

Ages 8 – 9 years - Lesson 1 - Migration

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The story we are going to learn about is from John C5 v 1-15

Jesus went to Jerusalem to attend a Jewish festival.

In Jerusalem near the sheep gate there was a pool named Bethesda.

This was a very special pool.

There were many sick people there, eg the blind, the lame and the paralyzed

These people would come from all over the world and wait for the water to be stirred. Once in a while an angel would come and stir the water.

Whoever gets into the water, after the stirring by the angel, will be cured of any diseases they had.

There was a man who had been sitting there for 38 years.

When Jesus saw him he asked him, 'Do you want to be made well?'

The man answered, 'Sir, I have no one to put me in the pool when the water is stirred.' Jesus said to the man, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'.

The man became well, picked up his bed and walked away.

He went to the temple and here he found Jesus and immediately recognized that this was the man who had helped him.

1. Definition of Migration

What does migration mean?

Migration is when a person moves from one place to another, for example when birds migrate from one country to another when the season changes - they leave the cold country and go to a warmer country.

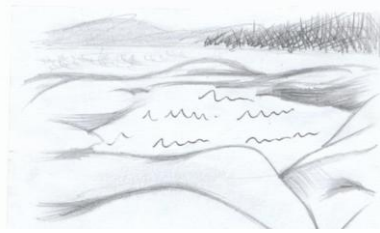


We will be learning more about what some of the things in this story mean.

1. Pool

This church has a pool, which contains water. Water is a picture of the word of God.

The water that is in this pool is still or stagnant water. This means that the water does not move. This means that the Spirit of God is not here, God's spirit is absent from this pool.



2. River

A river has flowing water. In a river we find that the water is moving all the time. This means that the Spirit of God is here, God's spirit is present in this river.



3. The Word – Our Healer

We must remember the story of Moses when he was a little baby - his mother put him in a basket and placed this basket into the river because there was a law that said all the male first-born children were to be killed.

So his mother and sister decided to put him into this basket and hide him away.



We learn from this story that the water saved little baby Moses because he was found on the other side of the river by the King's daughter. She took him as her own son, and that is how he was brought up in a palace.

What do we learn from this?

We learn that water, which is the Word of God, will save and protect us.

The bible tells us in - **Ps 107 v 20** :‘**He sent His Word and healed them**’

4. Feast of the Passover

This was a feast that the Jews celebrated

.When the people of Israel were in Egypt they were under the ruler, Pharaoh.

This was a very hard and cruel man who ill-treated Gods’ people and made them work as slaves.



God sent his messenger Moses, to ask Pharaoh to free His people.



but Pharaoh was a very stubborn man and did not listen to Moses.

So God sent many plagues to Egypt.

What is a plague?

This is a disease that makes people sick and many people die from some diseases.



There were different kinds of plagues.



The last plague was to kill every first-born male child in the family.

During this time, for their protection, the Israelites had to kill a lamb.



The people had to apply this blood from the lamb on the doorposts of their homes so that the death angel could pass over and not kill their first-born.

It was this blood that showed the death angel which home belonged to an Israelite and a child in that home would not be killed.



After this, Pharaoh gave up in the end and agreed to release the people.

The people became happy and they had a feast. This was called the Feast of the Passover.

This feast was to celebrate the freedom of God's people out of slavery. The people of Israel gave thanks to God for this freedom.

After this Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt - they followed him.



This is also an example of migration, because the people left one place and went to another. They left Egypt and followed Moses to another place..