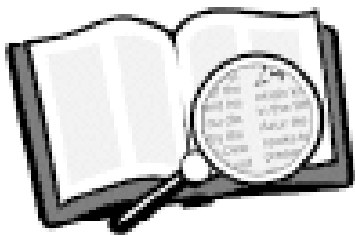
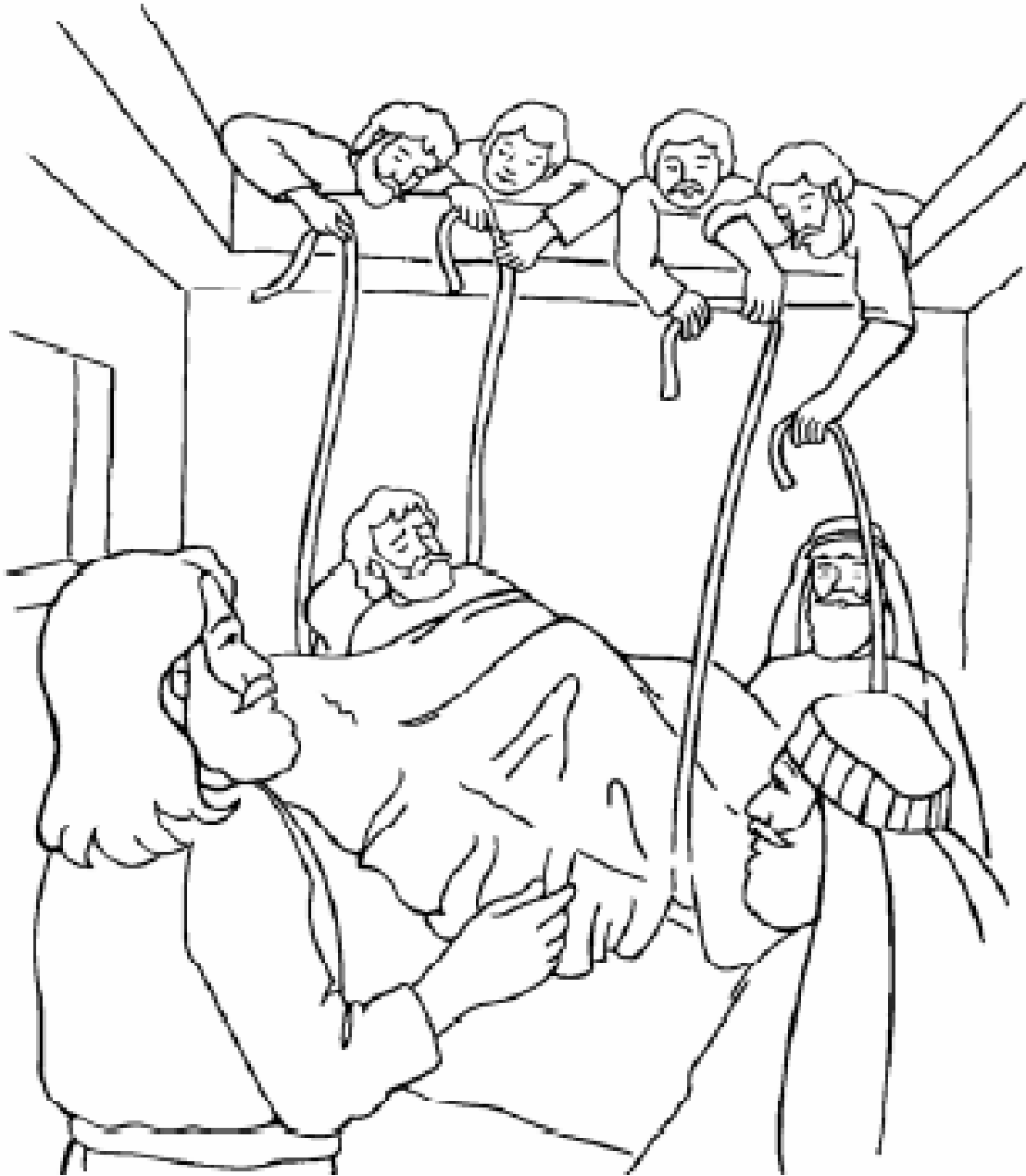


# Jesus heals a Paralyzed Man

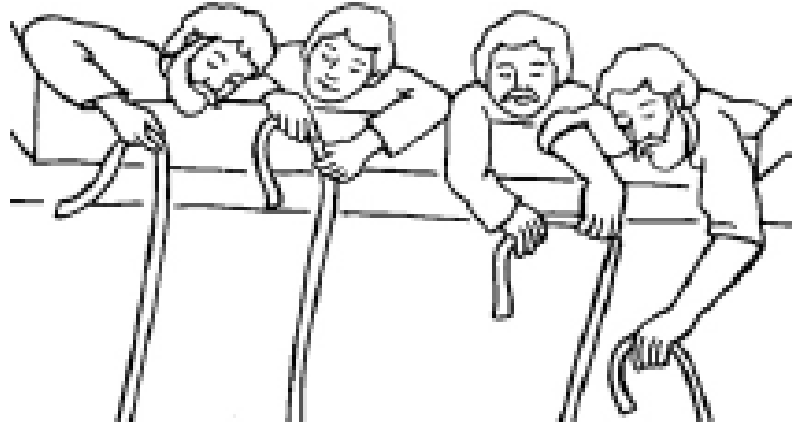
Jesus was in a house at Capernaum. The news of his arrival spread and the house where he was staying was full of visitors. Crowds came to see him and to listen to him teach. Four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man. They couldn't get to Jesus through the crowd, so they dug through the clay roof above his head. They lowered the sick man on his mat. Jesus was impressed when he saw their faith. Jesus healed the paralyzed man and forgave his sins.



