









### God's Unfolding Story

**Bible Story:**  
Jesus Healed a Woman with a Crooked Back (Luke 13:10-17).

**Bible Phrase:** "Jesus made sick people well" (Luke 7:21).

**Bible Truth:** Jesus has the power to heal sick people.

-  1. God created everything
-  2. People disobeyed God.
-  3. God chose a special people.
-  4. God sent Jesus to help us.
-  5. Jesus began the Church.
-  6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.

### Suggested Schedule:

- Arrival**
- Centers – 25 minutes
  - Clean-up Time – 5 minutes
  - Bible Story Time – 15 minutes
  - Craft Time – 10 minutes
  - Snack Time – 10 minutes
  - Game Time/Dismissal



### Unfolding God's Story for Teachers

Please read Luke 13:10-17. This is the last account in the Book of Luke where Jesus is in the synagogue. By this time in His ministry, Jesus was under close scrutiny with the religious authorities. They were looking for any opportunity to discredit Him or catch Him breaking the law. This passage is one where mercy triumphs over the law.

The story begins with Jesus teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. Synagogues were meeting places for worship and religious instruction. Among the people in the synagogue was a woman whose back was crooked or bent so she could not stand fully upright. We do not know from Scripture whether she came to the Synagogue to hear Jesus or if she just happened to be there. The passage does say Jesus saw her. There are several important truths in this story, but one that is dominant is the point that Jesus saw her. In His compassion, He saw all of her. He saw her need to be straight, her need to be unbound from this disability and certainly the need for spiritual wholeness. Jesus called out to the woman and said, "Woman, you are free of your disability" (Luke 13:12). Then He laid His hands on her and she was restored.

Jesus sees us, too. He sees the physical pain or disability we may be enduring. He sees the spiritual thirst. He sees all the empty places in our lives. His compassion is just as real today as it was when He was on this earth. His desire to heal is the same. Jesus still performs miracles.

Another important truth in this story centers on the law. According to Jewish law, one could not work on the Sabbath. Healing was considered work unless it was a life-threatening issue. Obviously the woman's disability was not life-threatening. She had been bound for 18 years, but to Jesus that was 18 years too long. She did not need to suffer another minute. Jesus placed the woman's need above the law. The Jewish leaders angrily spoke against Him. Jesus countered with the question,

"Doesn't each one of you untie his ox or donkey from the feeding trough on the Sabbath and lead him to water? Satan has bound this woman, a daughter of Abraham, for 18 years. Shouldn't she be untied from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" Jesus placed people above systems. Let us not fall into Satan's trap so that we ourselves are bound. Mercy trumps the law.

### Lesson Plan

#### Arrival

- Greet children at eye level and express how happy you are to see them.
- Be sure each child has a name tag and the security measures of your church are followed.
- Label all coats and personal belongings. Strongly encourage children who have brought items from home, such as toys and books, to place them on a shelf while they are working with other materials. Assure children their items will be safe and they can take them home at the end of the session.
- Help each child make a choice where he or she would like to begin his or her Center Time.

# Center Time



## Block Center

Build with Blocks

### Supplies:

- Wooden blocks

**What to Do:** Provide a small carpet if possible. Blocks are best located in a corner of the room away from the traffic flow. Encourage preschoolers to work together to build and construct.

**Link to the Bible Story:** As children work, look for opportunities in conversation to say the Bible phrase or interject parts of the Bible story.

## Home Living Center

Role Play Doctor and Nurse

### Supplies:

- Doll bed, small rocking chair, sink and stove unit and small table and chairs; plastic dishes, child pots and pans; and doll items such as doll bag, blanket, clothes, bottles and diapers.
- Add a toy doctor or nurse kit to the area. Lab coats or scrub tops would be a fun addition. Provide adhesive bandages, cotton balls, craft sticks and gauze tape for play.

**What to Do:** Straighten and organize the Home Living Center each week. Restock first-aid supplies if needed. Encourage children to role play doctor and nurse. Children can place bandages or gauze on the baby doll.

**Link to the Bible Story:** Tell children that in today's Bible story, Jesus saw a woman whose back was badly bent. She could not stand fully upright. Jesus saw her in the synagogue and healed her.

