

# Make: Wash Me

Sick people came to the pool of Bethesda daily to be cured. When an angel stirred the waters, whoever stepped in first was healed. Children will create a movable scene out of stiff paper to retell the story and show a person who is healed by going into the waters.

## *Materials Needed For Each Child*

- pool of Bethesda background picture printed on stiff paper (see following pages)
- one human figure outline printed on stiff paper (see following pages)
- markers or crayons
- paint to create water or a wet paintbrush to use over marker
- *optional*: band aids for the person who needs healing
- *optional*: materials to “dress up” the project, e.g. google eyes, yarn hair, etc.



## *Preparation Needed Ahead of Time*

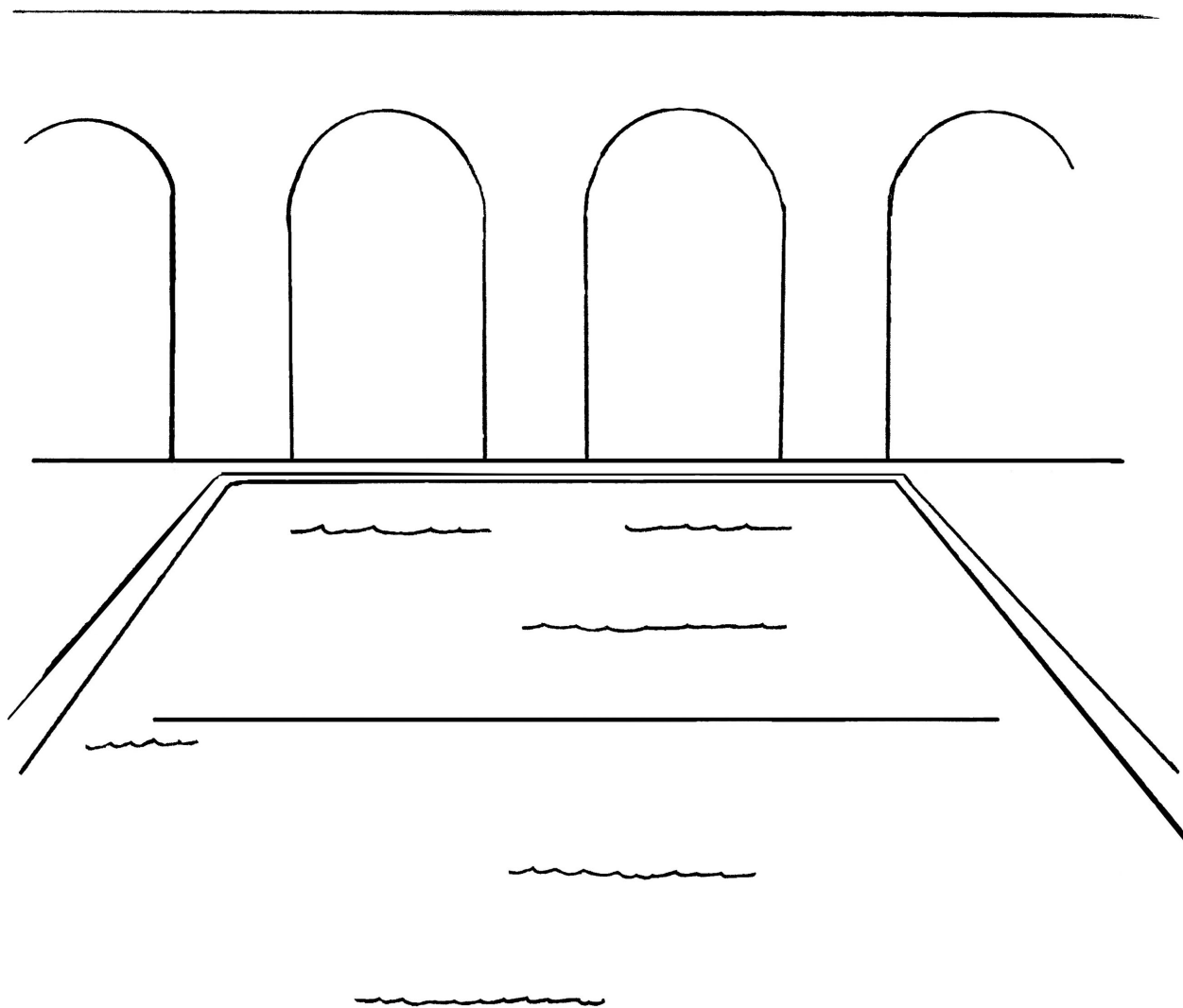
- Cut the slit at the waterline. Use a sharp blade or bend the paper, snip on the fold, open the paper up and cut to the ends of the line.
- Depending on the capabilities of the children, you may wish to cut out the human figures ahead of time.

