

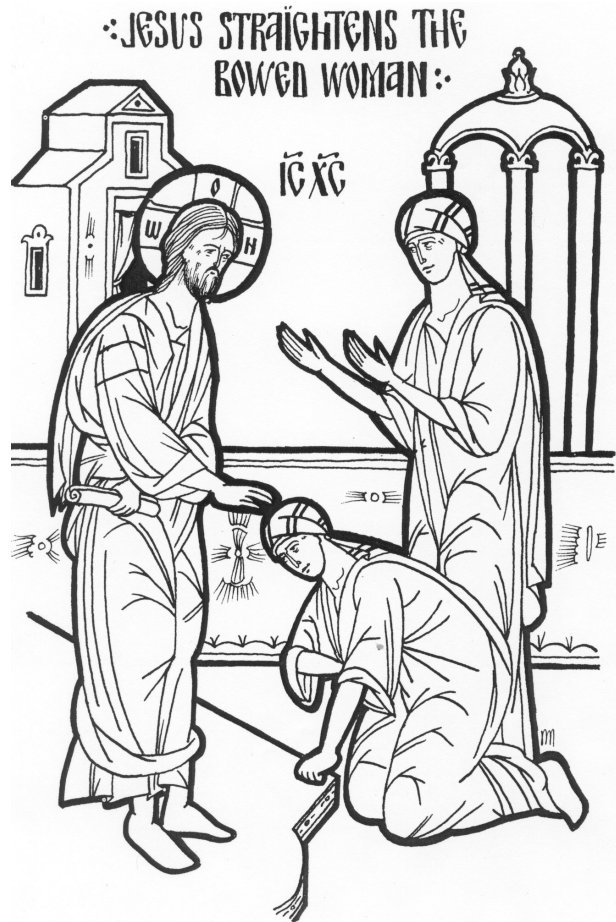
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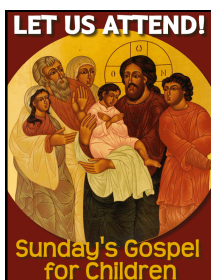
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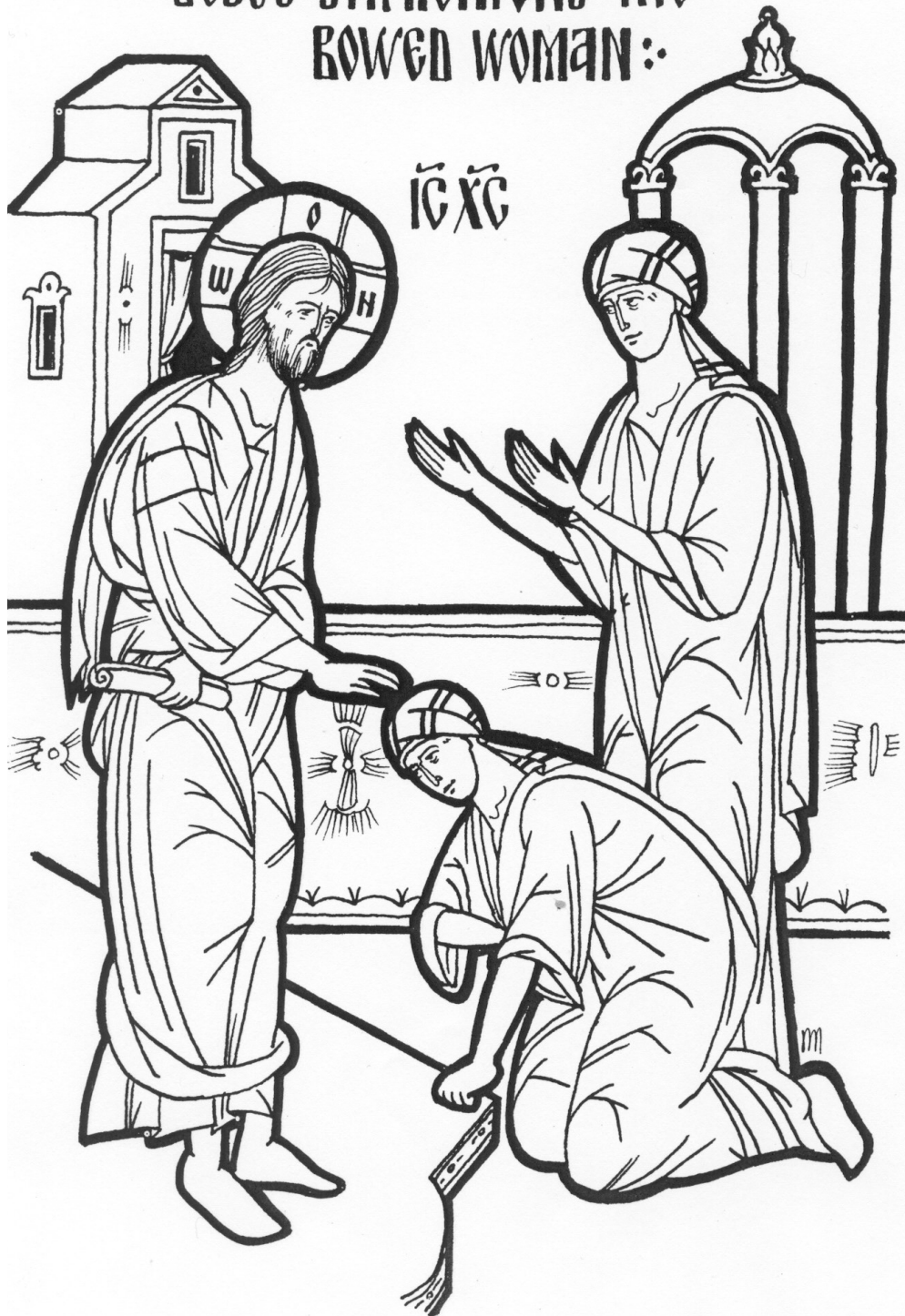


