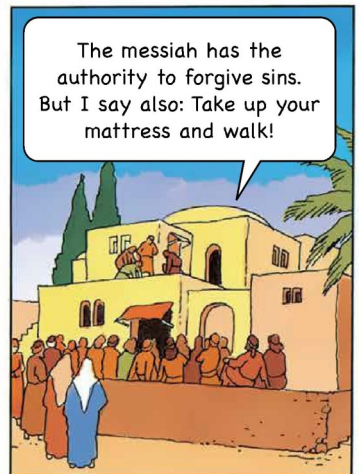
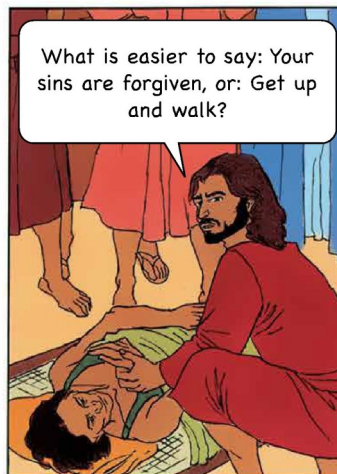
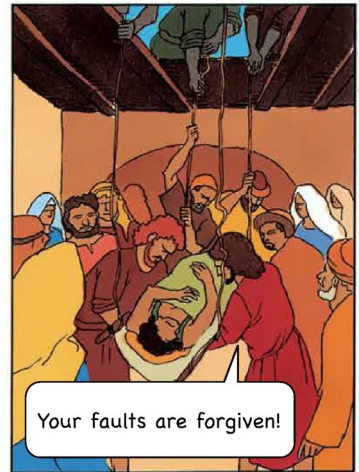
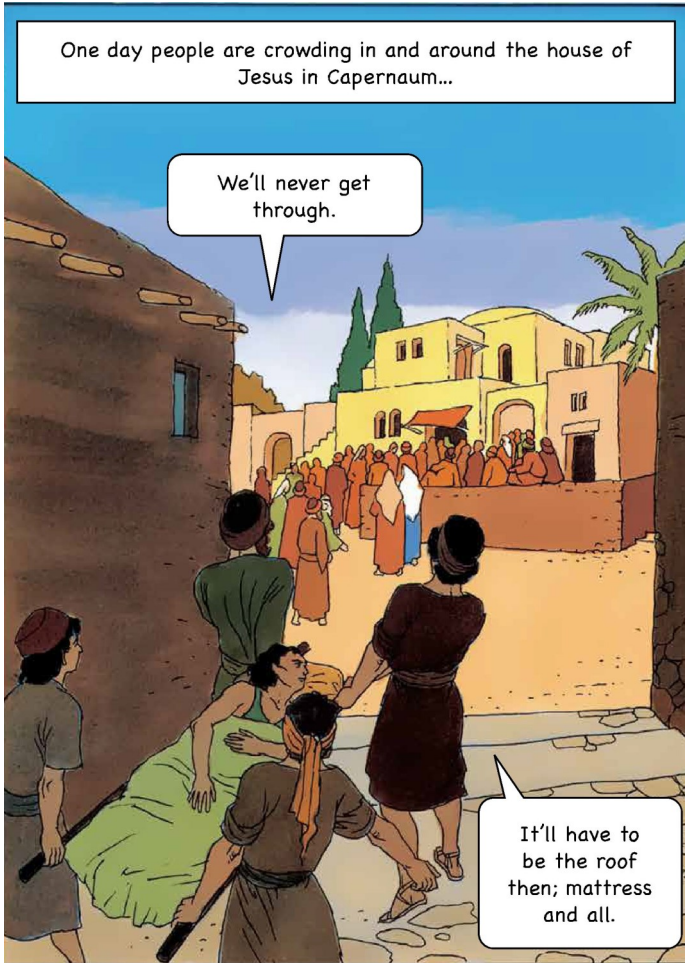


HEALED!

READ FOR YOURSELF: Luke 5:17-25, Luke 6:6-11



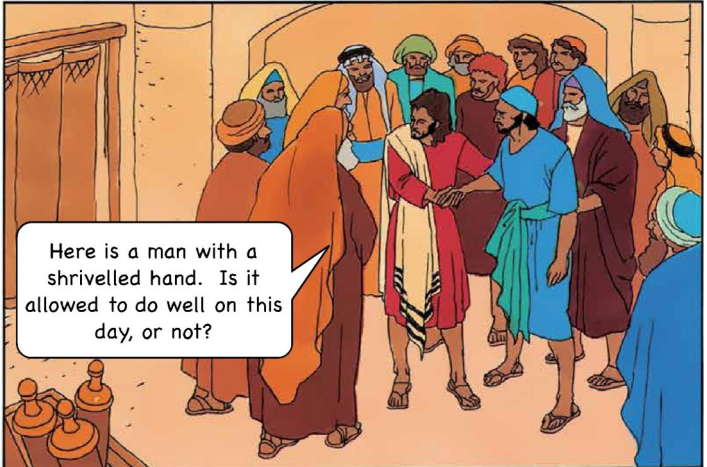


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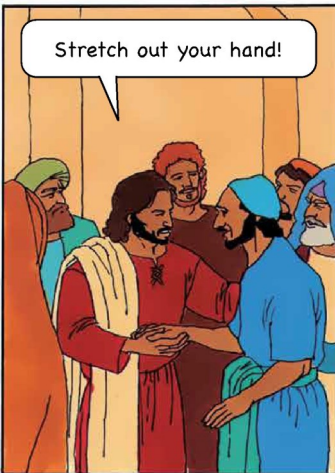
The lame can walk!