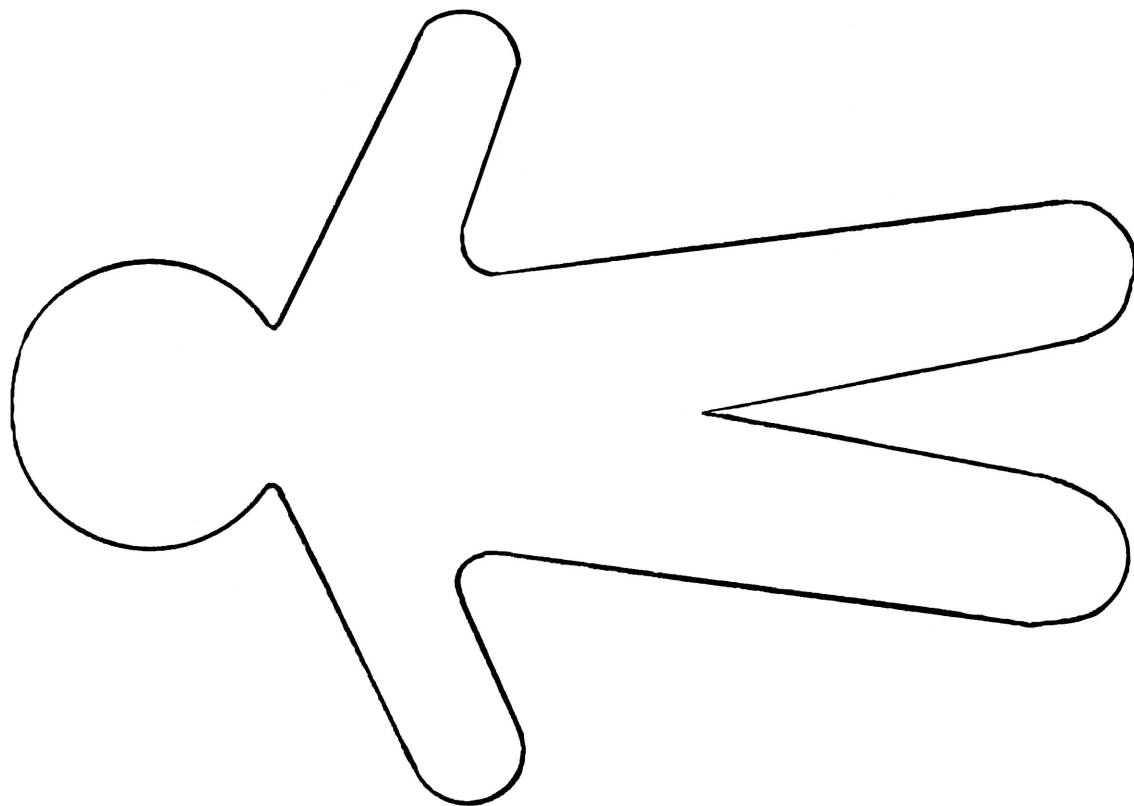
## *Project Directions*

1. Today we will be making a project showing what it might have been like to step into the pool of Bethesda and be healed by the Lord.
2. First we are going to make a person who is sick. Have you ever been sick? What did it feel like? Sometimes when we are sick we look fine, but we might have a fever. Or we might have a cold and find it hard to breathe. If a boy breaks an arm or a leg, we can tell he is hurt because he wears a cast so it can heal properly. Sometimes people are born with parts of their bodies that look different than ours do.
3. What kinds of sickness did the people sitting by the pool of Bethesda have? (blind, lame, paralyzed, etc.)
4. We are going to make someone who is sick.
5. *Have the children create their person on one side of the human outline. Optional: If using band-aids, have the children color the person and then put on the band-aids.*

6. Now on the other side, we are going to show someone who is healthy and strong. How does it feel to be healthy?
7. *Have the children draw and color a healthy person on the other side of the outline form.*
8. How were the people at the pool of Bethesda healed? (They stepped into the water when it was stirred.) Let's make a pool for this person to step into.
9. *Have children decorate the page with the picture of the pool using markers, paint, etc.*
10. Now we are ready to watch the miracle happen! Show the sick side of the person you have created. Let's pretend that the waters have been stirred up by the angel. Now slide the person into the pool through the slit in the paper.
11. The Lord healed people in the water. Imagine what that must have felt like! People who were blind could see, people whose arms were broken would have felt great! How do your people feel?
12. Now let's see what they look like when they come out of the water! Turn your person around and help him or her come back out of the water healed!
13. Who healed all of these people? The Lord! And He heals us when we are hurt too.
14. *Retell the miracle with the children if they want to do it again.*







**Wash Me Figures - Give one to each student.**

