

# “It’s A Miracle!” - LESSON 2

## “So, Help Me, God!”

### Main Focus:

Jesus is our healer, and He knows our every need



### Power Verse:

“...for I am the Lord who heals you.” – Exodus 15:26



### Watt’s Up:

“God Knows Exactly What I Need!”

## LEADER’S INFO

Sickness is a part of life. Pain is a part of life. We all know and realize this, but when it is us or our family that get hit by sickness and pain, it can be hard to deal with.

God is our Healer. He has the power to heal, and He still performs miracles today. In fact, God knows our need even before we ask Him for healing.

In this lesson, the children will learn through the story of the healing of the lame man that Jesus knows our every need and has the power to heal us.

Set aside some time at the end of your service to believe God for miracles of healing in the lives of the children.



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## **CHARACTER SKIT**

**Character:** **“Dr. Sniffs”** *(a neurotic medical doctor who has an irritating habit of sniffing everything; he wears scrubs and a stethoscope)*

**Dr. Sniffs:** The doctor is IN! It’s time for another check-up!

**Leader:** Oh no, NOT you! You’re that Dr. Sniffs guy! I remember you from last week! Nobody is doing a checkup on ANYBODY!

**Dr. Sniffs:** Nonsense! Now, tell me, does it hurt when I do this? *(takes the leader’s arm and lifts it up, tickling their arm pit)*

**Leader:** *(laughing)* AH! NO! IT DOESN’T! STOP IT!

**Dr. Sniffs:** Good! Does it hurt when you do THIS? *(pokes the leader in the side)*

**Leader:** OW! Yes, it does!

**Dr. Sniffs:** Well, then don’t do that. *(pokes the leader again)*

**Leader:** OW!!

**Dr. Sniffs:** *(sighs)* I told you not to do that. It’s your own fault. *(pulls out a handful of cotton balls from their pocket)* Marshmallow? *(tosses one to the leader and then puts one in their own mouth)*

**Leader:** These aren’t marshmallows! These are cotton balls!

**Dr. Sniffs:** *(hacks up the cotton ball like a cat with a hairball)* I knew that. *(takes more cotton balls and starts putting one in each nostril)*

**Leader:** Ew! NOW what are you doing?

**Dr. Sniffs:** *(pauses, very confused)* I don’t understand the question.

**Leader:** How could you POSSIBLY be a real doctor? I would NEVER trust you to make people feel better.

**Dr. Sniffs:** *(starts stuffing the cotton into their ears)*

**Leader:** It sure is a good thing we can always call on Jesus.

**Dr. Sniffs:** *(talks VERY LOUDLY, can’t hear the leader anymore)* What? The hay will FREEZE US?

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## **CHARACTER SKIT**

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**Leader:** *(sighs, frustrated, pulls a cotton wad out of one of Dr. Sniff’s ear)* I SAID IT’S A GOOD THING WE CAN CALL ON JESUS!

**Dr. Sniffs:** WOW - you do NOT have to yell. It’s not like I have cotton in my ears or anything. And, of course we can call on Jesus! Even though I’m a doctor, I can’t fix *everything!* But, Jesus knows exactly WHAT YOU NEED! Isn’t that a part of today’s lesson? *(turns his back to the kids while the leader responds)*

**Leader:** *(talking to the kids)* Well, yeah, I was going to tell you all that Jesus has something great!

**Dr. Sniffs:** *(turns back to the kids, is wearing a cotton ball beard)* Oh really?

**Leader:** *(stares for a moment)* Where did you get that?

**Dr. Sniffs:** Found it. I either look like Santa, or a Snowman threw up on my face. Either way, it’s awesome.

**Leader:** Will you be SERIOUS for once? I’m trying to tell the kids that Jesus has something GREAT, and it’s NOT a cotton ball beard!

**Dr. Sniffs:** *(laughs)* Of course it isn’t. That’d be ridiculous. It’d get too itchy. Jesus DOES have something great though- Jesus has POWER! More power than anyone or anything that has ever existed! And most importantly, even when you think NOBODY can help, God can!

