



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE
Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

Age: 13 + yrs

SEEK

May 10 – Seek Healing

Song:

Look what the Lord has done
Look what the Lord has done
He healed my body, touched my
mind,
He saved me, just in time.

I'm going to praise His name
Every day He's just the same
Come on and help me sing,
Come on and help me sing,
Look what the Lord has done.

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 30:17 (NIRV)

¹⁷ *But I will make you healthy again.*

I will heal your wounds," announces the LORD.

Scripture: I (Read with me)

Luke 5: 12 - 15 (NIRV)

Jesus Heals a Man Who Had a Skin Disease

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along. He had a skin disease all over his body. When he saw Jesus, the man fell with his face to the ground. He begged him, "Lord, if you are willing to make me 'clean,' you can do it."

¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing to do it," he said. "Be 'clean'!" Right away the disease left him.



¹⁴ Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone. Go and show yourself to the priest. Offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded. It will be a witness to the priest and the people that you are ‘clean.’”

¹⁵ But the news about Jesus spread even more. So crowds of people came to hear him. They also came to be healed of their sicknesses.

Scripture: II (Read with me)

Luke 5:17-26 (NIRV)

Men bring their friend to Jesus for healing.

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching. Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. They heard that the Lord had given Jesus the power to heal the sick. ¹⁸ So some men came carrying a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. They tried to take him into the house to place him in front of Jesus. ¹⁹ They could not find a way to do this because of the crowd. So they went up on the roof. Then they lowered the man on his mat through the opening in the roof tiles. They lowered him into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

²⁰ When Jesus saw that they had faith, he spoke to the man. He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to think, “Who is this fellow who says such an evil thing? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

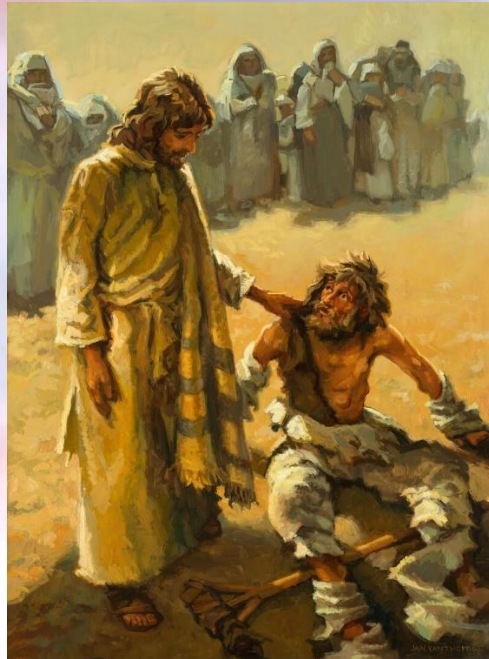
²² Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Is it easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven’? Or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he spoke to the man who could not walk. “I tell you,” he said, “get up. Take your mat and go home.” ²⁵ Right away, the man stood up in front of them. He took his mat and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with wonder. They said, “We have seen unusual things today.”



Message:

In today’s lesson we are looking at two stories that show persons seeking healing from Jesus. Word had spread that Jesus was a healer, and sick people were constantly seeking Him out for healing. Leprosy was a dreadful skin disease. No one wants to come near you if you have leprosy. It was what we call contagious. So, the only way to stop it from spreading was to stay away from lepers, just as it is now with COVID 19.

This man had heard about Jesus and was very excited to know that Jesus was to be in his town, so he made sure that he could get close to Jesus as he was passing. We don't know how many times he had tried, but I am sure that he tried to reach Jesus quite a few times. This man knew that Jesus could heal him. He wanted to be healed. Of course, anyone in his condition will want to be healed. At last he got close enough to shout to Jesus and ask Jesus to heal him. Note that the people who were with Jesus did not go near the man. Jesus went over to the man and healed him.



O boy, he was so excited. Now he could go back into society and hang out with his friends. Now in the second story, we had a man who was paralyzed. He had no control over his muscles. He could not move on his own body. So, he relied on friends to do things for him. It was his friends who decided to take him to Jesus for healing. They had a little problem. How could they get close enough to Jesus? There were so many people around Jesus. As it was, the house where they found Jesus was very crowded, and they could not get in to Jesus. They had an idea. Go through the roof. Houses were built with flat roofs so it was easy to take out a slab of the roof. That is just what they did. They were able to let the bed right down in front of Jesus.

