

# Tonight's

passage – John 5.<sup>1-21</sup>

theme – Get working!

*A man who was lame was helped to walk by Jesus. See if you can find the picture of the man carrying his mat on every page of the worksheet.*



## Workers ...

What sort of work do you think you would most like to do when you grow up?

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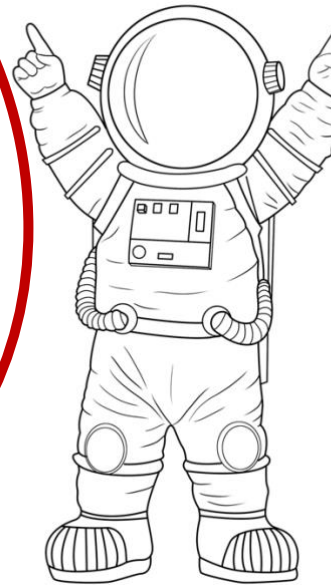
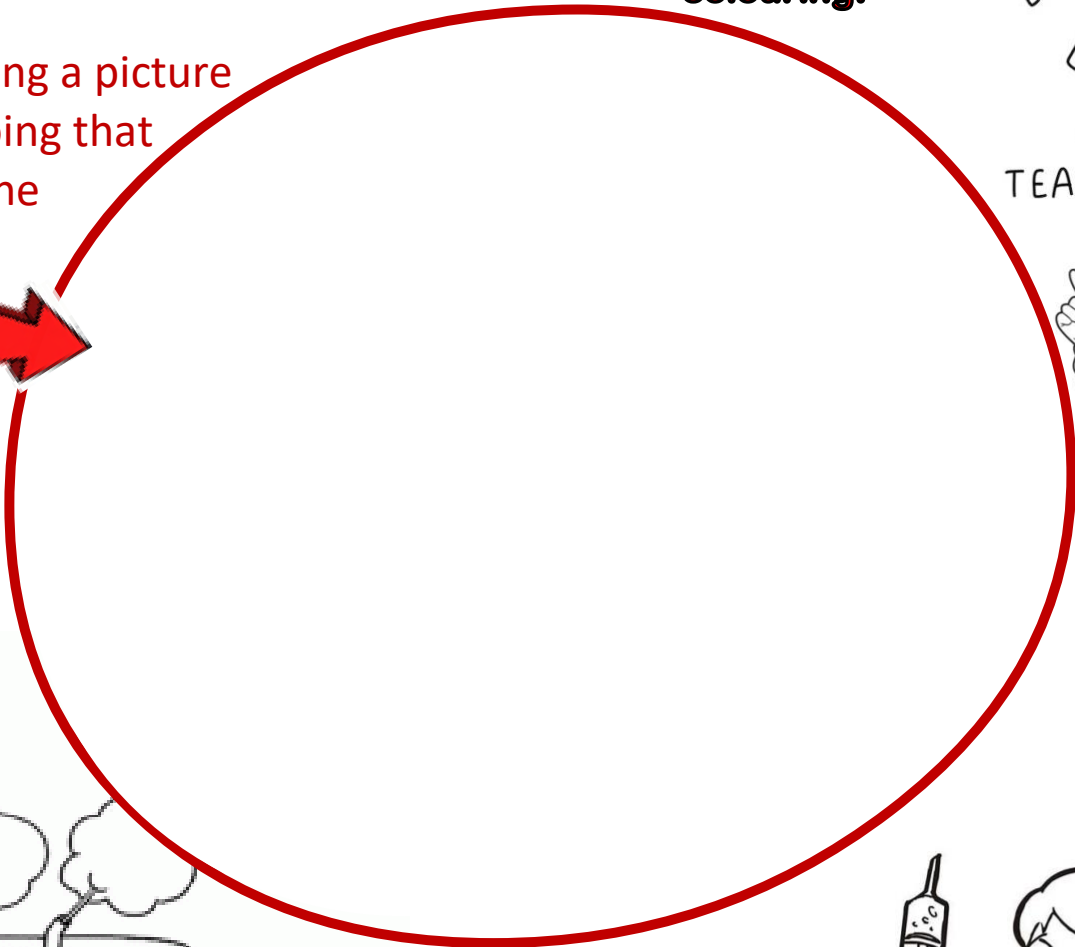


Do some colouring!



