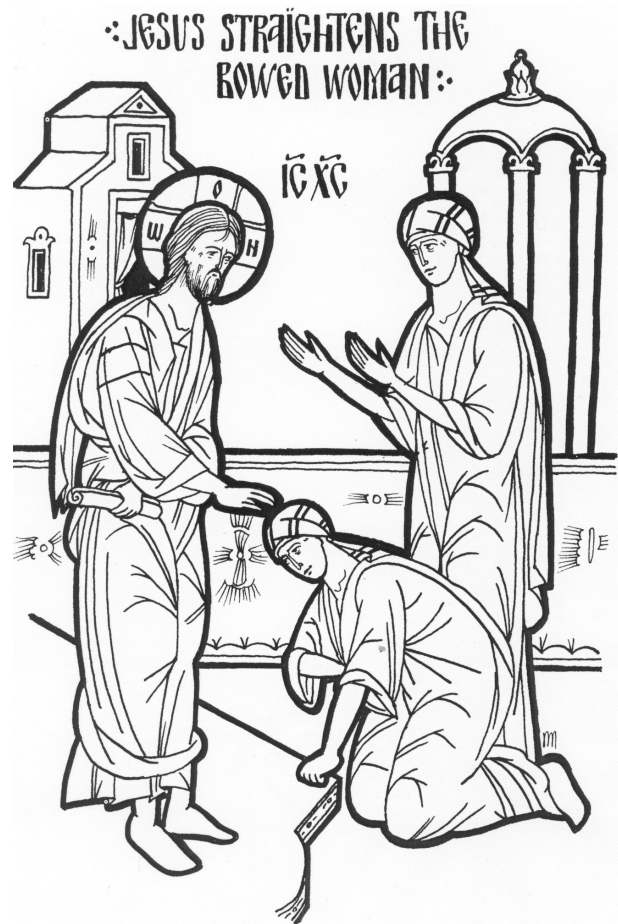


JESUS HEALS A WOMAN ON THE SABBATH

Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on a Sabbath, or day of worship. There was a woman who could not walk straight. She was bent over when she walked. She had been like this for eighteen years. When Jesus saw her, he stopped teaching. He called to her and said, “Woman, you are freed from having to walk bent over.” He laid his hands upon her, and instantly she stood up straight. She praised God!

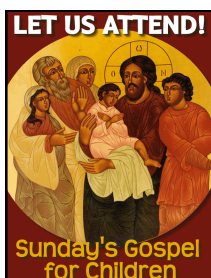
But the ruler of the synagogue said to the crowd that Jesus should not have healed on the Sabbath, because healing is a type of work, and we are not supposed to work on the Sabbath. Jesus said, “If you have an animal who needs water, don’t you untie it and lead it to water?” He then explained that healing is from God, and that the woman should not have to wait even one more day to receive healing. The people were so happy to hear these words of Jesus!



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. A woman came looking for Jesus. She had a problem, what was it?
2. What did Jesus do?
3. The man in charge said Jesus should not have healed the woman. He said it was work, and we are not to work on God’s holy day, or Sabbath.
4. Jesus asked, “If anyone had an animal who needed water, wouldn’t you take care of the animal right then?”
5. Do you have a pet? Do you tell it to wait when it needs water?