## Bible Learning Center

Connect the Dot Bible Phrase

### Supplies:

- Copies of Activity Page: "Connect the Dots Bible Phrase" (Reproducible)

**What to Do:** Invite children to connect the dots to reveal the Bible phrase. Suggest that children color the frame around the Bible phrase.

**Link to the Bible Story:** Express to children that in our story today Jesus healed a woman who had a crooked back. Talk about things you might not see if your back was bent.

## Art Center

Create a Craft Stick Design

### Supplies:

- White paper
- Colored Craft sticks
- Glue, crayons or washable markers

**What to Do:** A sample of this activity might be helpful for children to understand the idea. Print today's Bible phrase at the bottom of each sheet of paper. Invite children to use the craft sticks to create a geometrical design on their paper. When children are satisfied with their design, instruct them to glue down the sticks. Next, ask children to use crayons or markers to color inside the designs.

**Link to the Bible Story:** Read the Bible phrase at the bottom of the sheet. Comment that our story today is about Jesus healing a woman who had a crooked back. Jesus helped the woman to stand up straight and tall.

## Puzzle Center

Work Puzzles

### Supplies:

- Offer a variety of non-fantasy wooden or cardboard puzzles for children to work.

**What to Do:** Invite preschoolers to work puzzles. Encourage children to finish a puzzle before leaving the center. Give guidance rather than doing the puzzle for the child.

**Link to Bible Story:** As children work, look for opportunities in conversation to say the Bible phrase or briefly tell the Bible story.

## Clean-up Time

Encourage preschoolers to help at clean-up time. Assign specific tasks for preschoolers to do such as placing all the crayons in the basket, throwing away the trash, gathering all the glue sticks, etc. Guide children to the Bible Story Time area.

## Bible Story Time

### Supplies:

- Bible
- Teaching Picture "Jesus Healed a Woman with a Crooked Back" (Reproducible)
- God's Unfolding Story Cube (Reproducible)

### Introduction

- Show the God's Unfolding Story Cube. Point to each symbol and tell God's Unfolding Story. (Refer to page 1.) Encourage children to say the story with you.
- Comment to boys and girls the segment of God's Unfolding Story today is from **God sent Jesus to help us.** (Point to that symbol on the cube.)
- Review last week's Bible story. "In our story last week, Jesus showed God's power by



healing a man who could not walk. Four of the man's friends had brought him to see Jesus. The place where Jesus was staying was so full of people the men had to cut a hole in the roof. They lowered their friend in front of Jesus, who healed him. This was called a miracle. A miracle is an event that only God can cause to happen."

- Comment, "We will hear about another miracle in our story today. Listen to hear how Jesus helped a woman whose back had been bent for a long, long time. "

### Bible Story

#### Jesus Healed a Woman with a Crooked Back (Luke 13:10-17)

One day Jesus was teaching people in one of the synagogues. A synagogue was similar to a church. That day, there was a woman at the synagogue. Perhaps she knew Jesus would be there, but the woman was not able to see Jesus; she was only able to hear Him because her back was crooked. She was so stooped all she could see was the ground. The woman could not look at the sky or the birds flying above. She could not see a rainbow or look up at the faces of other people. She had been this way for a very long time.

Jesus saw her. Jesus wanted to help the woman. He called out to her and said, "You are well; your back is no longer crooked."

Then Jesus gently put his hands on her. Instantly, she stood up straight. The woman was so happy! She praised God that Jesus had healed her crooked back.

There were many people who watched and listened to what Jesus was doing. They, too, praised God for how Jesus had healed the woman with the crooked back.

### Talk Time

1. Show the teaching picture for today's Bible story. Ask the following: "Where was Jesus in our picture? Who did He see at the synagogue? How did He help the woman?"
2. Read the Bible phrase on the teaching picture. Say the phrase together. Comment that Jesus healed people to show God's power. Explain to children that God often uses doctors and nurses to help people get well; sometimes God just heals someone miraculously.
3. Close the Bible Story Time by inviting children to join you in prayer. Perhaps someone has a friend or family member who is ill. Allow any interested preschooler to pray. Conclude prayer time by thanking Jesus for the miracle of healing.
4. Direct children to Craft Time.