**Leader:** Yes, that’s true. But, i’m sorry - I can’t take you seriously with that thing on your face.

**Dr. Sniffs:** *(laughs loudly like the leader said something hilarious)* You’re hilarious. *(mocks the leader’s voice)* “That thing on your face!” *(back to normal)* Gets me every time. I think we’ve made some great progress. I’ll see you all next time for another check-up! The doctor is OUT. *(scratches at their face, pulls off a cotton ball and gasps in amazement)* I’m growing MARSHMALLOWS! I’M GONNA BE DELICIOUS! *(exit music plays, runs offstage excited)*



## **GAME ON!**

### **“Mr. Potato Head Race”**

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

two “Mr. Potato Head” (*Copyright of The Hasbro Corporation www.hasbro.com*) toys with the exact pieces/parts;  
table; two small containers (*to hold the pieces/parts*)

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#### **Preparation:**

Choose an even number of boys/girls to be on each team (*either the exact amount of “parts” you have OR you can just have the players participate in the relay multiple times*). Place the Mr. Potato Head heads on the table and place the table on the other side of the room. Give each team a container with the same pieces/parts.

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

This is a relay race. When you say, “Go”, each team member must (*one at a time*) grab a piece/part out of the container, run to the other side of the room (*squatted all the way down so they would walk like Mr. Potato Head*), place the body part in the correct spot, and then come back to give the next participant a high five. The next person in line goes, and on and on. The first team to put Mr. Potato Head together correctly, wins.



## Bible Story

### “Lame Man Is Healed”

#### Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 2; 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, every once in a while, an angel would come by and stir up the water. When the water began to bubble up, the first person who got into the pool would be healed. That’s what the legend said, anyway.



(*show pic*) Jesus went to the Pool of Bethesda and saw a man laying 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 thirty-eight years. That’s a long time not to 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 me 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 is STILL that same miracle-working healer. Have faith today! You just might receive YOUR miracle!!



# Call To Action

## “So, Help Me, God!”

### Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; wheelchair (or crutches)

### Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson Two,” begin with the slide titled “So, Help Me, God!”

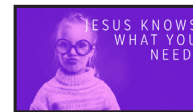
### The Message: (title slide)



*(come out rolling in the wheelchair)* Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have to be in a wheelchair? Can you imagine how difficult it would be to not be able to walk? You wouldn’t be able to do many of the things that you might take for granted - walk, run, and jump. It would be very difficult to not be able to walk.

Now, can you imagine not being able to walk for thirty-eight years? Well, that was the case for the man in our Bible Story today. He had been unable to walk for thirty-eight years. He was sad, lonely, and felt like nobody cared. But, all of that was before Jesus came along. *(get up out of the wheelchair)* For the next few minutes, I want to show you three things that we can learn from this man’s amazing miracle experience.

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



Jesus walked up to this man and immediately knew he needed a miracle. He didn’t even have to ask, “What’s wrong? What do you need, sir?” Jesus knew exactly what the man needed. Jesus walked up and said, “Would you like to get well?” This man could’ve been sitting there just waiting on some friends to walk by. He could have been people-watching down at the Pool of Bethesda. He wasn’t wearing a sign that said, “I am a lame man!” Yet, somehow Jesus knew.

Jesus knows what YOU need, also. He knows everything! He knows when you’re sick. He knows when you are sad. He knows when you are lonely. He knows exactly what you need just like He knew exactly what this man needed. Not only does Jesus know what you need, but....

### Jesus Has Power To Heal (slide)



It wouldn’t have been very helpful to the man if Jesus had said, “Would you like to get well?”, but He had no power to do anything about it. It’s kind of like me saying, “Would you like to have \$100?”, but I have no money in my pocket. It doesn’t do any good for me to ask you if you want some money if I don’t have any to give you, right?

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## Call To Action (Continued)

Well, Jesus not only WANTS to heal you, He CAN heal you. He created your body and has the power to heal your body. It doesn’t matter if you suffer from cancer, headaches, asthma, blindness, whatever! God has the power to heal every sickness and disease.

