

John 5

The very work that the Father has given me to finish, which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me.

John 5:36

Readings this week:

S	John 5:1-13
M	John 5:14-24
T	John 5:25-29
W	John 5:30-40
Th	John 5:41-47
F	2 Cor 5:17-21
S	2 Cor 4:5-18

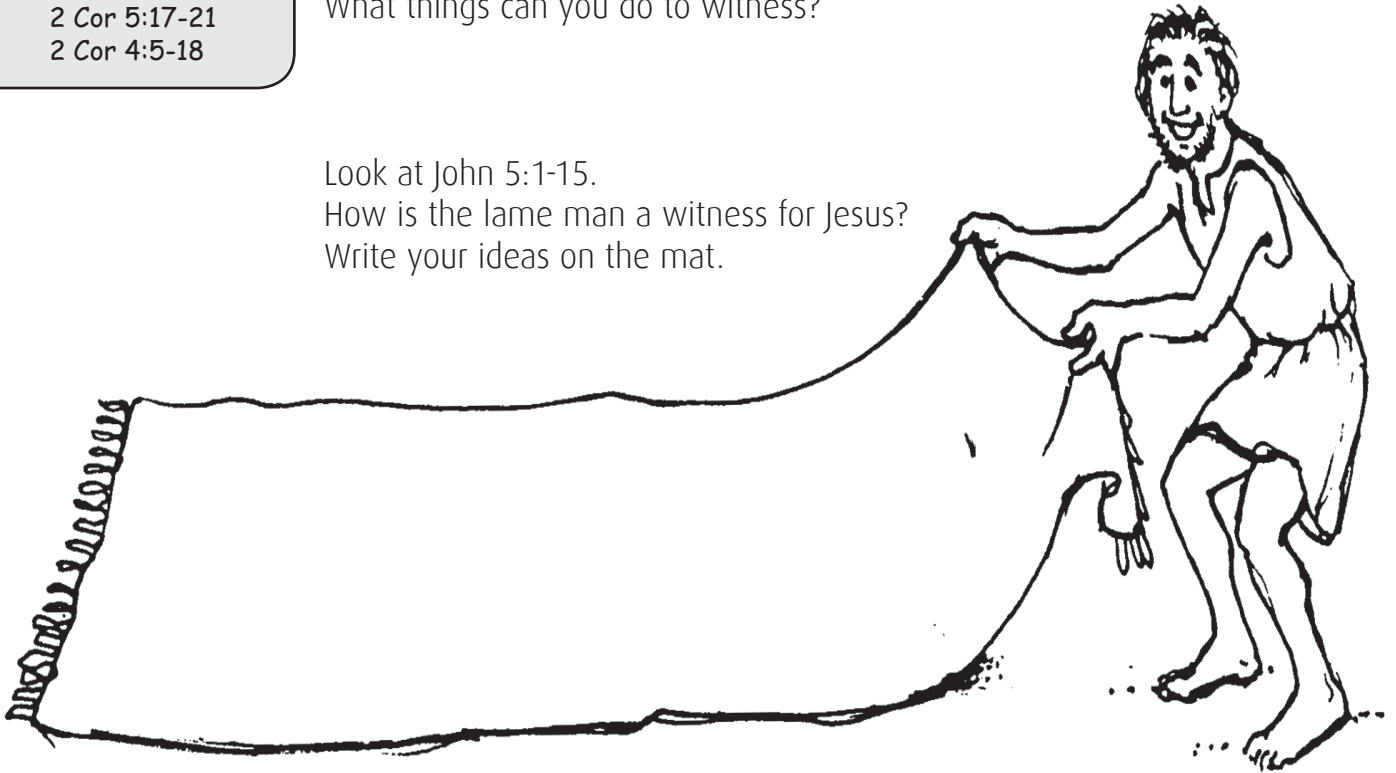
What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus?

What things can you do to witness?

Look at John 5:1-15.

How is the lame man a witness for Jesus?

Write your ideas on the mat.



Look at verses 16-30. Jesus uses these verses to tell us about himself and about his father. Try to divide the statements into ones about Jesus, God's son; and ones about God, Jesus' father.

The Father

The Son

Look at verses 31-47. Can you find five witnesses to Jesus? Write down the way you think each of them is a witness to Jesus.

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How ... ?

How can you be a witness to Jesus?
Make a list of the things you can do.

Does your list include any of the ways the lame man was a witness? Should it?

Digging Deeper - Healing the lame

We are told that Jesus and the apostles healed many lame people. It was perhaps a bit more common to be crippled when doctors were not so numerous and didn't understand so much about the way our bodies work.

We are particularly told about two who sound as though they were paralysed due to an illness.

And there are two others (apart from the man in this week's lesson) who seem to have been cripples from birth. These two are a bit more well known.

See if you can think of any of the stories.

If you need to look them up, here are the references, but don't look them up until you have tried to think for yourself.

- Matthew 8:5-10
- Mark 2:1-12
- Acts 3;1-10
- Acts 9:32-34

Ask
God to
help you to
be a
witness for
him.