JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

Come meet five friends who had to find a creative way to meet Jesus.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Serving Others- God Sends a Savior.

1. In Mark 2 people wanted to get near Jesus so much they crowded into the house he where he was. As you listen to the story, think about why all these people came to see Jesus.
2. Mark 2 also tells the story of a group of friends who had faith that Jesus would heal their friend. They couldn't get by the crowd at first. As you listen, imagine the effort it took to reach Jesus. Would you make that kind of effort to bring one of your friends to Jesus?

Memory Verse

Jesus saw their faith. So he said to the man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:5

After You Listen

One day, a group of friends in Capernaum did what real friends do. Not only did they carry their friend to where Jesus was, but they also got through a crowd, went to the roof of a building, and lowered their friend through a hole in the roof that they made. Jesus saw this group's display of faith, and then surprised all of them. Jesus revealed that he was the promised one by doing two things that only God can do: he tells the man that his sins were forgiven and he tells the man to stand up and walk. Those around him doubted the act of forgiven, but they couldn't deny seeing the man walk.

What a wonderful day for that man! He could now walk. Better still, in his heart, he knew that all his sins had been forgiven. Do your sins weigh heavy on you? Are there things that you have done that continue to make you feel bad? Pray today and ask God for forgiveness. Just like the people in the story, you too can be amazed by all the blessings that God can give.

Want to dig deeper and learn more about other people who persevere to meet Jesus? Check out Luke 18:35-43, Luke 13:10-13 and Matthew 9:20-22.

Challenge

Friends show love and care for each other. You can trust a friend and you can also be a friend. Think of the last time a friend helped you. Find a way to thank that friend. Write a card, give them a treat, or just say thank you!

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: In what city did the story take place?

Answer: Capernaum

Question 2: At first, why couldn't the friends see Jesus?

Answer: The crowd was too big.

Question 3: How did the friends get the man in front of Jesus?

Answer: On the roof, they cut a hole and lowered their friend down in front of Jesus.

Question 4: What did Jesus say that upset the religious leaders?

Answer: "I am pleased with your faith. My son, your sins are forgiven."

Question 5: True or False. The man was healed and could walk again.

Answer: True.

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