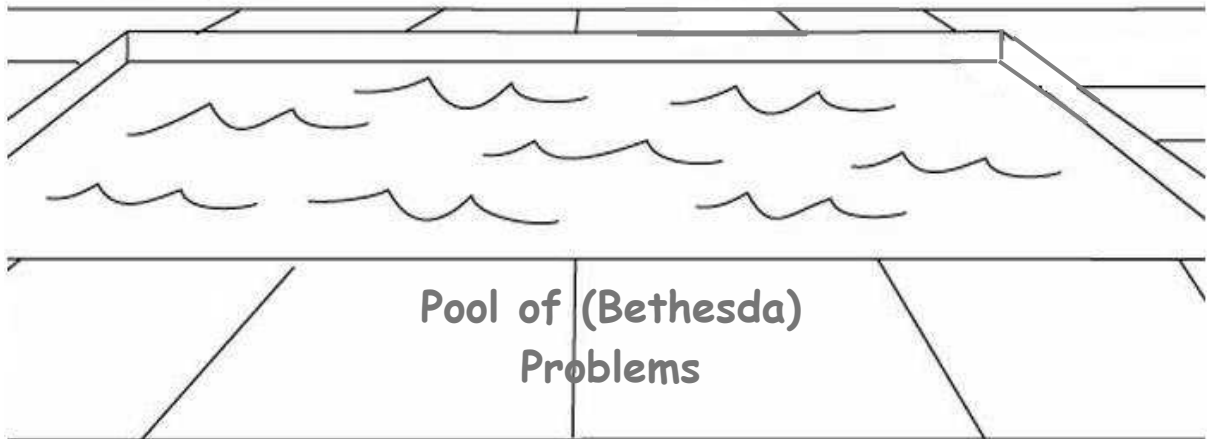


# I AM WITHOUT STRENGTH

Student Activity Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_



**Lame Man Facts:**

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**What he says the problem is:**

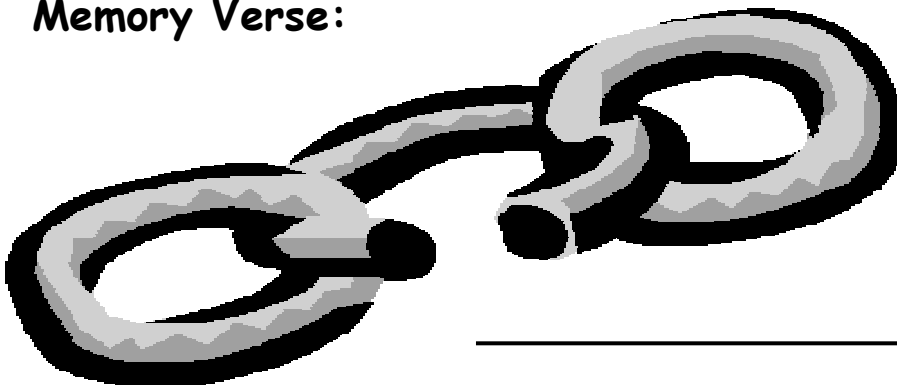
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**In other words:**

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**Memory Verse:**



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## Teacher's Notes - I Am Without Strength – John 5

### Lesson:

- I am without strength – I need Someone else to help

### Verse:

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6



Here I am.  
I am  
coming!

### Introduction:

- Hidden in this room is a candy. Get into groups of 2-3 and brainstorm as many ways as you can to find it. Prize for group that gets the most.
- Create list of ways to find it. Why did no one suggest calling out to the candy? Posting signs asking it to come to you? Offering a reward to the candy if it turns itself in? Why? Because a candy can't hear, can't see, can't walk. It is completely dependent on someone else to find it.
- The Lord Jesus told a very similar story once about a coin belonging to a woman that was lost. It needed to be found and so what did the woman do? Read Luke 15:8.
  - Lights a candles
  - Sweeps the house
  - Searches carefully
- Why did the Lord tell such a simple story? Because it is a lesson that people all over the world forget. Show pictures of baptism, offering, penance, praying, etc. Discuss why these things are done.

### Story:

- The Bible relates another story with a similar lesson. The Lord Jesus had come to Jerusalem and was near the temple. Right beside the temple was a pool called Bethesda. It was surrounded by five porches. Sitting in these porches was a large crowd of sick people – blind, halt, lame. At one particular time each year, an angel would come down and stir up the water. Whoever stepped in first after that happened would be healed. Sounds like a good solution, doesn't it?
- What are the problems?
  - Only one can be saved
  - Some diseases mean you can't move as fast.
  - How long can you stay by the pool – what about food, sleep, etc.
  - Doesn't seem to be a fair method of healing.
- Jesus observes the situation and notices one man in particular. The Lord, knowing everything, knew he had been there for 38 years. 38 missed opportunities. How is the man feeling – hopeless. If it didn't happen the first 38 years, it probably wasn't going to happen this year either.
- And so Jesus comes to him and asks "Do you want to be made whole?" Of all the problems listed, which one do you think this man gives?
- This man zeroes in on the only thing that mattered. Read John 5:7. I HAVE NO MAN. No one to help. He realizes that he is completely without strength. He realizes that he needs someone else to save him. And he says, THIS is the problem. I have no man.
- What happens when we are willing to admit that we are completely without strength. Unable to save ourselves. Read verse 8. Rise! Take up your bed! Walk!
- Some people make salvation very difficult. There are people crawling on bleeding knees trying to get salvation. There are people reciting endless prayers. But God wants you to stop trying and just admit that you are without strength. Helpless. Hopeless. Absolutely nothing you can do. Nothing you can give. Nothing you can pay. It is only then that He can show His mighty power and save you.