

W³ WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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b. The four friends—I want to help others get to Jesus.
c. The teachers of the Law—I can't believe that Jesus is God.
d. Other

Who are the people who brought you to Jesus?
a. Your family
b. Your friends
c. Your neighbors
d. Your teacher

When it gets personal:
What are some of the things that keep us from helping our friends find Jesus?

Who are the people that you want to bring to Jesus, even if they don't know they need Him?

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Compare Mark 2:1-12 with Matthew 9:1-8 and Luke 5:17-26. List the details that you find most helpful in visualizing and understanding the story.

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Take some time to read the story of Jesus healing the paralyzed man in Mark 2:1-12. Try reading it aloud. If you need an audience, ask a family member to listen.

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According to these verses, what news spread quickly through town, and how did people respond to the news?

What extravagant plan did the paralyzed man's friends make to get him to Jesus?

What did Jesus say that upset the teachers of the Law?

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What does this story tell you about the paralyzed man's friends?

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