Maybe you’ve had a sickness for a long time. You’ve been to doctors, hospitals, and specialists, but they have not been able to help. I want you to understand something. Doctors and nurses are wonderful! We are blessed to have so many smart people who try to help us get better with medicines and treatments. But, doctors and nurses sometimes don’t have the answers. They try, but they are human beings and don’t have all the answers. The good news is...

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

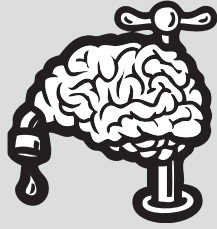


God can help even when it seems like nobody else can. He can heal you! Now, does He heal every person every time? No, He doesn’t. Sometimes, God chooses to wait in order to heal us at a later time. Sometimes He has some lessons He wants to teach us through our situation. Other times, He waits until we get to Heaven to heal us by giving us a brand new Heavenly body. But, other times, God DOES perform a miracle. He is still in the miracle-working business. Our job is not to try to figure out WHY God heals or doesn’t heal immediately. Our job is to ASK for His healing! HE is the healer! So, let’s ask!

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

Pray for the children who need to receive a healing in their body. Pray for The Healer to do His powerful work in their bodies.





## **BRAIN DRAIN**

### **Materials Needed:**

The Data Disc; The DVD

### **Preparation:**

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson Two,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Watt’s Up today?**

**Answer:** “God Knows Exactly 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:** 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 Has Power To \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Heal

**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

# Small Group Experience

## LESSON 2 - "So, Help Me, God!"



### **Watt's Up:**

"God Knows Exactly What I Need!"



### **Power Verse:**

"...for I am the Lord who heals you."

**-Exodus 15:26**

### **SUPPLY LIST:**

\* "Help Wanted" Print Piece (provided; print one set)

### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

Before small group begins, print and cut the "Help Wanted" Print Pieces. Once small group begins, tell the group you are looking for 5 people to respond to your help wanted signs. Choose 5 volunteers and give them each one part of the story. Have the volunteers read the story aloud in order. Continue on this way until the story is complete.

**Say** - "Have you ever walked past a store and seen a sign in the window that said, 'Help Wanted?'"

**Ask** - Why do you think Help Wanted signs are posted?

**-Allow kids time to answer the question-**

**Say** - "Exactly! Help Wanted signs are posted because HELP is WANTED. Someone needs help and they are asking for it. I happen to need some help, and I have 5 help wanted signs. Are any of you interested in answering my help wanted ad?"

**-Choose 5 volunteers and give each of them one part of the story-**

**Say** - "Now that you have accepted the position you must do the job! Each of you has a part of the Bible story on you paper. We will begin with part 1. Read your part of the story aloud to the group and then we will move onto part 2. We will continue on this way until the story is complete."

**-Allow time for the volunteers to read their lesson excerpts aloud-**

**Say** - "I needed help and you all responded. Thank you so much!"

**Ask** - How do you think the lame man felt about his life before he met Jesus?

**Ask** - How do you think his feelings changed after meeting Jesus?

**Say** - The lame man was basically a living help wanted ad. He needed the right match to meet his need. He needed Jesus!

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## Game/Activity

### SUPPLY LIST:

- \* “Help” Print Piece (*provided; print one per kid*)
- \* “Help Teacher Key” Print Piece (*provided; print one*)
- \* Pencils

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

*Before small group begins, print the “Help” & “Help Teacher Key” Print Pieces. Give each kid a “Help” Print Piece and something to write with. Tell them the paper has the word HELP listed in 10 different languages. The types of languages are also listed on the paper. They must draw lines to match the language to the word. Allow them to work together. There are 5 blank lines on the bottom of the Help piece. If they ask you about the lines, tell them you will address the lines in a few moments. Pencils will work best for this activity so that they can erase lines and make new guesses as necessary. Give the kids ample time to make their guesses. It is unlikely that everyone will guess every language correctly. Once you feel most kids are finished, read the correct answers from your Teacher Key. This is a lesson reinforcing concept game that is challenging and fun!*

**Say** - “I have a challenge for you all. On this paper is the word help written in 10 different languages. The language names are also listed. Your challenge is to match the words to their correct language. Draw lines from the word help to the language you think is correct. You can work together to complete this challenge!”