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# ✠ JESUS STRAIGHTENS THE BOWED WOMAN ✠



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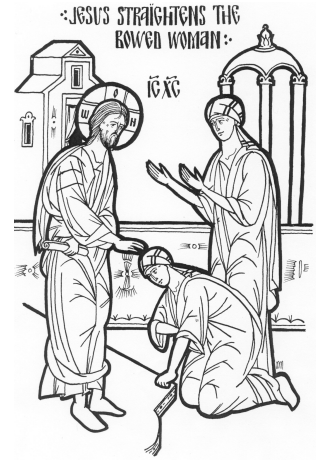
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## Materials:

\* copy of the song, "Jesus Heals A Woman"

## Procedure:

1. After reading the Gospel story to your child, take time to review the discussion questions following the story.
2. Sing the first verse of the song, "Jesus Heals a Woman" for your child. Use the actions as you sing.
3. Repeat the verse, inviting your child to join in singing and using the hand motions.
4. Sing the second verse of the song for your child, using the actions as you sing.
5. Repeat the verse, inviting your child to join in singing and using the hand motions.
6. Sing the third verse of the song for your child, using the actions as you sing.
7. Repeat the verse, inviting your child to join in singing and using the hand motions.
8. Sing the entire song together, using the actions.
9. Discuss with your child that when we are sick or have an injury, we get well again because of God. Remind your child that we need to always thank Him for His healing.

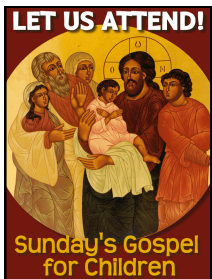


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## Song:

Jesus Heals A Woman, to the tune of "Mulberry Bush"

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| <p>1) There was once a crippled woman,<br/>crippled woman,<br/>crippled woman,<br/>There was once a crippled woman,<br/>Bent over for many long years.</p> <p>*Action - bend over at the waist, holding back with one hand.</p> <p>2) When Jesus laid His hands on her,<br/>hands on her,<br/>hands on her,<br/>When Jesus laid His hands on her,<br/>The woman stood straight up!</p> <p>*Action - pretend to lay hands on one another, then stand straight up at the end of the verse.</p> | <p>3) The woman praised God for healing her,<br/>healing her,<br/>healing her,<br/>The woman praised God for healing her,<br/>She knew to thank the Lord!</p> <p>*Action - jump up and raise arms in excitement</p> |
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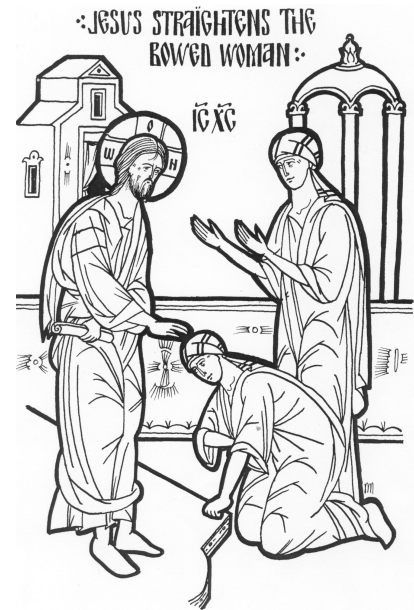
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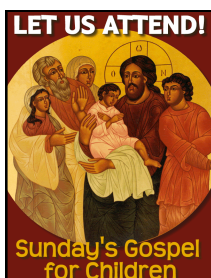
When Jesus said this, His enemies were ashamed and embarrassed. But the people were very happy because of all the wonderful things that Jesus was doing.