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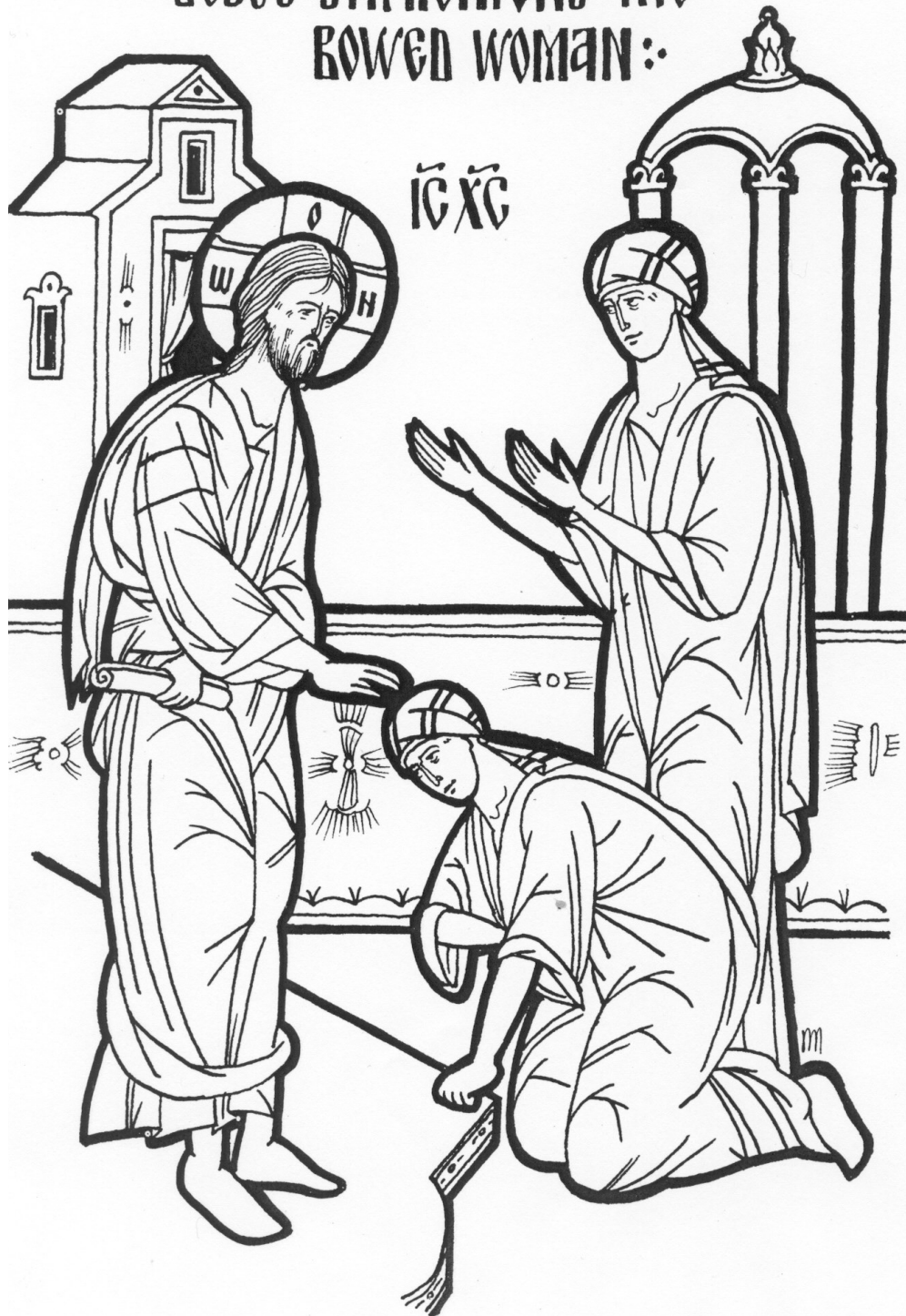


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✠ JESUS STRAIGHTENS THE BOWED WOMAN ✠



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Materials:

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

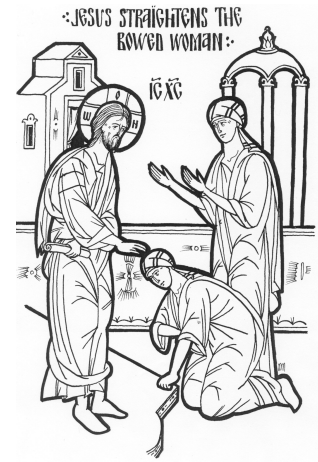
Procedure:

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.

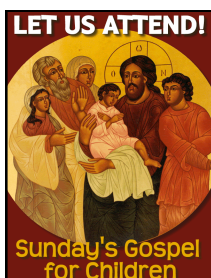
Song:

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

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|---|--|
| 1) There was once a crippled woman,
crippled woman,
crippled woman,
There was once a crippled woman,
Bent over for many long years.
*Action - bend over at the waist, holding back with one hand. | 3) The woman praised God for healing her,
healing her,
healing her,
The woman praised God for healing her,
She knew to thank the Lord!
*Action - jump up and raise arms in excitement |
| 2) When Jesus laid His hands on her,
hands on her,
hands on her,
When Jesus laid His hands on her,
The woman stood straight up!
*Action - pretend to lay hands on one another, then stand straight up at the end of the verse. | |



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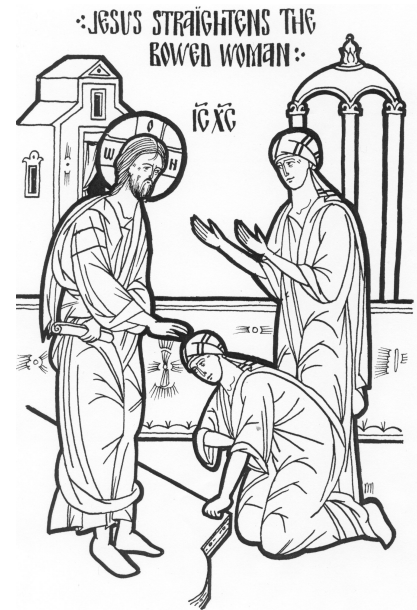
One day, Jesus was teaching in a synagogue. It was the Sabbath, the day of the week when Jewish people rest and worship God. There was a woman there who was sick. She had been sick for 18 years! Her sickness made her bend over.

