

At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3 God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus Unit 2, Lesson 7

## **Healing the Friend**

Lesson Aim: To learn friends bring one another to Jesus.

### THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

### CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Healing the Friend
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Love for Friends
- BLOCK CENTER: Act It Out!
- ACTIVITY CENTER: Good Friends

## THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE GOD OF HEALING

Mention each child by name and welcome them to church. I'm so glad you came to church today. It's great when friends come together to worship God. Let's pray and thank God for our friends. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear God, thank You for our friends. Help us to remember to share Your love with them. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

**WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION:** *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved." Jeremiah 17:14a

# <u>THE WORD</u> JESUS HEALED THE MAN WHO COULDN'T WALK CLASSROOM PROMISE

Today, I brought a thermometer with me. Show children the thermometer. Who can tell me what thermometers are used for? (Take a person's temperature. Find out if someone is sick.) Have you ever had a friend or someone in your family who was sick? How can you help someone who is sick? (Bring them juice or a pillow, keep them company, make a get well card.) When you help someone who is sick or needs your help you are showing them love. Our story today is about a man who was so sick, he couldn't walk. His friends loved him and wanted to help. Let's find out what they did. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Mark 2:11.

#### WATCH THE WORD: MARK 2:1-4, 11-12

Read poem. Display visual.

- > There once was a man who could not walk,
- > So, he lay on his mat every day.
- > His four friends took him to Jesus.
- > They carried him all the way.
- > They couldn't get in to see Jesus,
- > For the room was filled with a crowd.
- > So they carried their friend up to the roof,
- > And slowly lowered him down.
- > When Jesus saw how the friends believed,
- > He healed the man on the mat.
- > Saying, "Get up, take your mat and go home!"
- > Then the crowd praised God for that!

How did the friends show love to the man who couldn't walk? (They brought him to Jesus for healing.) What did Jesus say to the man? ("Get up, take your mat and go home.") Did he? (Yes!)

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

CRAFT: Man on the Mat GAMES: Up on the Roof, Take up Your Mat SNACK: Food for Friends FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

## GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Mark 2:1-4, 11-12 BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes; Quiet Praise, Loud Praise STORY TIME