

# Healing in the Bible



Providing medical care has always been a big priority for Christian missionaries. A large number of the early BMS workers in Congo were doctors and nurses. One of the aims of BMS World Mission is to share life in all its fullness with the world's peoples, and this includes helping them to live healthier lives.

The Bible is full of tales of illness and healing. Examples are:






**Naaman and Elisha** (2 Kings 5 : 1-14), **Jesus heals a blind man** (Luke 18 : 35-43),


**The Good Samaritan** (Luke 10 : 30-37), **Jesus heals the bleeding woman** (Mark 5 : 25-34),

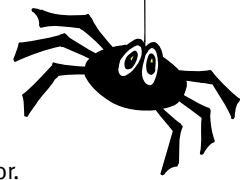
**Peter and John heal a lame man** (Acts 3 : 1-10).

## Use these as a game of Consequences.

Write this sentence five times on a large piece of paper, leaving spaces large enough to put in the extra words.































1  \_\_\_\_\_ met 2  \_\_\_\_\_ in/at  \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 said to 2  \_\_\_\_\_ 2 said to 1  \_\_\_\_\_

and the consequence was  \_\_\_\_\_ .



Copy the table below and cut out the squares. Each has a different symbol to show which part of the sequence it is for.

The children have to match up the correct statements to complete the stories. Put blutac on the back to stick them on the paper. Once your group has matched up the five stories correctly, read the Bible accounts. Photocopy the worksheet on the next page for each member of your group.

name 1	name 2	in/at	1 said to 2	2 said to 1	The consequence was
 A soldier called Naaman	 the prophet Elisha	 Israel	 'Please heal my skin disease'	 'Wash seven times in the River Jordan'	 he was healed and took the message of God back home to Syria
 Jesus	 a blind beggar	 the side of the road	 'What do you want me to do for you?'	 'I want to see again'	 the man was immediately healed and followed Jesus
 A Samaritan	 an injured man	 the road between Jerusalem and Jericho	 'I'll help you even though we're from different countries'	 'Even my own priest wouldn't stop to help'	 he gave the man first aid and paid for him to stay in a hotel
 A woman who's bleeding	 Jesus	 the street in Capernaum	 'If I only touch his cloak I will be healed'	 'Your faith has made you well'	 the bleeding stopped
 A lame man	 Peter and John	 the temple in Jerusalem	 'Please give me some money'	 'We don't have any, but the power of God can help you'	 the man stood up and walked to the temple to worship God

Jesus promised that everyone who calls on God for healing will be heard. Medical staff in Congo have God-given skills which they use every day. The Spirit of God is there in the hospitals and clinics, helping to comfort, strengthen and heal.