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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Where does this story take place? What was Jesus doing?
2. Describe the woman who met Jesus that day.
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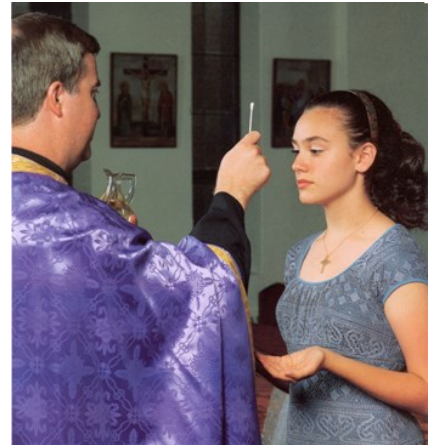
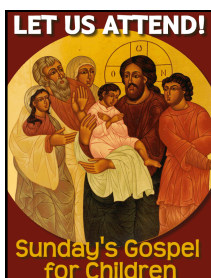


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### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Where is Jesus in this gospel?
2. What is a synagogue? What do people do there?
3. What is Jesus doing in the synagogue?
4. Why does He stop teaching? What does He do?
5. If work wasn't supposed to be done on the Sabbath why did people take their animals to get water on that day?
6. How is Jesus healing the woman similar to the people caring for their animals?
7. Healing comes from God. Has God ever granted you healing? Do you praise God like the woman in this story?



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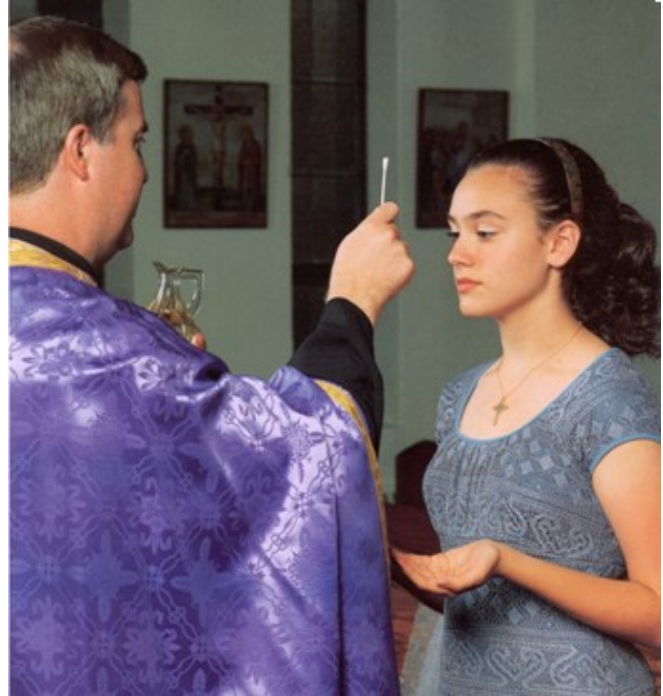
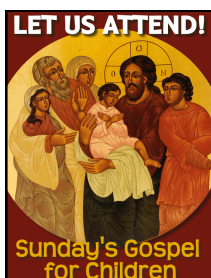


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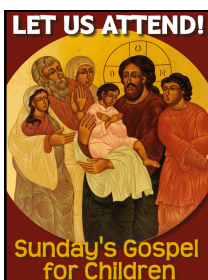
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*Oil is a symbol of healing.*

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. When was Jesus teaching in the synagogue?
2. What is the Sabbath? Why can't work be done on the Sabbath?
3. What work does Jesus say many people do on the Sabbath?
4. Why do you think watering cattle is acceptable on the Sabbath? Do you think the exception for watering cattle is a good one? Why or why not?



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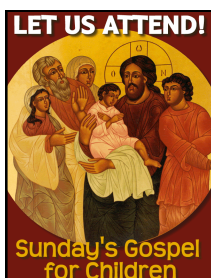
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1. When was the woman in this gospel healed?
2. What was her reaction?
3. How does the ruler of the synagogue react to her healing?
4. Why do you think he reacts this way? What good things does this tell us about him? What is problematic about his reaction?
5. What "rules" do we have in the Orthodox church?
6. When do we sometimes react the way this ruler did when people "break" rules? Why do you think we do that?
7. What can we do to learn how to react like the woman did?



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