



John 4:43 - 5:16

Use these questions to prepare for Sunday, March 12

1. Do you think God still does miracles? Describe a miracle you know about.
2. What strikes you about the second sign of Jesus healing the son of a royal official?
3. In chapter 5, verse 4 was not part of the original story but was added later to explain why disabled people chose this spot to hang out. Use your imagination to get a grasp of what this place looked like. Describe it or draw it.
4. What is so unusual about Jesus' question to the man in verse 6? If you remember that Jesus knows our hearts, why is this question not as foolish as it seems at first?
5. Describe what the man hoped Jesus might do for him. What did Jesus do instead?
6. What rule did the Jews think the man had broken? Why do you think the man carried his mat even though he knew it was against the rules of the Sabbath?
7. How does this story show us that Jesus is more concerned about spiritual health than physical health?
8. What are some ways God has blessed you? How do you show your gratitude for those things? How have those things helped you grow closer to God? List 10 things you are grateful for today.
9. What was the result of the authorities being told Jesus was the one who healed the man (v. 16)?

Suggestions if you are doing this with kids:

- *Our new memory verse is John 3:16: **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.***
- *Play a bucket toss game to make things fun. You'll need a bucket or pot and something to toss like a small stuffed animal or bean bag. Everyone take turns tossing into the bucket. If you get one in you answer a question. Vary the distances, from where you shoot, or how you shoot, to make it more of a challenge.*
- *Mark the verses you want to read, but leave a few for kids to look up and read.*