TEACHER

Try drawing a picture of you doing that work in the letter 'O' here



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## John 5 verses 1-9

# Jesus at work

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup>Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed. <sup>5</sup>One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus **saw** him lying there and **learned** that he had been in this condition for a long time, he **asked** him, ‘Do you want to get well?’

<sup>7</sup>‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’

<sup>8</sup>Then Jesus **said** to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ <sup>9</sup>At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

## Questions

This evening we’re thinking about **work**.

Is it a good thing?  
Or a bad thing?

Should life just be one long holiday?

Does **work** determine your **worth**?



## Watch Jesus at work!

This is a passage which shows Jesus at work – doing what He does better than anyone, namely making people better!

Check out the verbs (‘doing’ words) which are used to describe Jesus at work: fill in the blanks below –

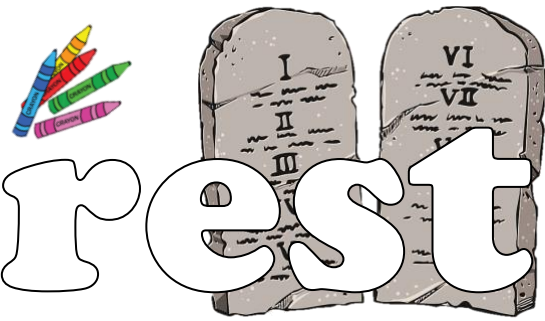
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An important part of whatever work we’re doing is keeping our eyes open to see what God is doing!



Read  
**John 5**  
 verses 9-13

# what about the day of



# rest

<sup>9</sup>At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, <sup>10</sup>and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, 'It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.'

<sup>11</sup>But he replied, 'The man who made me well said to me, "Pick up your mat and walk."'

<sup>12</sup>So they asked him, 'Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?'

<sup>13</sup>The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 10 commandments God told His people that they were to stop their work on the seventh day – as He had done after His work of creation.

The Jewish leaders tried to be very careful in stopping anything and everything which looked like **work!**

The lame man had been sitting on his mat: when he was amazingly healed by Jesus, he picked up his mat as Jesus had told him and starting walking – the first time in 38 years!



The 'day of rest' was a day for God's people to stop their work and gather together for worship. The people in the picture are gathered together – but they're not at worship! **Spot 5 differences!**

# follow Jesus – He works!

Read  
**John 5**  
verses 16-21

## The religious leaders were *not* pleased!



Because the man was carrying his mat, the religious leaders figured he was **working**.

So Jesus was in trouble with them as well because He'd enabled the man to walk again after 38 years!!!

Jesus told them that He just keeps His eye on the Father, and what He sees the Father doing – He does.

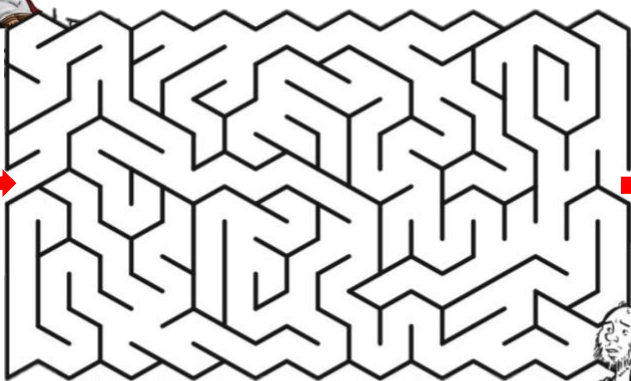
So when the Father rests, He rests.  
When the Father works, He works.

And the result is a person enjoys **life**!

Which is really what the sabbath was all about in the first place!



Jesus knows what He's doing – we're as well to follow Him!