Sometimes we need our friends to do things for us. Will your friends go to that extreme?



This man's friends had faith- they believed that Jesus would heal their friend.

They showed:

- Ingenuity – taking off the roof panel to enter the room;
- Concern for their friend – he could not do it himself so they did it for him;
- Determination – they were determined to reach Jesus;
- Boldness – image getting enough courage to get to Jesus in the manner they did

What healing you are seeking?

Healing may be:

- Physical – you have a bad toothache – go to the dentist.
- Spiritual – have you considered committing your life to Christ?
- Emotional - you are really upset at the death or loss of your favourite pet or relative; or maybe you did not so well in your last test and you are disappointed. You thought you had it covered.
- Relational - you and your friend had an argument and now you are no longer friends. It hurts, so we need to heal that relation.

Prayer for healing:

As my Good Shepherd, Jesus, I know You will lead me to quiet places and restore my soul and body. I trust You and want to follow Your leading. Help me to welcome this time of sickness, not as an interruption in my carefully planned schedule, but as an opportunity to draw strength and nourishment from You for the journey ahead. You are my healer and my Great Physician.

Lord, give me friends who will support me in this time of need, help me not to take out my discomfort on those around me, and show me how to be a good patient while I'm recovering. In these days of sickness, Lord, I'm trusting You and asking You to make me well. When You've restored my health, give me wisdom so I can treat my body as Your holy temple. Help me to get back on my feet to continue serving You. These things I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Activity:

Here is another story of a man that Jesus healed. Read about it in St John 5.

The Healing of a paralytic at the pool at Bethesda is one of the miraculous healings attributed to Jesus in the New Testament. Jesus asks the man if he wants to get well. The man explains that he is unable to enter the water, because he has no one to help him in and others go down ahead of him.

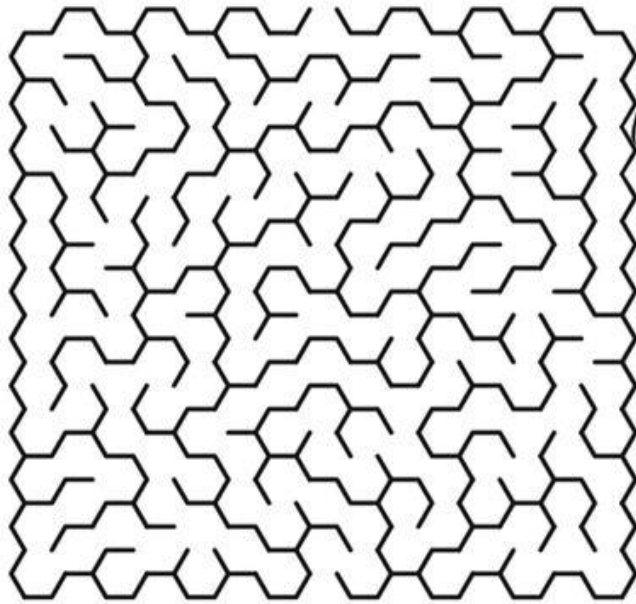
In the following Bible maze help Jesus to get to the man by negotiating the twists and turns of the maze. Have fun.



THE POOL OF BETHESDA

Guide Jesus to the crippled man

START



END



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1. Today is Mothers' Day.

So here is a Mothers' Day quizz for you.

For the descriptions of these women in column (A), state the name of the woman and the name of the child or children. Column (B)

Column A	Column B	
	Mother	Child (children)
1. She put her child in a specially made basket and put him in the river.		
2. She did not understand how she could have a child when she was a virgin.		
3. She helped her son to deceive his father by disguising himself as his twin brother.		
4. She laughed when she was told that she would have a son. She was an old woman.		
5. She prayed for a son and promised that he would serve the Lord.		
6. Her son baptized Jesus.		
7. She was the mother of two of Jesus' disciples.		
8. Her husband gave her son a coat of many colours.		
9. She took her daughter-in-law back to the land of her birth.		
10. She was the mother of Paul's most trusted companion and disciple.		

Check next Sunday for the answers.

(Answers next week)