



Healing the Friend

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

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: Jesus as the God of Healing

THE WORD

Bible Story: Mark 2:1-4, 11-12

What He has done: Jesus healed the men's friend.

AGES 2-5 CRAFT: MAN ON THE MAT

Purpose: To remind the children of the story of Jesus' healing of the man on the mat.

Supplies: Craft template, sturdy paper, jumbo craft stick (or wrapped piece of cloth, one-piece wooden clothespin, or disposable spoon), crayons or markers, optional: cloth, glue or glue sticks

Prepare: For each child, use the template to print and cut out a mat from sturdy paper. Optional: Cut square pieces of cloth for children to attach to the craft stick for a robe.

Directions:

1. Draw a face and hair on the craft stick.
2. Color clothes and shoes onto the craft stick.
3. Color the man's mat.
4. Lay the craft stick man on his mat.
5. Act out the story. **Jesus healed the man! Make the man stand up and walk.**

Ages 2-3 Craft Discussion:

- **The man could not walk because his body did not move as he wanted it to move. He could not move his legs or wiggle his toes.**
- **God gave the man some friends who believed in Jesus.**
- **How did the friends show love for him?** (They carried him to Jesus.)

Ages 4-5 Craft Discussion:

- **The man on the mat could not walk or move his legs. He just lay on his mat. But, he had four friends who helped him get to Jesus for healing.**
- **Why did the man have to stay on his mat?** (He could not walk.)
- **The man could not walk because his body did not move as he wanted it to move. He could not move his legs or wiggle his toes.**
- **God gave the man on the mat some friends who believed in Jesus.**
- **What does our Whisper Verse remind us that God wants good friends to do?** Say the Whisper Verse together with the hand motions: "Let us love one another."
- **How did the friends show love for the man on the mat?** (They carried him to Jesus.)

CRAFT SAMPLE



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