



kids

Family Devotional June 21, 2020

Jesus said, “Stand up. Pick up your mat & walk.” Immediately the man was well. He picked up his mat & began to walk.

John 5: 8 & 9

Jesus, I will put my faith in you and you alone!



SONG "By Faith"



This week we are going to talk about faith. We will look at how people reacted to different circumstance. Please read John 5: 1-15. When Jesus saw the man lying there, he knew he had been there a long time yet he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The question Jesus asks may seem a little strange. Don’t you think he would want healing and that he would answer with a simple yes? Me too, but he answers with what I call a yes, but. He wants to be healed, Yes, but he has no one to carry him to the pool. Jesus doesn’t care about the excuses, He simply says, “Get up, pick up your mat and walk.” Did you notice how Jesus asks the man to do something. Jesus doesn’t ask more questions, he just tells the man to pick up his mat and go. Jesus tells him to take action. And what happens? The man is immediately healed. It doesn’t take time...it happens at once. Let’s take a look at the man who was laying on the mat. When Jesus approaches him he is probably thinking that Jesus will help him get into the pool to get healed. Why do you think Jesus doesn’t take him to the pool? Why do you think Jesus tells him to pick up his mat and walk? The man thought the healing was in the pool, but the healing is not found in the water, the healing is in Jesus. Jesus doesn’t always change our circumstances (take us to the pool) he often changes us. He does this by calling us to look, think, act and speak with a new perspective when looking at our circumstances. I am sure the man never thought he would go from laying on the mat to standing up and walking. He thought there would have to be another action in between his reality and the healing. He didn’t have faith that it could happen at once. We are often like the man on the mat, we have this yes, but thinking that is keeping us from having faith that Jesus can just do something suddenly. Here is a yes, but thinking I used to have. I used to think, Yes, but first I must know more bible verses before I can tell a friend about Jesus. But the Lord showed me that if I had the faith to tell them about Him then He would do the rest. He was calling me to take action and change my thinking. What kind of yes, but thinking do you have?

Today’s family activity is on the next page.



Additional Scripture To Read & Discuss Throughout The Week

-Matt 9:18 - Matt 16:5-10 - Luke 7:1-17 -

Come up with an acronym that will help you remember to have faith in all circumstances.

An acronym is an abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words.

F
A
I
T
H

Here is an example using the word bible.

Basic
Instructions
Before
Leaving
Earth