

MIRACLES OF JESUS

SESSION #2

JESUS HEALS A PARALYSED MAN

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MARK 2:1–12, MATTHEW 9:1–8, LUKE 5:17–26

INTRO

The miracles of Jesus are recorded in the four Gospels of the New Testament of the Bible—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The miracle of Jesus healing a paralysed man is found in Mark, Chapter 2, Verses 1–12, in Matthew, Chapter 9, Verses 1–8 and in Luke, Chapter 5, and Verses 17–26.

MARK 2:1–12

A few days later, Jesus entered Capernaum again. The people heard that he had come home. So many people gathered that there was no room left. There was not even room outside the door. And Jesus preached the word to them. Four of those who came were carrying a man who could not walk. But they could not get him close to Jesus because of the crowd. So they made a hole by digging through the roof above Jesus. Then they lowered the man through it on a mat. Jesus saw their faith. So he said to the man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

Some teachers of the law were sitting there. They were thinking, 'Why is this fellow talking like that? He's saying a very evil thing! Only God can forgive sins!'

Right away Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he said to them, 'Why are you thinking these things? Is it easier to say to this man, "Your sins are forgiven"? Or to say, "Get up, take your mat and walk"? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So Jesus spoke to the man who could not walk. 'I tell you,' he said, 'get up. Take your mat and go home.' The man got up and took his mat. Then he walked away while everyone watched. All the people were amazed. They praised God and said, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

STARTER

See page 4 for the printable activity sheet. Who are your friends? What do you like about them and enjoy about your friendship? Have you ever done something really nice for them or done them a favour? Draw or write your ideas in thought cloud.

CLIP

CLIP SYNOPSIS FOR TEACHER REFERENCE

In this story from the Bible, a paralysed man's friends bring him to Jesus because they believe he can heal their friend. There were so many people listening to Jesus that they could not get close to the house, so they made a hole in the roof and lowered their friend down to Jesus.

Watch the clip from *The King of Kings*:

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LEARNING

WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT JESUS CHRIST FROM THIS CLIP?

In this Bible story, some of Jesus' friends brought a man to Him to be healed from paralysis (he couldn't walk). But instead of healing his body first, Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven. The Bible uses the word sin to mean the choices we make to turn away from God and go our own way instead.

What does this tell us about Jesus? Christians believe He has power over both sickness and sin. In the story, Jesus knew the man's greatest need was forgiveness, even more than being able to walk.

The Bible says that some religious leaders were upset because they believed only God could forgive sin. They didn't believe Jesus was God's Son. Jesus explained that it's easy to say 'Your sins are forgiven' because no-one can see it happen. So, to show His power, He also healed the man's paralysis.

TASK

Use the words from the box to fill in the blanks.

Many people were listening to Jesus **TEACH**. A paralysed man's **FRIENDS** brought him to see Jesus but they could not get to the **DOOR** because of the **CROWD**. They went up on to the **ROOF** of the house and **LOWERED** the man on his stretcher through a **HOLE** to Jesus. Jesus told the man his **SINS** were forgiven. The religious leaders did not like this because they believed only **GOD** can forgive sins. They thought Jesus was pretending to be God and telling **LIES**. **JESUS** told the religious leaders that the **SON** of God has power to **FORGIVE** sins. Then he told the paralysed man to **GET** up, pick up his **STRETCHER** and go **HOME**. The man stood up, picked up his stretcher and went home **PRAISING** God. The crowd were **AMAZED**.

REFLECTION

The paralysed man met Jesus and was healed because his friends didn't give up. They worked hard to help him, believing Jesus could make a difference. Good friends look out for each other and try to help, even when it's not easy. What could you do today to show kindness, care, or encouragement to a friend?

OPTIONAL RESPONSE ACTIVITY

In this story a man was lowered down through a roof on a mat to meet Jesus. Provide children with materials (paper, wool, fabric strips, grasses) to create their own mat. Children could explore different techniques and textiles for weaving.

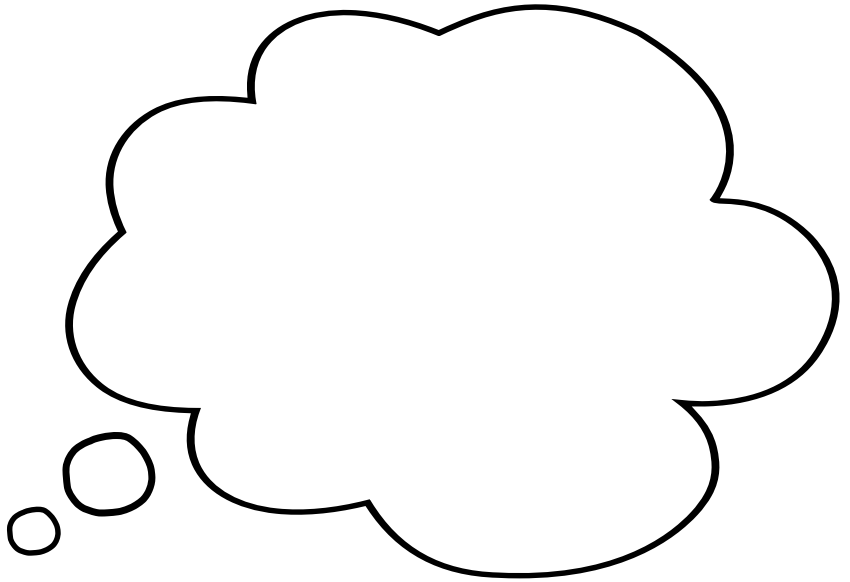


UP NEXT...

SESSION #3: JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000

JESUS HEALS A PARALYSED MAN

Who are your best friends? What do you like about them and your friendship? Draw or write your ideas in the thought cloud.



IN THE MOVIE CLIP, a paralysed man's friends bring him to Jesus because they believe he can heal their friend.

Use the **WORD BANK** to fill in the blanks below.

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WORD BANK:

PRAISING
FORGIVE — GOD
FRIENDS — SON
HOLE — LIES
STRETCHER
DOOR — GET
ROOF — TEACH
AMAZED — SINS
CROWD — JESUS
LOWERED
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