

# Healing a crippled woman

CHARACTERS: Narrator, JESUS, woman, SYNAGOGUE LEADER, snobby leaders, crowd.

PROPS: cup of water

SETTING: a synagogue

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Luke 13:10-17

FK reading level: 5.4

NARRATOR: Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. There was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over nearly double. Her chin could practically touch her knees. But it wasn't very practical at all. She couldn't see where she was going and ran into people gathered to hear Jesus. This annoyed the snobby leaders greatly and they pushed her this way and that until she was dizzy and started coughing. Someone gave her a cup of water. She wasn't able to straighten up at all which made drinking water, eating, just about everything very difficult. The water went up her nose instead of down her throat which just made her cough more. That's when Jesus gently called her over.

JESUS: Come here.

NARRATOR: Jesus laid his hands on her. Then he said something that made the stuck up leaders, particularly the synagogue boss, even more upset.

JESUS: Woman, you are freed from your sickness.

NARRATOR: The snobby leaders gasped because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath.

SNOBBY LEADES: (*gasps*)

NARRATOR: Immediately the woman stood up straight and tall. She said "Praise the Lord" as loudly as she could

WOMAN: Praise the Lord!

NARRATOR: The woman was very happy to be healed after 18 long years of being bent in half. But the synagogue ruler and stuck up people were not at all happy. He got up in the woman's face, which no one had done while she was all bent over, and said in his nastiest, meanest voice,

SYNAGOGUE RULER: There are six days when work should be done; so come then to get healed, and not on the Sabbath day.

NARRATOR: He stomped his foot and glared at the poor woman. Jesus wasn't happy to hear him say that so he put his arm around the woman protectively and said

JESUS: You hypocrites, all of you untie your cows or donkeys on the Sabbath to lead them to get a drink. And the Sabbath is the right day for this woman, a daughter of Abraham to be healed from 18 years of suffering.

NARRATOR: As JESUS said this, all the snobby people bowed their heads in shame but the rest of the crowd and the woman rejoiced and shouted “Praise the Lord!” three times.

WOMAN & CROWD: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!