Yes! I am healed!
Thanks to Jesus!

Jesus does many good things. And he speaks with wisdom and authority. He radiates nothing but mercy and grace. But not everyone is happy with him. The leaders want to uphold the law. They look to see if Jesus is keeping the rules. Like on the Sabbath. On this first day of the week it is strongly forbidden to do any kind of work...



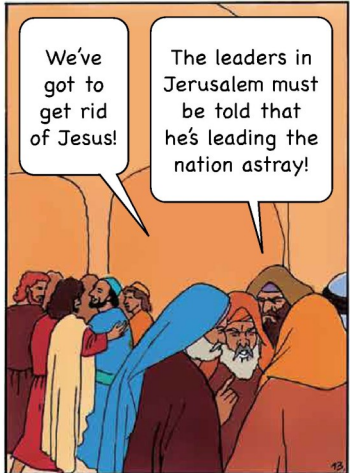
Here is a man with a shrivelled hand. Is it allowed to do well on this day, or not?



Stretch out your hand!



Hurray! I'm healed!



We've got to get rid of Jesus!

The leaders in Jerusalem must be told that he's leading the nation astray!

HEALED!

For the people in Israel it is clear that the Lord Jesus is a special person. Not only does He speak very well, He also does many good things. He even heals sick people! With His miracles Jesus shows that God wants to put right all those things that have gone wrong. He forgives sins and He heals sicknesses.

The people know that God is good and has pity on those people who are suffering. They have read about that in the Old Testament. And the history of Israel is clear proof of that. But now they see it with their own eyes that God makes things whole. They see it in Jesus, who shows concern for sick and weak people.

Do you know that the New Testament speaks 41 times about Jesus healing people? Many times it said He healed all the sick. No wonder people are very excited. But even so with all these miracles they do not put their trust in Jesus. There will come a time when most people will leave Jesus. Why?

Because faith has nothing to do with what you see. You can experience miracles but still not long for Jesus. Faith is in your heart. When you have come to love Jesus, then you will stay with Him. Keep trusting that He will make everything turn out right. That is real faith!

MEMORY VERSE

*"Praise the Lord, my soul, and do not forget how kind He is. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases."
(Psalm 103:2,3)*

WHO IS JESUS?

Doctor

*"Doctor, heal yourself."
(Luke 4:23)*

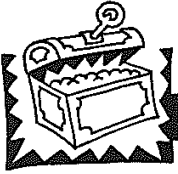
Jesus shows through healing people that God wants people to be whole. Inside and outside, in their spirits and in their bodies.

The people in His birth-place Nazareth do not believe in Him. Jesus knows what they are thinking: "Doctor, heal yourself." That is why He did not perform miracles there.

And yet He is the One whom God promised to send. His miracles prove that He is the Messiah. That is why He says in another place:

*"What I do, that is, the deeds My Father gave Me to do, these speak on My behalf and show that the Father has sent me."
(John 5:36)*

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OLD TREASURES

Some people think that our body is not important to God. They think that He only thinks about the inside of the people, their spirit. No, He also takes care of our physical needs. The Lord God presents Himself in the Old Testament as healer (doctor).

"If you will obey Me completely by doing what I consider right and by keeping My commands, I will not punish you with any of the diseases that I brought on the Egyptians. I am the Lord, the one who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)

Another quote:

"I will make you well again; I will heal your wounds," (Jeremiah 30:17a)

This promise is fulfilled thanks to Jesus, the Messiah:

"But because of our sins He was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment He suffered, made whole by the blows He received." (Isaiah 53:5)



EXTRA INFORMATION

Religious Rules

Studying the Law (the Old Testament) in Jesus' time was the highest thing the Jews could do. That is the reason why the Jews were known as the "people of the Law".

The Law was read aloud on the Sabbath day in the synagogue. In every city or village there was such a synagogue (a house of prayer).

Besides the Law, the teachers of the Jews had written all sorts of other books, with rules that everyone should obey. For example, there were, 39 things that were forbidden on the Sabbath day (our Saturday). However all these laws did not make you a man to Gods' heart. You need Jesus to be able to be seen holy by God and Gods' Spirit to do what God wants. (2 Corinthians 3:16)

MIRACLES HAPPEN!

Sometimes a miracle may happen in your life. God loves you so much and sometimes He wants to show you that this way!

The Lord Jesus loves you. The biggest miracle is however that He forgave all your sins. He accepted you to become a child of God. He feels it when you're sick or when you are in trouble. You can always bring everything to Him. He loves to perform a miracle in your life. Have you ever noticed any? Just pay attention. Have you thanked the Lord God for it?



DO YOU KNOW...?

1. Jesus did mainly two things. Fill in the blanks:
Jesus forgives _____

Jesus healed the _____

2. Why did the four men bring their paralysed friend to Jesus through the roof?

3. What did Jesus see in those four friends (Luke 5:20)?

4. What is easier to say to a paralysed man:
(mark with a cross):

- a) Your sins are forgiven?
 - b) Stand up, take your bed and walk?
- Explain why:

5. How many times it is written in the New Testament that Jesus healed someone?

6. Which people are angry that Jesus heals people?

7. What does Jesus want to prove with His miracles (john 5:36)?

BIBLE READING

Sun	Psalm 103:1-5
Mon	Luke 5:17-26
Tue	Luke 6:6-11
Wed	Luke 4:16-24
Thu	Exodus 15:22-27
Fri	1 Peter 2:24-25
Sat	1 Thess. 5:23-24



ACTION POINT!

Take the time to think about what kind of miracles God has done in your life.

Write them down and praise God for all of them.
