

April 20 & 21

SuperNova Kids' Make-it-Stick

TIME TRAVELERS!

Lesson Title: On the Road

Main Point: Kids will learn we can place all of our hope in Jesus

Bible Verse: *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Hebrews 13:8



In the Car: Ask your child what we did at SNK on the drive home. Hint: We continued our Time Travelers series! Each weekend we are going "back in time" and looking at truths from the Bible. Today we traveled back in time to a place along the road outside of Jerusalem called the Pool of Bethesda. At that time, many believed a superstition that when the waters were stirred, the first person to enter the water would be healed. A paralyzed man had been at the side of the pool for 38 years! But, because of his physical limitations, he was unable to get to the waters in time. Jesus approached him and asked if he wanted to be healed. And, then Jesus healed him! He picked up his mat and walked away. The people believed the pool itself had healing power. That kind of belief is superstitious. We believe in a power, beyond our own human abilities. It is divine power, the power of God to heal us and change our lives. Later Jesus talked to him and told him to live in a godly way. You can read the story in John 5:1-15.

Hanging Out: When you're hanging out this week, take time to chat about Jesus' care for people. Jesus was going about the area just meeting people where they were at. This man was at the side of a pool. He wanted healing, but was looking for power in the wrong place. As your child watches TV shows or plays video games this week, ask them to notice where the "power" comes from in the story. Is there a powerful person in the show? Is there inner strength? And outside force? In the games, how does a player get "lives" or gain extra powers? These experiences can remind us that in real life we receive power to live life the right way through Jesus. God cares about us and preserved stories in the Bible with us, so that we can know about Him and His good ways.

At Dinner: Here are some great discussion starters:-

- Have you ever broken a bone? Another injury or major medical situation? How did the healing process go for you?
- Where is your favorite place to go swimming?
- What are some superstitions you think some people believe in?

At Bedtime: Review this verse. *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Hebrews 13:8. Life is full of changes, and that can be unsettling. But Jesus is consistent. Say the verse together. Ask your child if they have anything they want to talk to God about. Pray together.

Parent Insight: In the story of the paralyzed man, Jesus asks the man if he wants to be healed. It may seem obvious that the man wants to be healed, he is sitting by the pool! And, he has been sitting there for 38 years. Some might say literally and figuratively this man was stuck. As you consider the story, maybe you can recognize places or situations in your life where you feel stuck or stalled out. If Jesus asked you, "Do you want healing in that area?" how might you respond? Take some time to pray about these places in your life. As you surrender to Jesus, asking Him for help, letting His power be your source of healing, perhaps your children will see the way God brings light and hope. And, they may be more open to surrendering the stuck places in their lives as they mature.