

Lesson 9

The Poolside Sign John 5:1–17

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

Earning Our Way—No Way!



The Pharisees were upset that this man was breaking the rules and carrying his mat on a holy day. Rules are important, but they won't get us into heaven; only Jesus can do that. Let's try to get from one corner of the room to the other without using our legs, like the man at the pool. It is hard work to move without legs, but it is impossible to get into heaven without Jesus.

Fruit Snack



Serve cut-up fruit with toothpicks to spear the chunks. Talk about how God helps us stay healthy by giving us fruits and vegetables to eat. Ask how we can show love for those who are sick or hurt (visit them, pray for them, etc.). Take prayer requests, and pray for those who are sick or hurt.

Get-Well Cards



Help children fold a piece of paper to make a card. On the front, they can glue a muffin-cup liner. Add a pom pom or button center and pipe-cleaner stem. Draw or cut leaves from green paper. Write the Bible Verse. Have children draw a picture inside to cheer someone who isn't feeling well and share a message about Jesus under the picture. On the back, they can make a cross from two Band-Aids. Ask your pastor to deliver the cards to sick members.

Sabbath Rules



Go online and look for a list of prohibited work on the Sabbath for Jews. Hang this list where children can see it. Talk about how difficult it would be to keep all those rules. Discuss why we don't have to keep these rules as Christians but how God still wants to give us a time of rest to worship Him and receive His gifts in worship.