

JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

Memory Verse

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

Story Characters

Narrator

Jesus

Crowd - 4

Friend #1

Friend #2

Friend #3

Friend #4

Friend #5

Religious leaders

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Scene 1

Narrator:

If you had lived in Bible times, how far would you have traveled to meet Jesus?

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

(Crowd sounds)

Narrator:

When Jesus was in Capernaum, so many people came to the house where he was staying that there was no room left inside or even outside the door. Not too far away, in another house, five friends were talking.

Friend #1:

Have you heard the news? Jesus is here. He is here in Capernaum.

Friend #2

I would love to listen to Jesus speak.

Friend #3:

I've heard people say that he is a great teacher.

Friend #4:

And storyteller

Friend #5:

He's performed miracles and healed people.

Friend #2

He's blessed so many people. I have an idea. I can't get there on my own, so let's go together. Grab each corner of my mat and off we'll go and see Jesus.

Friend #1:

Just like we do when we go down to the Sea of Galilee.

(all agree to the good idea!)

Music sting

Scene 2

Narrator:

So the five friends went to the house where Jesus was preaching. But they were in for a surprise.

(Crowd sounds)

Friend #1:

Look at all these people waiting outside here to see Jesus.

Friend #3:

Everyone in town seems to be here!

Friend #4

We should have come earlier. We might as well go home. We could try again tomorrow.

Friend #5

Tomorrow? These people aren't going anywhere. Look! Many of them are sick or hurting. Everyone wants a chance to meet Jesus.

Friend #2:

Hey, we'll get our chance too. Look. Along the side of the house... Let's use those stairs.

(Sounds of carrying man up on roof)

Friend #4:

Now what? We still won't be able to see Him from up here.

Friend #2:

What I am thinking is...Let's cut a hole through the roof...

Friend #1

...then we can lower you into the room on your mat.

Friend #3

Then Jesus will be sure to see you.

Friend #2:

Exactly!

Friend #5:

That sounds good. Let's try it.

(Sounds of opening section of roof)

Friend #1:

Okay, the hole looks big enough now.

Friend #5:

Everybody ready? Here we go

(Sounds of lowering Friend #2 down into the room)

Friend #3:

We did it! Excuse us, Jesus?

Friend #4:

There were so many people that we couldn't get through the door. So, we cut a hole in the roof and lowered our friend down to you.

Friend #1:

Please, Jesus, we believe you are the Messiah! That is why we have all come to

you.

Friend #2

Yes, Lord. We all believe that you are the Messiah! I'm so happy to meet you!

Jesus:

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

Narrator:

When the religious leaders heard what Jesus said, they became very angry.

Religious Leaders:

(Angry whispering) What? This man says He can forgive sins. How dare He say that! No one can forgive sins but God. Who does He think He is?

Narrator:

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.

Jesus:

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.

I tell you: Get up. Take your mat and go home.

(Crowd hushes and murmurs)

Friend #2

All my sins... forgiven? Thank you Jesus. I don't know what to say. (Makes the effort to stand) Look, I can stand! I can walk! Jesus has healed my legs. Thank you so much, Jesus!

Friends 1,3-5

We have never seen anything like this!

Narrator:

The friends were amazed and so happy that they had come to see Jesus the Messiah. They all went home praising God.

If you want to read more about Jesus, read the book of Luke in the New

Testament part of your Bible.

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