## Craft Time

Make a Bible Story Scene

### Supplies:

- Copies of "Bible Story Scene" (Reproducible/Cardstock)
- Construction paper, crayons or washable markers
- Child's scissors, glue

### What to Do:

Prepare one of the scenes in advance so children can see a completed version. Cut off the figures from each copy. Give each child two figures and the synagogue scene. Invite children to color the scene. Instruct children how fold to the scene on the lines indicated. Children can glue the figures on the fold.

### Link to Bible Story:

Use the scene to remind children Jesus performed a miracle to heal the woman in our story today. He helped the woman to stand up straight. The miracle helped people to know Jesus is God's Son and to give glory to God.

## Snack Time

Be sure to wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Say a thank-you prayer to God for the snack. When snack time has ended, encourage preschoolers to help with cleaning up.

## Game Time/Dismissal

Count and Do

### Supplies:

- No supplies needed

### What to Do:

Play an action-counting game. Give the following instructions: "Take one giant step forward, take two hops backward, take three steps in place, touch your toes four times, clap your hands five times, tap your head six times, bend sideways seven times, do eight jumping jacks, touch your knees nine times, twirl around and count to 10!

Remind children that in today's Bible story the woman had a crooked back. She would not have been able to do the actions of the game. Jesus helped the woman to stand up straight.

Dismiss children as parents arrive. Be sure to follow the security procedures of your church.





# Resources and Supplies

**New Testament Unit 2: Jesus Healed**  
**Lesson 3: Jesus Healed a Woman with a Crooked Back**

## Standard Art Supplies

(Supplies that are generally in the room)

- Washable markers
- Crayons
- Child scissors
- Playdough and accessories
- Drawing paper
- Easel (optional)
- Glue/glue sticks
- Tempera paint, 4 colors
- Tape/masking tape
- Pencils/colored pencils
- Hole punch
- Teacher scissors
- Stapler/staples
- Permanent markers
- Watercolors
- Paintbrushes
- Yarn

## Standard Equipment

(Equipment that is generally in the room)

- Small beanbag for Bible Story Time
- Assorted wooden/cardboard puzzles
- Set of wooden blocks
- Small cars and trucks
- Doll bed
- Baby doll (soft plastic)
- Stove/sink unit
- Play dishes/pots and pans
- Small table and chairs
- Small carpet for block area
- Play food items
- Storage shelf for blocks
- Tables and chairs for art, puzzles, and Bible Learning Center
- CD player/Children's Worship CDs

## Reproducibles

(Included with the lesson plan downloads)

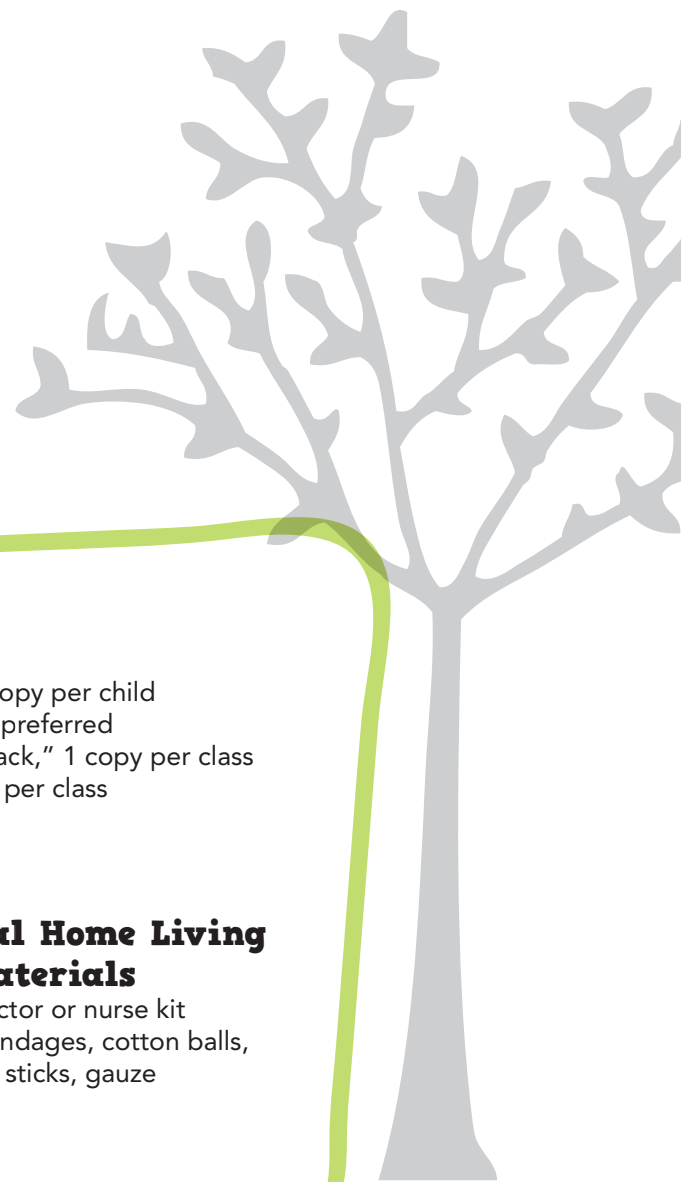
- Activity Page: "Connect the Dots Bible Phrase," 1 copy per child
- "Bible Story Scene," 1 copy per child/cardstock preferred
- Teaching Picture "Jesus Healed a Woman with a Crooked Back," 1 copy per class
- God's Unfolding Story Cube (Cardstock) 1 copy per class
- Parent Page, 1 copy per child

