



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5  
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Let us love one another."

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE GOD OF HEALING

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus as the God of healing. Taking our sick friends to Jesus for healing is one way we can love one another. That reminds me of our Whisper Verse, "Let us love one another." Let's try it together. Review the Whisper Verse together. Include sign language.

As the offering is collected, let's sing our Whisper Verse words with the motions and ask God to use this offering to show His love to everyone. Sing: "Love One Another" while the offering is collected.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

In today's story, four friends brought a man on a mat to Jesus for healing. He could not walk or get up off his mat, so they lowered him through the roof to get him to Jesus.

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

That day the whole crowd saw Jesus heal people. Sing: "Heal Me, O Lord." They were amazed at Jesus' power to heal; they had never seen anything like it! They praised Him for what He had done. Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save" and "Let Everything That Has Breath."

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

#### CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned Jesus used His words to heal the officer's servant. Today, we will see how Jesus healed the man on the mat. 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!

Who remembers today's Whisper Verse? ("Let us love one another.") Let's say it together. Include sign language or hand motions. How did the four men show love to the man on the mat? (They brought him to Jesus for healing.)

What did Jesus say to the man on the mat? (Get up.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Mark 2:11 from the teacher's Bible.

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

**CRAFT:** Man on the Mat

**GAMES:** Up on the Roof, Take Up Your Mat

**SNACK:** Food for Friends

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

### GOT TIME?

**SAY & DO:** Mark 2:1-4, 11, 12

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes; Quiet Praise, Loud Praise

**STORY TIME**