

Bible Stories for Young Children

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LAME FOR THIRTY EIGHT YEARS

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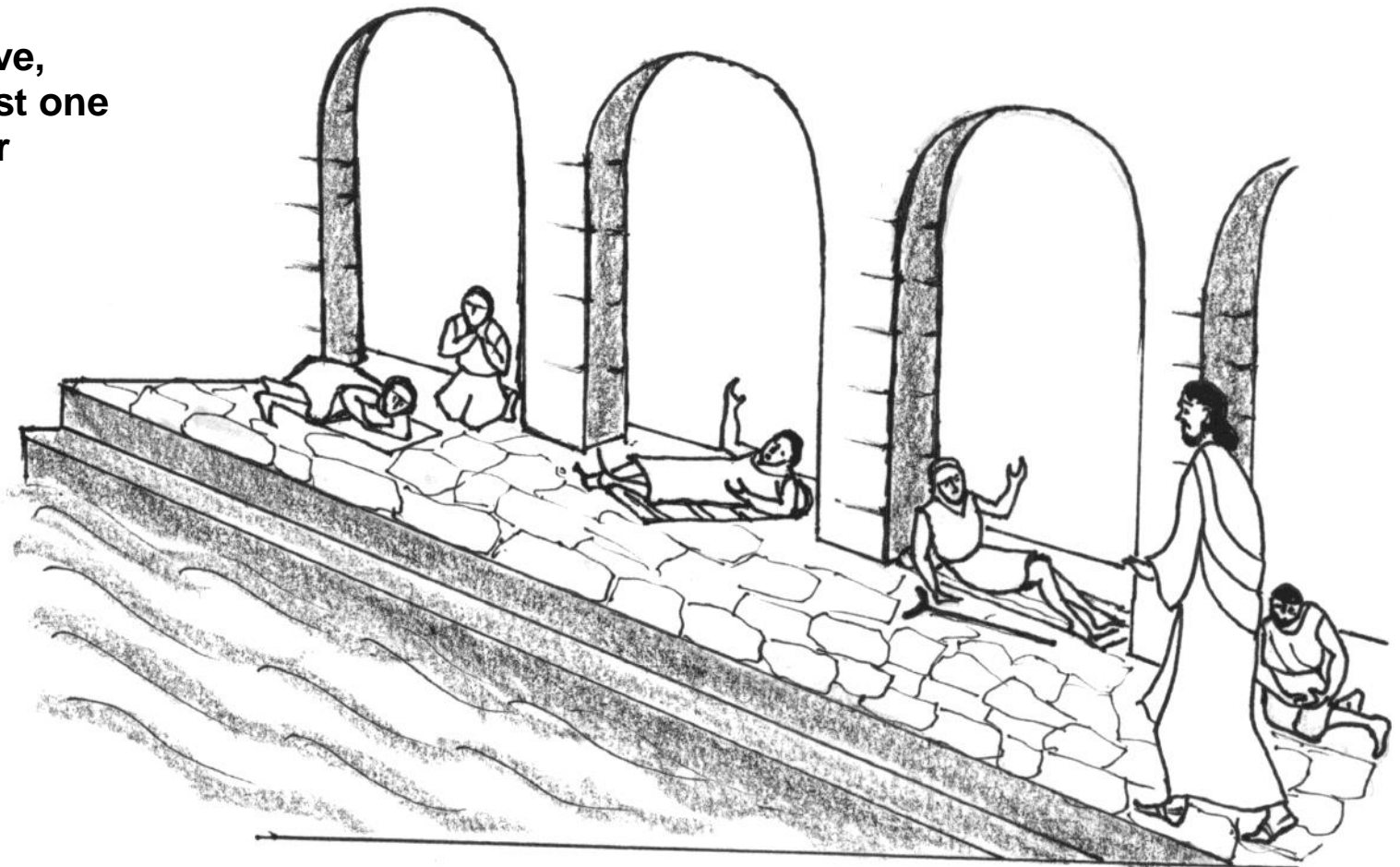
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JOHN 5:1-24
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**When Jesus came into Jerusalem
He saw the sick, blind
and lame people waiting by a pool.**

