



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus**  
**Unit 2, Lesson 7**

## **Healing the Paralyzed Man**

**Lesson Aim: To challenge children to bring their friends to Jesus for healing of their bodies and souls.**

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET: Who are your closest friends?**

**GAME:** Man on the Mat Race

### **THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE GOD OF HEALING**

Read Worship Scripture: 1 John 1:8-9.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD JESUS HEALED THE PARALYZED MAN ON THE MAT**

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus healed the centurion's servant with words alone.

**Today, let's learn how some men brought their friend to Jesus for healing.** Point to Capernaum. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Mark 2:1-12. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Mark 2:10-11. Pray. Read.

### **THE WAY WE CAN BRING FRIENDS TO JESUS**

**What were the physical challenges the men faced?** (Getting to the roof, making a hole, safely lowering him into the room.) **How do you think the crowd reacted?**

**Do you think the four men wondered if they would have to pay for the roof to be repaired? Do you think they wondered if the homeowner would scold them for damaging the roof or if Jesus would reject them? The four men knew Jesus could heal their friend, but they did not know if He would choose to heal him that day. How would the men have felt if Jesus had sent them away?**

**What challenges might you face in bringing your friends to Jesus? In what ways might it be embarrassing, costly or cause you to feel foolish? Why is it worth these risks to bring your friends to Jesus?**

**What was the first thing Jesus said to the man on the mat when He saw the faith of the four men?** ("Your sins are forgiven.") **Taking our sins away is something only God can do. By saying this, who was Jesus claiming to be?** (God.)

**What did the teachers of the Jewish law accuse Jesus of doing?** (Blaspheming.) **Blasphemy is being disrespectful to God. Why did they think Jesus' words were disrespectful?** (He claimed to be God.) **Jesus asked, "What was the bigger miracle—healing the man's body or forgiving the man's sins?" How would you have answered Jesus?**

**Why did Jesus say He healed the man's body?** (He did this miracle to show the teachers He had authority from God to forgive sins.) **What did Jesus know about the teachers of the Law that only God can know?** (He knew what they were thinking in their hearts.)

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 900 years before Jesus showed He knew the thoughts of our hearts, King Solomon spoke of it in his prayer dedicating the temple to the Lord.** Reveal 2 Chronicles 6:30b-31. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**How does it encourage you to know Jesus knows the thoughts of your heart? Some of us need healing in our bodies, but we all need God's forgiveness. Our sins separate us from God. His forgiveness brings us close again.**

**Do you have a friend who needs physical healing? Do you have a friend who doesn't know God's forgiveness? How can we bring our friends to Jesus.** (Pray for them, invite them to church or to an event that focuses on Jesus, tell them Bible stories about Jesus, love them as Jesus does, tell them what Jesus has done for you.)

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Invitation to church
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #7
- OFFERING OF ART: Four men lowering the man on the mat to Jesus
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Stuck Together

**GAME:** Friend Tag

**CRAFT:** Rooftop Prayer Drop

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Bible Memory Verse Brainstorm, Hot Potato Scramble

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**