**-Allow time for the teams to complete this activity-**

**Say** - “That is definitely not as easy as it looks! I’m going to read the correct answers. Check and see how many you guessed correctly!”

**-Read the answer key aloud-**

**Say** - “These are just a few of the languages represented in our world. In every language across the globe there is a way to say HELP. We were all born needing HELP. We may not have successfully matched up every help to the correct language, but there is one match that is always correct. Jesus is always the right match when we need help! Write the name JESUS in the blanks at the bottom of your page.”

**-Allow kids time to write JESUS-**

## Group Sharing

### SUPPLY LIST:

- \* Blank pieces of construction paper or colored copy paper (*enough for the group to share*)
- \* Glue or tape (*enough for the group to share*)
- \* Scissors (*enough for the group to share*)
- \* Pencils, markers, or crayons

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

*Before small group begins, gather the necessary supplies. Once group sharing begins, place the supplies out for the group to share.*

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**Say** - “Think back to the very beginning of our class today, what did five of you respond too?”

**-Allow time for the group to answer-**

**Say** - “You responded to my HELP WANTED ad! We said that people post Help Wanted ads when they need something. We are going to take the next few minutes and make our very own Help Wanted ads. These won’t just be any ads, these would be the Help Wanted ad you would post for Jesus to answer. The ad should be what you would ask Jesus for, what do you need from Him? Be creative with the supplies and use them to make your ads.”

**-Allow kids time to complete the activity-**

**Ask** - Would anyone like to share their ad with the group?

**-Allow time for the kids to share with the group-**

**Ask** - Do you really think Jesus cares about our needs? Why?

**-Allow time for the group to respond, discuss their answers together-**

**Ask** - What kind of needs should we take to Jesus?

**-Allow time for the group to respond, discuss their answers together-**

**Say** - “People post Help Wanted ads hoping that someone will respond. Sometimes the ads never get answered and the needs never get met. As a follower of Jesus, we can trust that Jesus always answers when we ask for HELP!”

## **Prayer Time**

**Say** - “Jesus always answers when we ask for help and that is what we are going to do right now. Look at the Help Wanted ad that you just made. As we pray, ask Jesus to help you with the things you wrote. You can trust that He is listening and He will answer!” (PRAY)

## **Closing**

**Say** - “Day after day the lame man sat helplessly by the pool just hoping that someone would see his need and respond. His life was a Help Wanted ad, and it wasn’t getting answered. We don’t know why no one helped the man. We do know that when Jesus found him he was in need of a miracle. Jesus knew what the man needed, and he responded to his need. Jesus helped the lame man! Jesus didn’t walk away, and He didn’t ignore the need. Jesus helped. There may be times in your life when you are in need of help, maybe even a miracle. Even when it seems like no one else can help, Jesus can help! He won’t walk away or ignore your need. He loves you, and He will respond to you and HELP! Thank you for coming today! You all did an awesome job, and I will see you next time!”

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**Read:**  
*John 5: 1-15*

**Ask:**

- How long had the man in this story been unable to walk?
- What did Jesus ask him? What was his response?
- What was Jesus' response?

**Say:**

Jesus shows us in this story He has the power to heal. This man had been unable to walk for 38 years, and in one moment Jesus healed him. Throughout the Bible there are stories of Jesus healing people. That is because Jesus is our healer, AND He still heals today!

**Ask/Discuss:**

- Do you find it hard to believe Jesus heals? Why or Why not?
- Who do you know that has or has not been healed? How does that affect your belief in healing?
- Is there something you need God to heal that you are scared He won't do? (*Encourage your children here that God can still perform miracles!*)

Talk together about some miracles you have seen in your own lives or as a family. Use this as an opportunity to build your children's faith and help them see how God has done great things for you and the people you know!

**Pray:**

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