## Additional Art Materials

- White construction paper, 1 per child
- Colored craft sticks, 5 to 7 per child

## Additional Home Living Materials

- Toy doctor or nurse kit
- Adhesive bandages, cotton balls, craft sticks, gauze



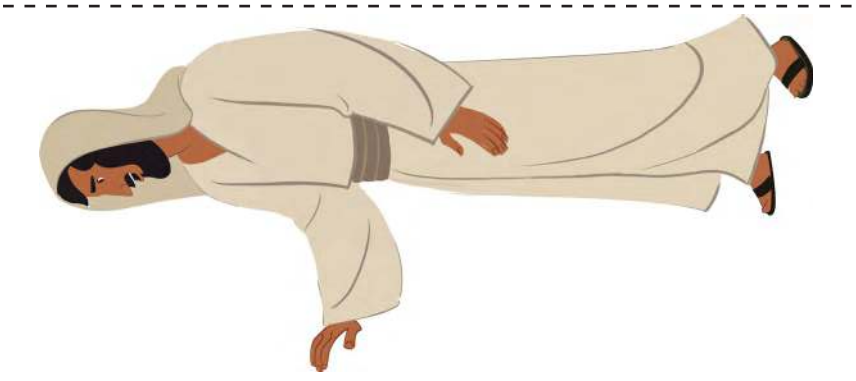


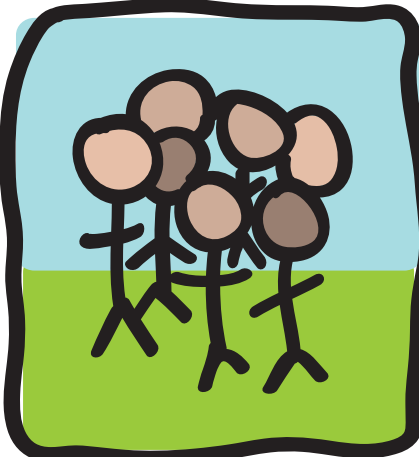
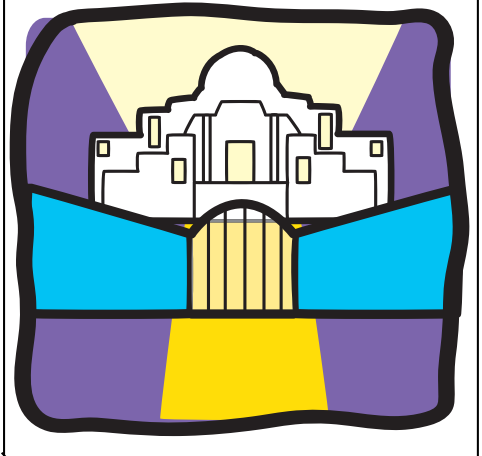
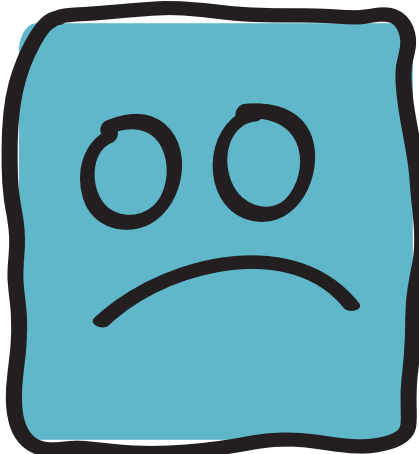
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Luke 7:21