When Jesus saw her, He called to her. He said, “Woman, you are well now!” He laid His hands on her. Right away she could stand up straight! The woman praised God for healing her.

The ruler of the synagogue saw this and got very angry with Jesus because He healed the woman on the Sabbath. (Remember, Jews rest on the Sabbath.) So the ruler told the people, “There are six other days in the week to work. Come to be healed on those days, not the Sabbath!”

But Jesus said to him, “Don’t you untie your ox or donkey from its manger and lead it to water on the Sabbath? That is work too! If you can work so your animal can drink, shouldn’t this woman be set free from her sickness on the Sabbath?”

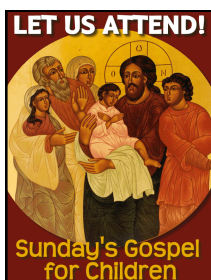
When Jesus said this, His enemies were ashamed and embarrassed. But the people were very happy because of all the wonderful things that Jesus was doing.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What was Jesus doing when the story begins?
2. What did Jesus say to the woman?
3. What happened then?
4. The ruler of the synagogue didn’t like what Jesus did. Why?
5. Do you have any pets, or know someone that does?
6. If a pet was stuck in a hole, or needed some kind of help, would you help them, even if it was the Sabbath?
7. Jesus told the ruler of the synagogue that it was not wrong to heal on the Sabbath, because healing is good, and comes from God. Any day of the week, we can pray for ourselves and those we know, who need healing.



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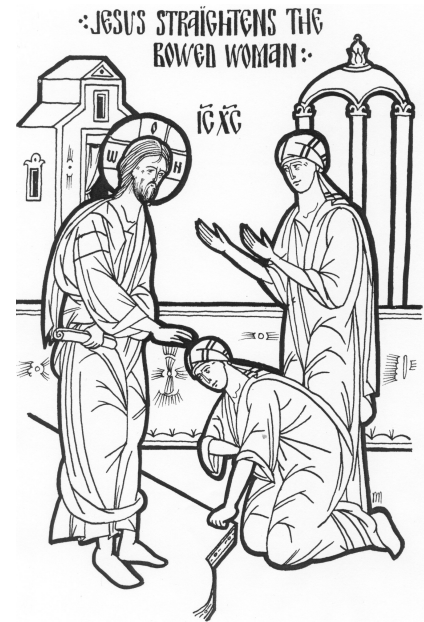


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At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be

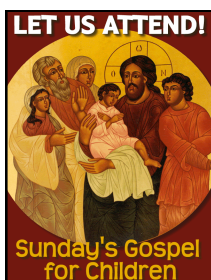
done; come on those days and be healed and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Do you have a pet or know someone who does?
2. What do you do to take care of your pet or what does your friend do to take care of her pet?
3. Why do people do all of those things for their pets?
4. If work wasn't supposed to be done on the Sabbath why would people take their animals to get water on that day?
5. How is Jesus healing the woman the same type of action?
6. How does God take care of you the way you take care of your pet?



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Characters: Narrator, Jesus, Ruler

the Sabbath day?

Narrator: At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her,

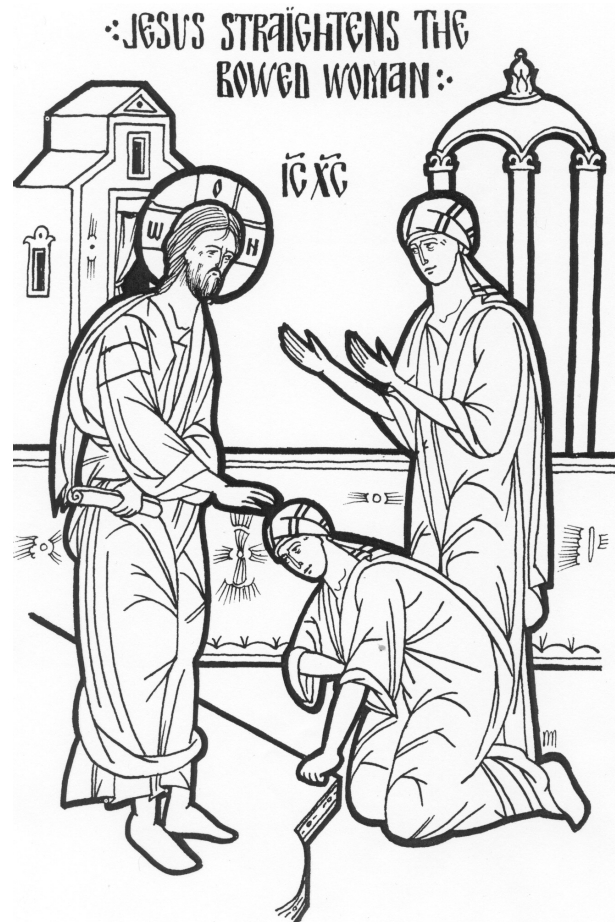
Jesus: Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.

