In bible times doctors didn’t always know how to help sick people.

**Point to the bowl of water –** In a place called Bethesda there was a pool of water and people thought that the water could make them better when it moved but only the first person who got in the pool was healed.

Every day many sick people sat by the pool and waited for the water to move – **place small world people on mats next to the bowl**. When the water moved they all hurried to get into the pool – **swirl the pool and children pretend to hurry into the pool.**

What the people didn’t know was that the pool couldn’t really help them to get better BUT Jesus could! Because he is amazing!

There was one man by the pool who had been sick for 38 years – **point to one of the small world people**. Thirty-eight years is a long, long time. For you, that would be like getting sick today and staying sick until you were all grown up. Show me what you would look like if you’d been sick all that time - **children show their sick faces to you and to each other.**

One day Jesus came to the pool. He noticed all the sick people but especially the man who had been sick for 38 years. The sick man was lying on a mat - **Children lie down on the mats and pretend they are the sick man.**

Jesus asked the sick man, “Do you want to be well?” The man said, “Yes, but I can’t get into the pool fast enough. No one will help me. So when the water moves, someone else always gets there first.”

So Jesus said to the man, “Stand up. Pick up your mat and walk.” Right away, the man was well. When I count to three, let’s all jump up from our mats like the sick man did and say, “Thank you, Jesus!” **One, two, three. Jump up. Thank you, Jesus!**

Jesus performed a wonderful miracle and the man was better!