LESSON 5

THE SICK MAN AT THE POOL



Aim: **To show the children that Jesus, the Son of God, is equal to God the Father. He can exercise divine power.**

Scripture Reading: **John 5:1–18**

Memory Verse: **John 1:4**
In [the Word] … was life, and that life was the light of men.

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Have you ever tried to do something that proved to be so difficult that you had to try several times? Perhaps you almost gave up? Use a specific example, such as young children who often find it difficult to tie their shoelaces.

MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON

1. Jesus met a man who had almost given up. **Describe how the man had been ill for 30 years and why he had almost given up hope that he would ever get well (5:2–5). Show Picture 6.** Jesus challenged him with a question (5:6).
2. The man told Jesus he really did want to get well, but he had no friends to help him. Jesus answered by commanding the sick man, who could not walk, to get up. And he did (5:7–9a)!
3. However, some of the religious leaders were angry with Jesus because he had healed the man on the Sabbath, the day when the Jews stopped all work to worship God. Those angry Jewish leaders could not find Jesus, so they stopped and questioned the man who had been healed. He really did not know who had healed him (5:9b–13).
4. Later Jesus did meet him again. Then the healed man realised his whole life needed to change now that he had met the Son of God. The man was at the temple when Jesus found him again; perhaps he was thanking God for having been healed (5:14).

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

The Jewish leaders continued to be very angry with Jesus because they could not accept that there is no difference between the works of the Father and those of Jesus, the Son (5:16–18).

God is sovereign. He always knows when the time is right for something to happen. There is no wrong timing in his plans.

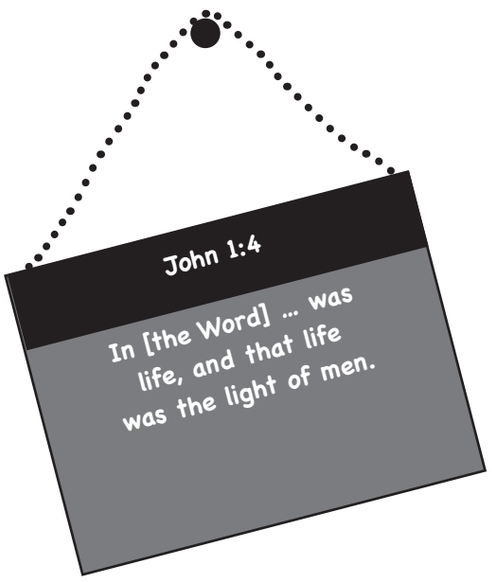
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Let us praise God the Father for sending the Son, Jesus Christ, into the world when the time was just right. **Refer to Lesson 1 about God's planning, if you have time.**

Perhaps there is some desire that you believe God has planted in your heart, but that has not been fulfilled yet. Don't give up; God will exercise his power according to his perfect timing.

Instil the Memory Verse



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