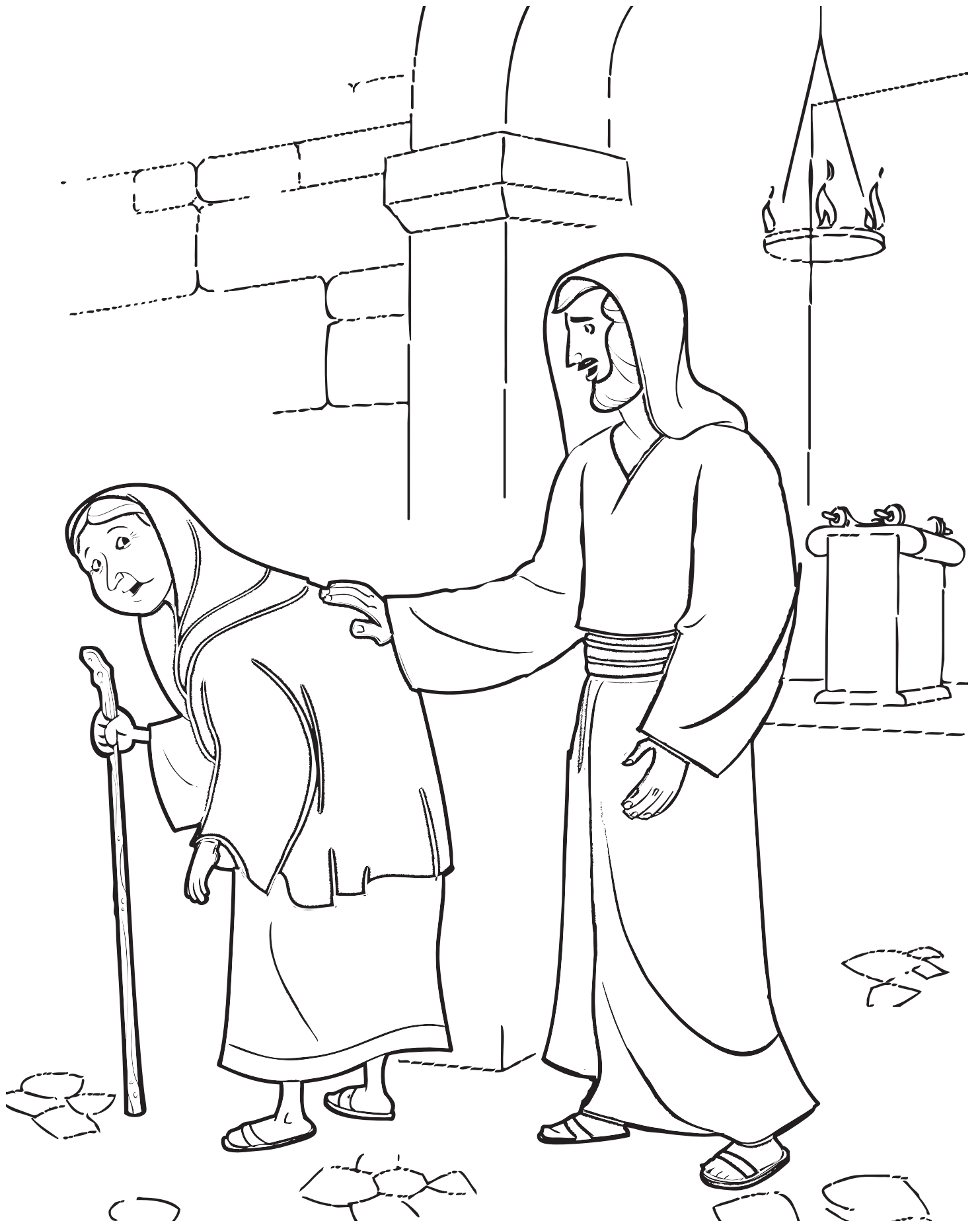






God's Unfolding Story Cube  
**Instructions:** Cut out on dotted lines, fold on solid lines. Glue or tape to form a cube.





**Jesus made sick people well. Luke 7:21**