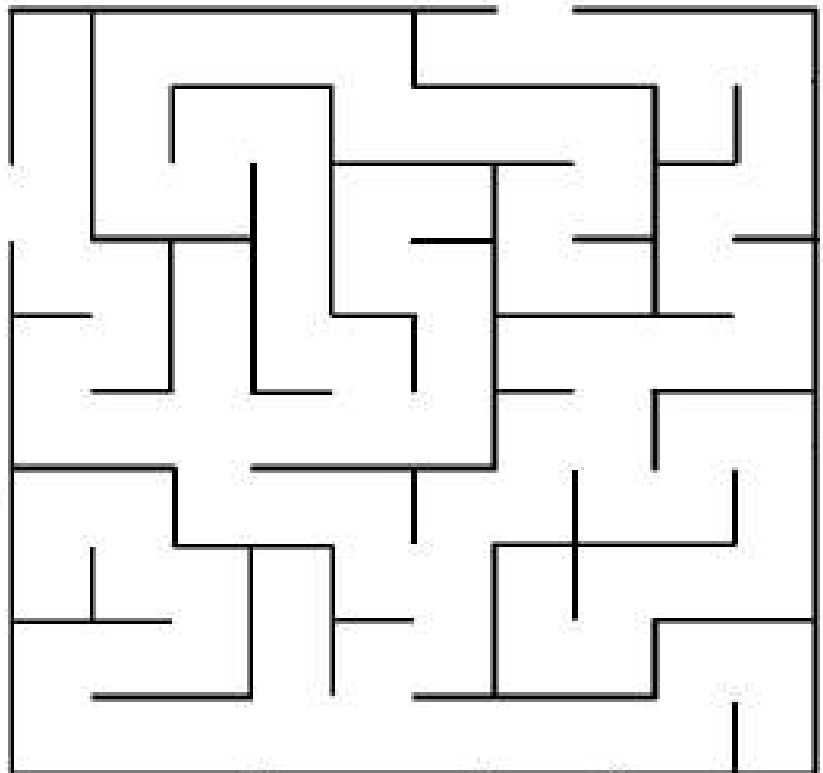
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Mark 2:5

What did Jesus appreciate the most when he saw the paralyzed man's friends?



Help the man's friends find the way to Jesus!



## Lesson 14

### Jesus heals a Paralyzed Man

**Bible Text:** Mark 2:1-12

**Key Verse:** Mark 2:5

**Purpose:** The children will learn that Jesus has the power to forgive sins.

#### **Please note!**

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

#### **I. Lesson**

After the children finish the coloring page, read to them from Mark 2:1-12.

Many years ago, when Lord Jesus was living on earth, he performed many miracles and healed many sick people. One miracle is found in the Gospel by Mark 2:1-12. It is said that when the Savior was in a house at Capernaum, a great number of people came to listen to him teach. There were so many people that the house was full. All the entrances were blocked. Now in that region there was a very sick man. He was barely able to stand on his feet, because he was very weak. He would have loved to ask Jesus to help him. He had heard many things about Jesus, but how could he get to him? The paralyzed man had four special friends. They showed that they loved him very much. When did you last show love for your friends? These four friends did something that only true friends can do. Without having a way to get to Jesus, because of the crowd, a great thought came to their minds: they dug through the clay roof and lowered their friend on his mat down to Jesus. Jesus was surprised to see their faith and love. He went to see the paralyzed man and healed him. But before that, Jesus saw that the man was a sinner and said to him: "Your sins are forgiven." Some of the teachers of the religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, "What? This is blasphemy! Who but God can forgive sins?" Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he said to them: "Why do you think this is blasphemy? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Get up, take your mat and walk?'" I will prove that I, the Son of Man, have authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said: "Get up, take your mat and walk." The man jumped up, took the mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. Then they all praised God. "We've never seen anything like this!" they claimed.

#### **II. Activities**

##### **1. The Key Verse:**

a. Read the verse out loud:

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:5

b. Explain the verse.

- **Saw** - Jesus appreciated what he saw. This made him help the paralyzed man's friends.
- **Faith** - A great faith in things that we can not see. The four friends came to Jesus and asked him to help their friend.
- **Son** - Jesus says this to the paralyzed man with love and compassion. He doesn't say, "That's what you deserve for being a sinner!" On the contrary, Jesus looks at the sick man and says, "Son!"

- **Your sins are forgiven** – Jesus heals his soul first and then his body. By doing this he shows that forgiving sins is the most important thing.

**Suggestion:** Younger children need to remember that Jesus appreciates it when someone does something good for his neighbor. The paralyzed man's friends came to Jesus and asked him to help their friend. Jesus did more than that: he forgave the man's sins and healed his body.

c. Help the children memorize the verse.

## 2. Review questions for the children:

- Where was Jesus when he healed the paralyzed man?
- Who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus?
- What did Jesus look at first: his soul or his body?
- What did the religious teachers say when they heard that Jesus forgives sins?
- How does Jesus answer the teachers of religious law?
- What did the people do when they saw that the sick man could walk on his own?

## III. Conclusion

### You:

- Do not be indifferent when you see the problems of your friends!
- Pray for your friends; having faith that Jesus can touch them too.
- Tell your friends that you pray for them.
- Ask Jesus to forgive sins.

### Jesus:

- Appreciates the care you show towards your friends.
- Looks at your faith when you pray.
- Is ready to answer your prayer.
- Is ready to forgive your sins.