *(slide)*

Jesus knows exactly what you need. He knows when someone is sick and needs healing. I know that sometimes you may feel like you’re all alone with your sickness or your family or friend’s sickness. You think nobody knows or understands. But Jesus knows exactly what you need. He knows the need even before you ask for healing. Don’t feel alone. Jesus knows. And...

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## **Call To Action** *(Continued)*

**Even When You Think NOBODY Can Help, God Can!** *(slide)*

Even when  
you think  
**NOBODY** can  
help, God can!

The lame man complained that, “I have nobody to help me into the water.” Even though he was surrounded by people at the Pool of Bethesda, he felt as if he was all alone. Sometimes, it can feel that way when you are sick and hurting. You feel that you are all alone and that nobody can help you.

God has the power to heal even the most difficult situation. Whether you have a sickness, your family is broken, your heart is hurting because of being mistreated by others - whatever - God has the power to bring healing to your situation.

If He did it back in the Bible days, He can do it again! All it takes is believing in Him and receiving His will for your life. God. Can. HEAL!

**ALTAR RESPONSE:** *(play soft music)*

Pray with the children who are facing sickness or are in need of some kind of healing. Perhaps they can stand in for a friend or family member who needs to be healed. Pray that God would heal their bodies, hearts, and minds like only He can do!



**REWIND!**

**Materials Needed:**

“Rewind” Lesson 1 Graphics; “Rewind” Bumper Video

**Preparation:**

Play the “Rewind” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Whatchagaddaknow today?**

**Answer:** “God Still Heals, And He Knows What I Need!”

**2. What was wrong with the man in our Bible Story?**

**Answer:** He Was Lame

**3. What did legend say would come by and stir the pool so people could be healed?**

**Answer:** An Angel

**4. Why did the lame man say he wouldn’t be able to get well?**

**Answer:** There Was Nobody To Help Him Into The Pool

**5. What happened when Jesus told the man to get up?**

**Answer:** He Walked

**6. Was the man totally healed?**

**Answer:** Yes

**7. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Knows What You \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Need

**8. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Still Has The \_\_\_\_\_ To Heal.”**

**Answer:** Power

**9. According to our lesson today, “Even When You Think Nobody Can \_\_\_\_\_, God Can!”**

**Answer:** Help

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** Exodus 15:26