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Discovery Guide Week 1 Jesus Heals at Bethesda

John

5:1-15



Let's Go Exploring

1 Remember Verse

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:5 (NLT)

2 What's That Word?

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So Much Drama
Doodle Mix

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7 What's Happening in the Passage?

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9 Record Your Discovery!

Create a relic to remember your faith discovery from today.

What's That Word?

Crack the cipher by folding page 3 to reveal the letters for each symbol.



Anything that requires effort. Sabbath was intended to give people rest from their usual labors. But religious leaders built rules on top of rules. One couldn't bathe, disturb the dirt, or take too many steps away from one's house!



Usually just a rug, thick blanket, or thin mattress stuffed with wool or hay. Beds were not common and usually only used by the wealthy.



Used to bring specific animals into Jerusalem for sacrifice. Located near the pool of Bethesda or Beth Khasda, meaning house of mercy.

Peaks & Pitfalls

Write the prayer requests you hear so you can encourage and pray for your friends this week.





John 5:1-15

Eureka! Bible Passage

- A. Jesus went to Jerusalem for a feast. Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda. Many sick people lay by the pool. Some were blind. Some could not walk. Some were paralyzed. One of the men lying there had been unable to walk for 38 years. Jesus saw him, and He knew the man hadn't been able to walk for a long time. Jesus asked him, "Would you like to be well?"
- B. The man answered, "I try to get in when the water is stirred. But I don't have anyone to help me, so someone always gets into the water before me."
- C. Jesus said, "Stand! Pick up your mat and walk." Instantly, the man's legs were healed. He picked up his sleeping mat and walked.
- D. It was the Sabbath when Jesus healed the man. The Jewish leaders told the man, "Today is the Sabbath. The law says you shouldn't carry your mat or work today."
- E. He said, "The man who healed me told me to pick up my mat and walk." "Who is this man?" they asked. "Who told you that?" The man did not know who had healed him. Jesus had disappeared among the crowd.
- F. Later, when the man was at the temple, Jesus found him. Jesus said to him, "Now you are healed, but you must stop sinning." The man left and told the Jewish leaders Jesus was the one who healed him.

5 WHAT'S

What's That Word?

What's Happening in the Passage?

What's Happening in the Bible?

What's This Say about God?

What's This Say about Us?

Embrace It

Use this little space to record your thoughts about the passage as you go.

Underline what you think is the most important sentence or phrase in each *Eureka! Bible Passage* section.

Keep Exploring!

Here are a few things to keep your exploring skills sharp at home. Explore God's Word. Discover God's love.

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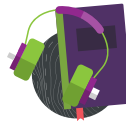
Forward. Backwards. Diagonal. Up. Down. Find 15 **Remember Verse** words at the top of Sir Neil's tower of paper clips.



There are six words from the **Remember Verse** in the Bible picture. Can you find all six?



Practice your navigation skills. Write down the 14 Books of the Bible where "o" is the 2nd letter of the name.



Grab a Bible. Relax, read, and reflect on this passage to get ready for next week's expedition.

Isaiah 35:5-6



Spend a few minutes in prayer. Give thanks, talk to God, listen for Him, and pray for the **Peaks & Pitfalls** prayer requests.



Enjoy Sir Neil's spectacularly weird journal. Find something in the journal that reminds you of this week's Bible passage or **Remember Verse**.

Sir Neil's Journal of Feats & Braveness



Paper Clip Rescue

You've probably been told that paper clips don't grow on trees. At least, that's what my fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Grinaldi, always told me when she caught me building Eiffel Towers out of them during class. She was right. They don't

grow on trees. They grow on flowers, the Cliptunia flower. Not sure who discovered the flower? To get your answer, imagine a handsome explorer with a beard and multiply that times 3.

It happened one Sunday afternoon as Pam and I were rescuing an injured Falcat trapped on a high cliff. Time was critical; this flying feline couldn't fly or walk. Without help, it would surely perish. I tossed my torso rope around the rocky landscape to help me think. On my 38th toss, I heard the unmistakable clink of paper clips. Mrs. Grinaldi's scowl flashed in my mind as I searched the bushes for the source of the noise. That's when I discovered the Cliptunias. Gleaming clips radiated in every direction like a metal explosion.

I did what was only natural and began building a life-size model of the Eiffel Tower right there next to the cliff. Pam gathered the clips. I bent and shaped the clips, and climbed higher and higher.

I was pulling the Falcat safely into my arms when the Wildflower Warden arrived. At first I thought he was impressed, what with the way he was jumping and hollering and waving his hands down below. It wasn't until I climbed down that I realized he was angry! Talk about being shamed for greatness and compassion! Turns out it was illegal to harvest wild paper clips on Sundays and was punishable by a paper cut. *Ouch*. Now I have to try and avoid lemon and salt until it heals. *Drat!* Those are my favorite flavors of pudding, too.