**They were waiting
for the water to move,
thinking that the first one
to get into the water
would be healed.**

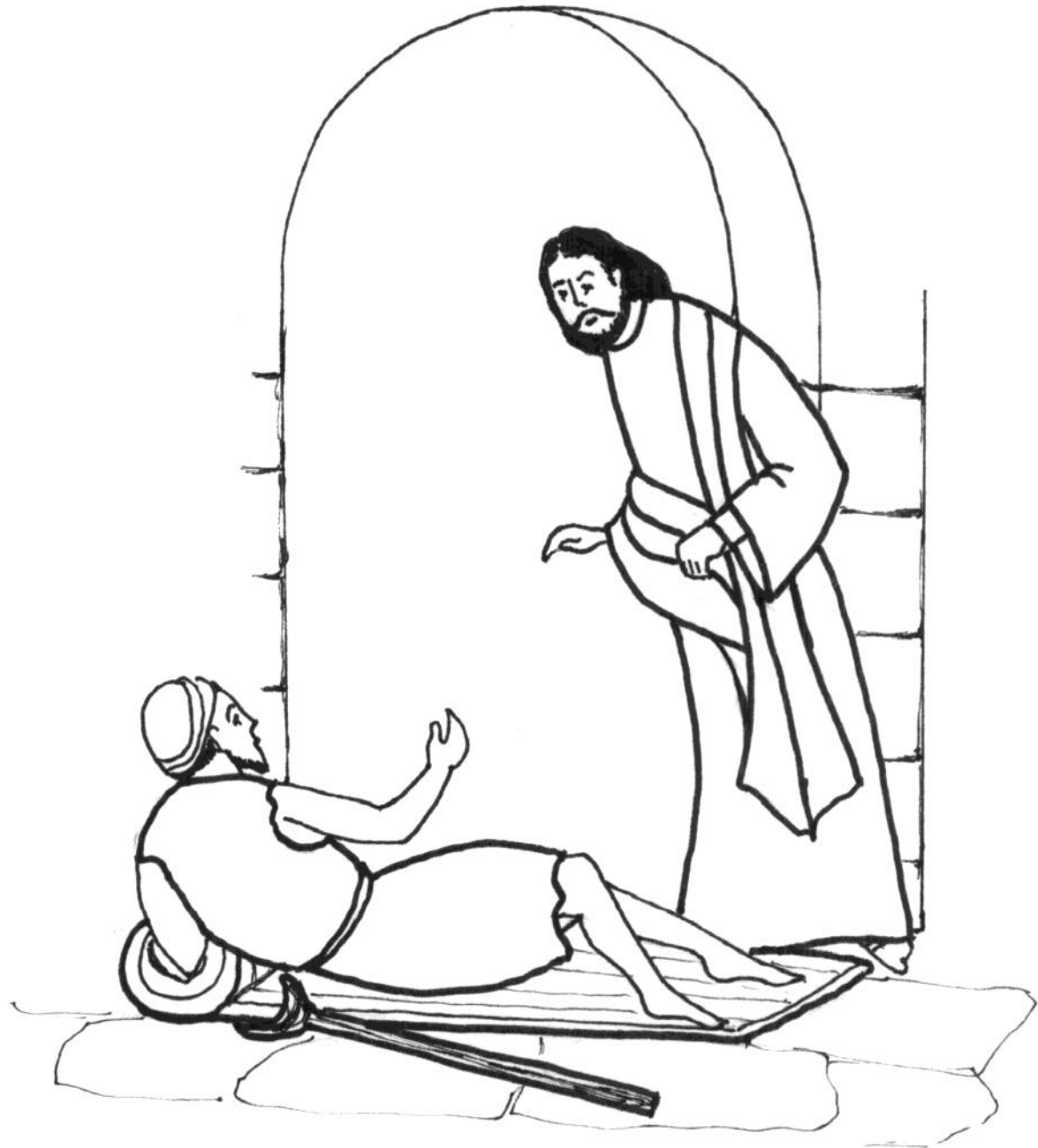


**Jesus spoke to a man
who had been lame
for thirty-eight years,
and said,
'Do you want to be well?'**

**The man answered,
'Sir, I have no one
to put me into the pool
when the water moves.
While I am going there,
someone else gets into
the water before me.'**

