

# Virtual Sunday School Lesson

## *The Paralyzed Man (Mark 2:1-12)*



### **Bible Verses (NIV):**

#### **Mark 2: 1-12**

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

### **Activity: Good Friends**

**Theme:** Good friends help each other

**Supplies:** none

#### **Lesson:**

Do you have any close friends?

How far would you go to help a friend? Would you... give them your favorite video game? Would you take them to Disneyland? Would you let them go to Disneyland with your family instead of you going? *(Give children a chance to answer between each one)*

Today's story is about a man that was paralyzed; he couldn't move any part of this body. He needed people to help him do everything; Feed him, dress him, wash him...

Would you do this for your closest friend? *(Give children a chance to respond)*

Well, this man didn't just have one close friend that would do stuff like this for him, he had four. When his friends heard that Jesus was in town healing people, so they picked up the bed that their friend was lying on and carried him through the streets to the house where Jesus was. The house was completely surrounded by people, they couldn't get anywhere near the door, let alone inside to see Jesus. Then they noticed the stairs that led to the roof. They carried their friend up the stairs to the roof, then proceeded to make a hole in the roof... then... used ropes to lower their friend down into the crowded room.

Would you do this for your closest friend?

Could you imagine being in that room and seeing someone rip apart the roof with their bare hands and lower someone down... just to see Jesus? *(Give children a chance to respond)*

When Jesus saw this he smiled; to see that these people would go to such great lengths to bring their friend to Jesus. Their faith had to be strong to do such a thing. Jesus told the people to make room for the man to be lowered to the floor, then he said a strange thing... "Son, your sins are forgiven".

How could saying that help the paralyzed man?

In the room were some religious men who scoffed at Jesus, so Jesus asked them which is easier to say; "your sins are forgiven" or "get up and walk"? So then Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to

your home.” And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’

Wouldn't it be great if you had a friend that would do anything for you? You do.

For there is no greater gift a friend can give than their own life. Jesus died on the cross to forgive us our sins, giving his life so that we may someday be with him in heaven.

That is a good friend.

### Closing Prayer

Gracious God; thank you for bringing Jesus into our lives to be our friend; may we live by his example and be good friends to others... Amen

### Video: Hope Kids: Friends Find a Way <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpcJoPDF3v4>

Do you have friends that would rip the roof off a hospital to get you inside? One man did.

Duration: 5:10

### Video: PGK: How to Grow as a Christian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEpW8LxWlvk>

Part 3 of the free kids Foundations sessions from Pursue God Kids.

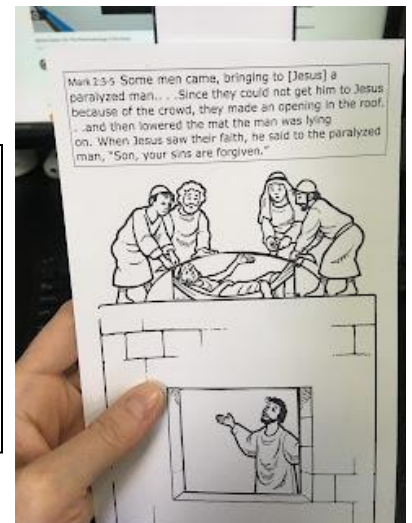
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### Craft: Paralyzed Man Slideshow