See if you can make it through the maze to get to the lame man

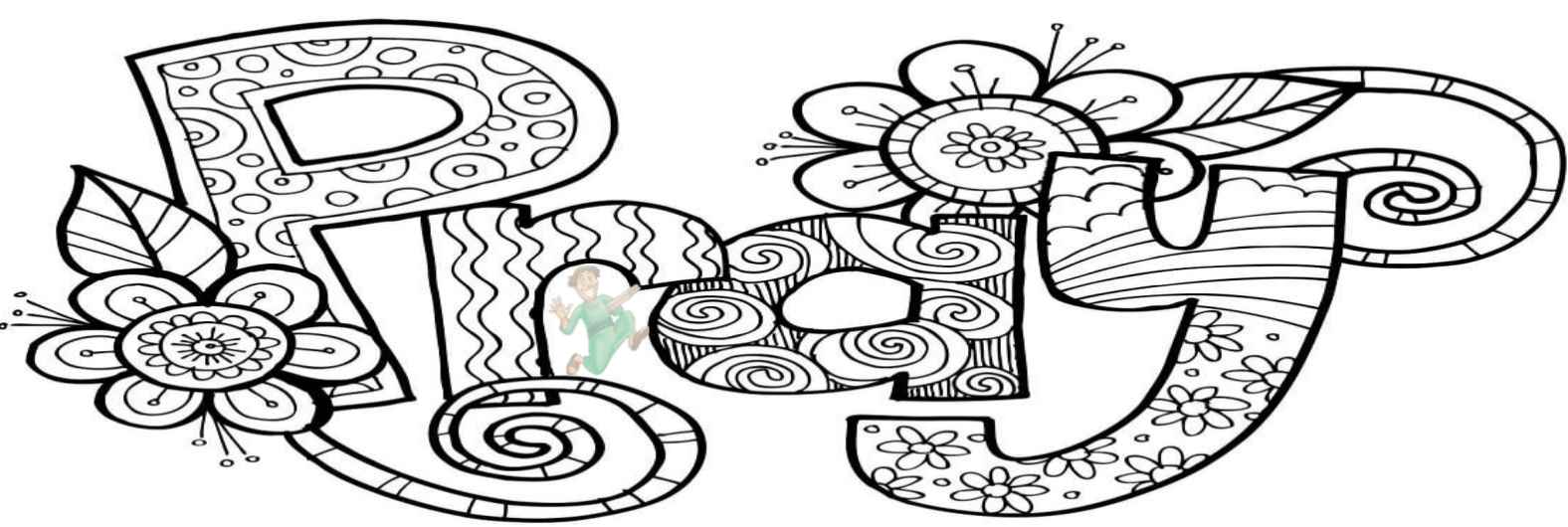


<sup>16</sup> So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him. <sup>17</sup> In His defence Jesus said to them, 'My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working.' <sup>18</sup> For this reason they tried all the more to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

<sup>19</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: 'Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what he sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.'

<sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. Yes, and He will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. <sup>21</sup> For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them **life**, even so the Son gives **life** to whom He is pleased to give it.

**God has made us to be His "co-workers" – keep your eyes on Him, and learn to both work and rest like He does.**



*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

**It's great to read about the way You help people, Lord Jesus.**

**And it's great to learn that You made us to work with You, helping other people to enjoy the life which You give us.**

**Thank You for helping me work over the last year at school: and thank You for all that I've learned as I've done so.**

**Thank You, also, for the teachers at my school and for all the hard work they do.**

**It's great being on holiday, too!**

**Thank You that You mean us to have these 'holy days' when we can see how amazing the world is and how great are the things You do.**

**Please help me to be a good worker for Your kingdom – and to rest well too!**

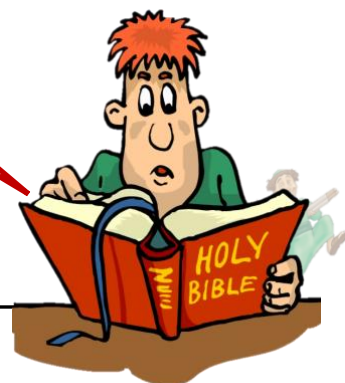


# Today's verse for you to try and remember!



“.. the Son  
gives life to  
whom He is  
pleased to  
give it

John 5.<sup>21</sup>



# A WORDSEARCH . . .

See if you can find all the words in this Wordsearch!

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Angel

Bed

Bethesda

Disease

Infirmity

Jerusalem

Jesus

Pool

Porch

Rise

Sabbath

Stirred

Troubled

Walk

Whole



# COLOUR in the picture