**Jesus said.
'Stand up!
Pick up your bed and walk.'**

**Straight away
the man stood up,
picked up his bed
and walked.**



**All this happened on the Sabbath day
when Jews thought
no work was to be done.**

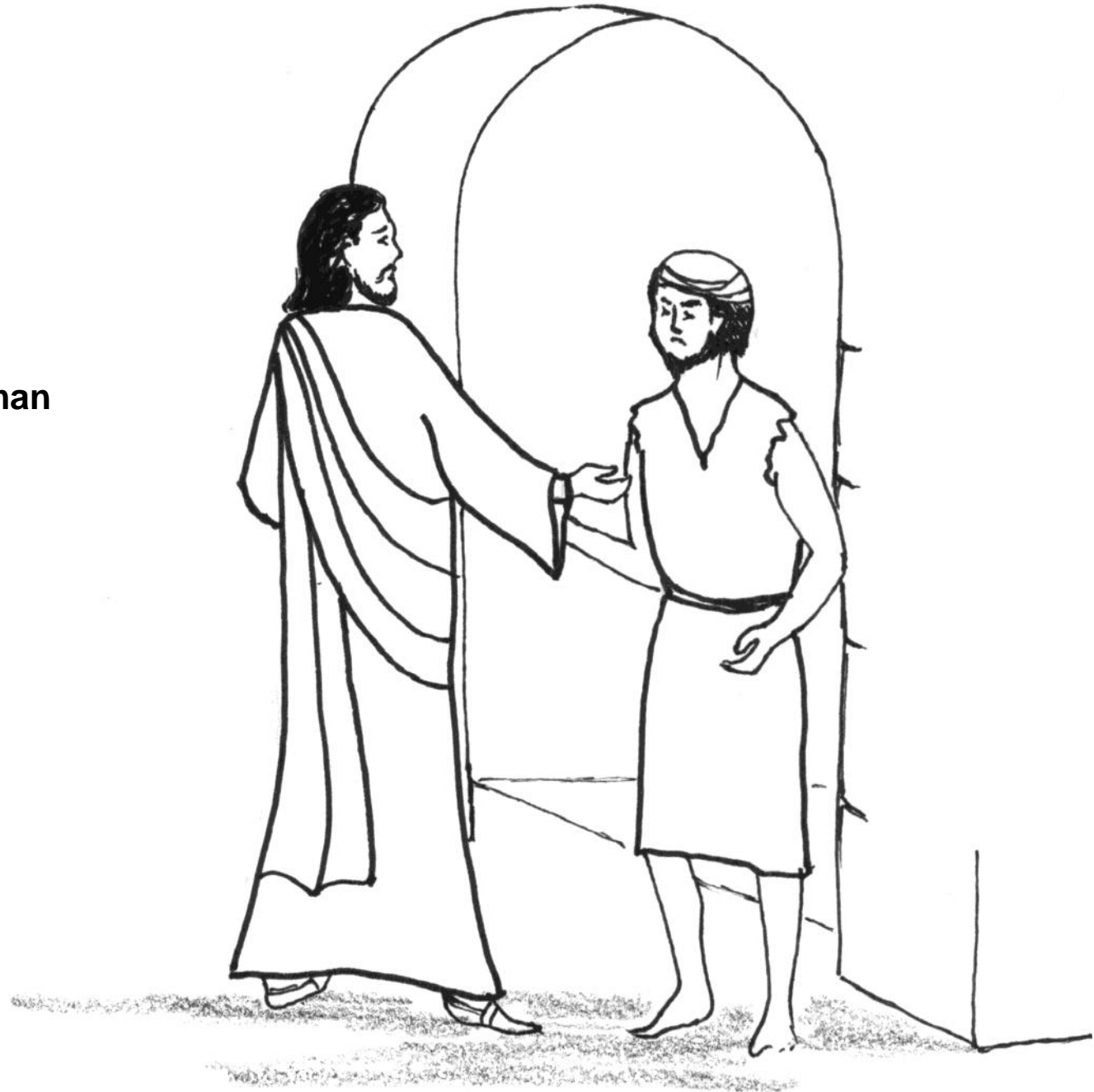
**The man walked
past the Jewish teachers
and they stopped him and said,
'You're not allowed to carry your bed.
That's work.'**

**'The man who made me well
told me to pick up my bed and walk,'
answered the man.
'I don't know who it was
who healed me.'**



**Later, Jesus found the man
in the temple.**

**He said,
'You are well now.
Don't sin any more
or something worse
may happen to you**



**Straight away the man went
to the Jewish teachers
and said,
'The man who healed me
was Jesus.'**



**The teachers were angry
and accused Jesus
of breaking their rules.**

**But Jesus said to them,
'My Father is working, so I work.'**

**This really made the
teachers angry.
They were going to try
and get rid of Jesus.
Not only was He breaking
their rules,
but He was calling
God His Father!**



**Jesus went on to say,
'I do what My Father shows Me.
The Father loves Me.
He will show Me
greater things to do
so that you will be surprised.**

**'Anyone who hears what I say
and believes in the Father,
the One who sent Me,
has life that never ends.'**