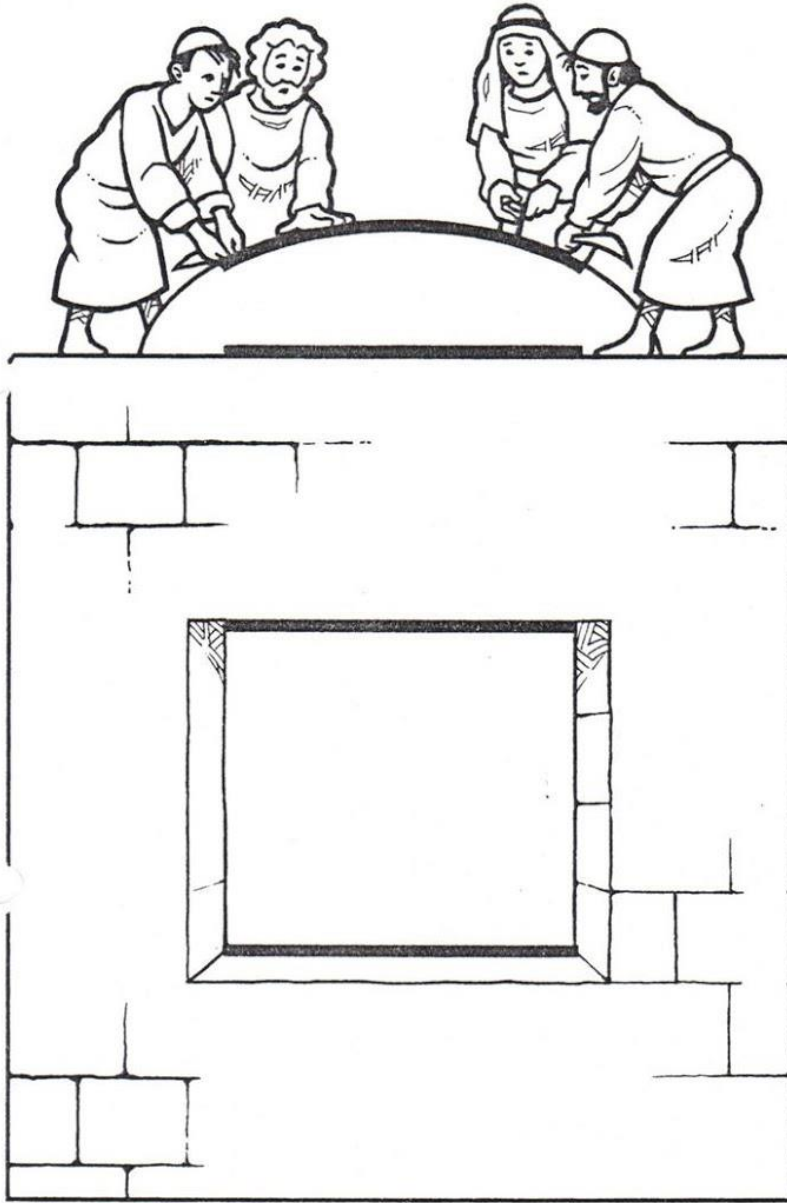
*Supplies: "Slide Show" page, crayons/markers, scissors, knife*

Directions: Print off a "Slide Show" page on cardstock for each child to color. Cut along the left edge of the strip, from top to bottom, creating two pieces. Cut the other edges of the strip. Use the knife to make four slits on the page with the house, along the four dark lines (adult should do this for younger children. Slide the strip thru the slits, so an image appears between the men on the roof and in the window.

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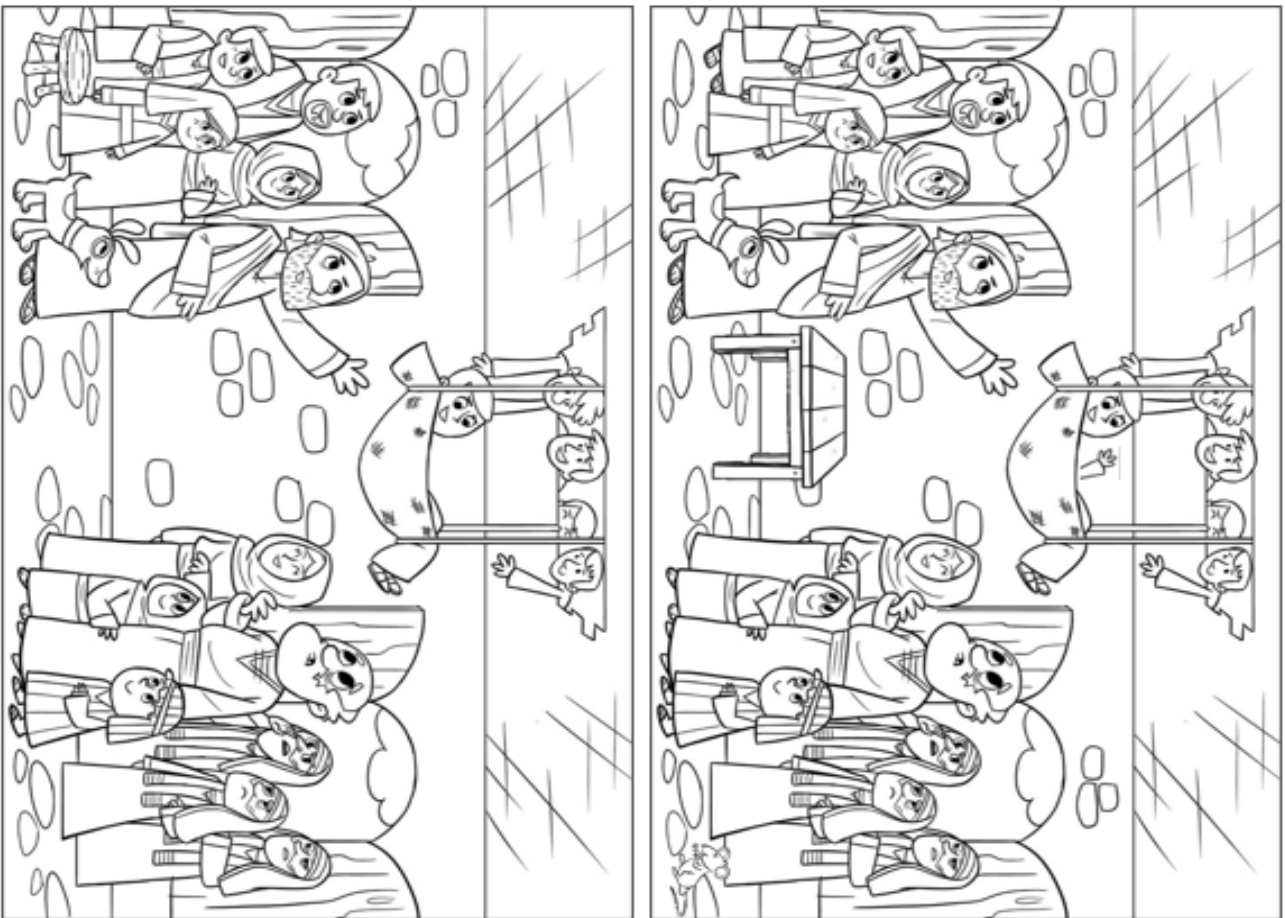