Narrator: And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people,

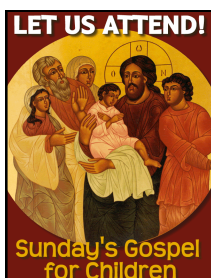
Ruler: There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed and not on the Sabbath day.

Narrator: Then the Lord answered him,

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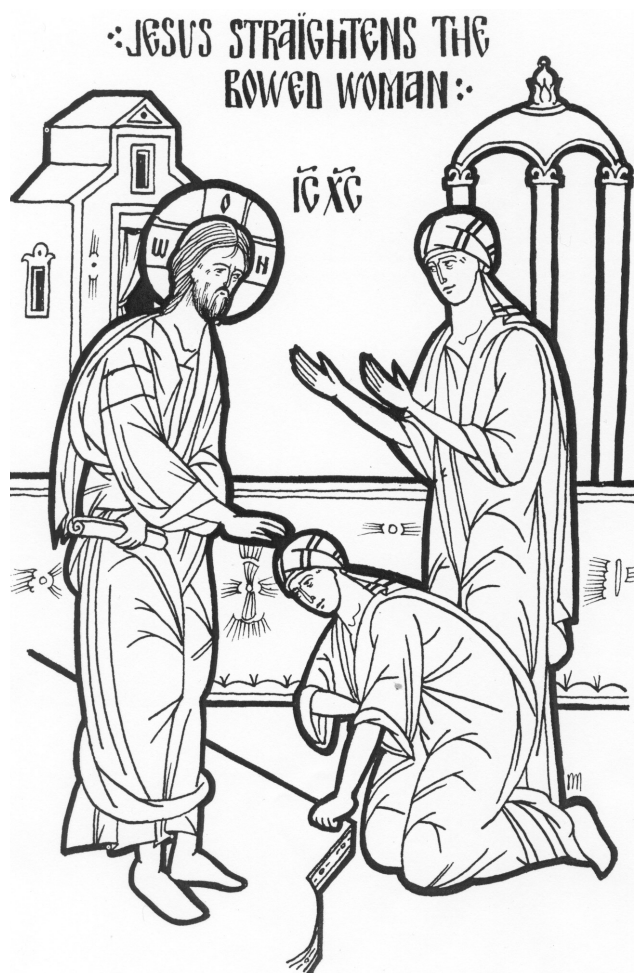
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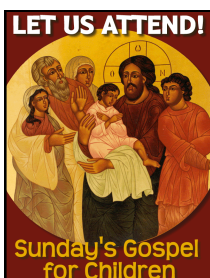
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the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why do you think no work could be done on the Sabbath?
2. Have you ever seen someone breaking a rule? What do you want to do when that happens or how does that make you feel?
3. Do you think the leader of the synagogue had a reason to be upset? Why or why not?
4. Why does Jesus think the woman can and should be healed on the Sabbath?
5. Do you think there are times when the rules can be broken or looked at differently? When? How? Why?



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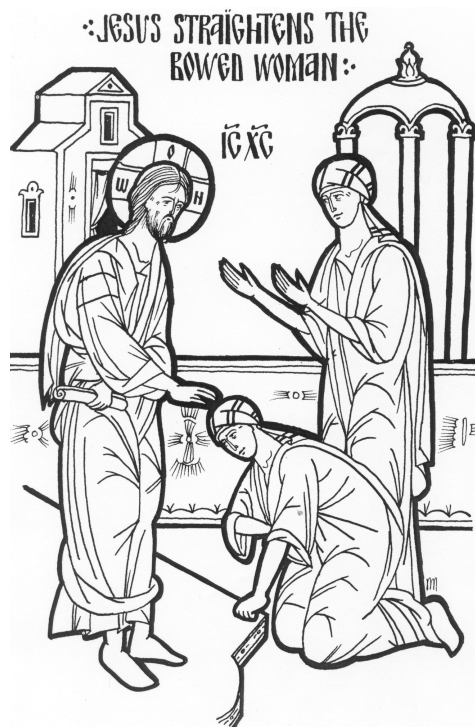
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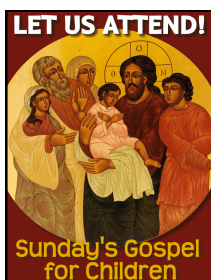
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why do you think no work could be done on the Sabbath?
2. Why would people take their animals to get water on the Sabbath if work wasn't supposed to be done on that day?
3. Is this breaking the rule?
4. Is Jesus healing the woman the same kind of action as watering an animal? Why or why not?
5. Is this breaking the rule? Why or why not?
6. Can rules be broken or interpreted differently in each situation? Why or why not? When? How?



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