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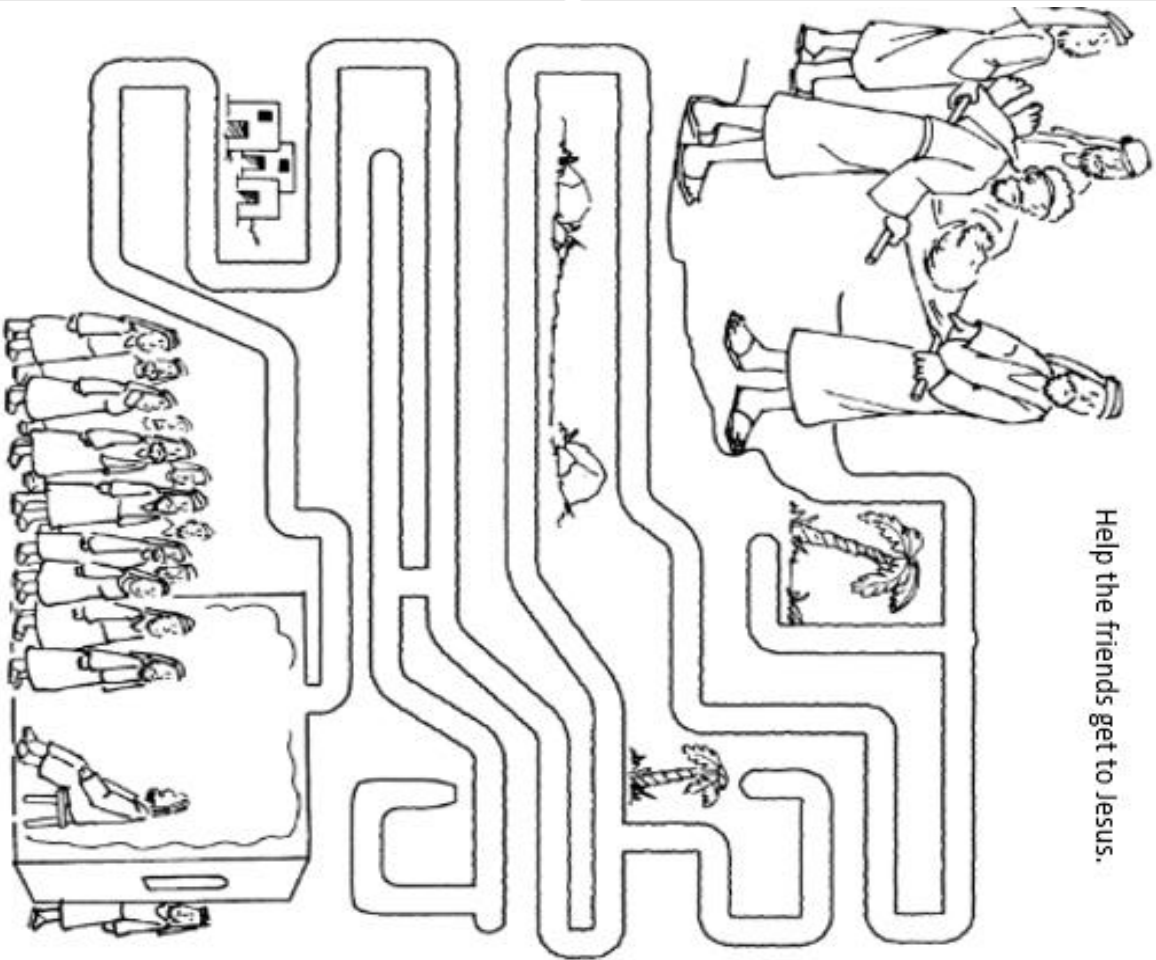




Jesus healed a man that couldn't walk.



Find 6 things different in these two pictures



Help the friends get to Jesus.