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LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

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PursueGODkids.org**Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a time some guys were desperate to get to Jesus. They had a friend who was a paralytic. That means his legs didn't work so he couldn't walk. They heard that Jesus was teaching in a house so they carried their friend to him because they knew Jesus had the power to heal. Well, the house was crammed full of people because everyone wanted to hear from Jesus. So, the men decided their best option was to lower their friend from the roof! That's right. They were so desperate to get to Jesus that they climbed up on the roof, cut a hole, and lowered their friend right in front of Jesus! Jesus was impressed that these friends were willing to do whatever it took to get their friend to him. But, Jesus said something that caught everyone off guard. Instead of just praying for the man to walk, he said, "Your sins are forgiven!" Why would Jesus say that? Jesus knew what this man really needed. More than the ability to walk, he needed his sins to be forgiven so he could be made right with God. Now, Jesus healed the guy, too, and he walked out of the house! But, he also healed his sin condition. This is true for us, too. Jesus cares about all of our needs, too.

Big Idea

Jesus cares about every need we have.

Key Question

How does Jesus know what we need?

Memory Verse

Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: If you were to go camping, what are some essential things you would need to bring to survive?** (Tip: You'd need a place to sleep, food to eat and the ability to make a fire to keep warm. Jesus knows everything that we need for life!)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because he's God and he knows everything.** (Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves because he created us! He took great care when he made each of us so he knows exactly what we need and when we need it.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Who is Jesus? Why does he know us so well? **4-5th** Make a list of ways God has provided for you. How can you show your appreciation for those things?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Matthew 6:31-34. What are some things you worry about? What do these verses say to do with your worry? Who takes care of your needs?**(Answer: No matter what is going on in your life, Jesus is right there to help. He provides for the small things like food and the big things like a new job for your parents. Ultimately, he provides freedom from your sin!)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Mat template (page 5), 2 pipe cleaners, and string.
- Have the kids color and decorate their mat. Then, have them cut their string into 4 equal parts. Have them use a hole punch to make 4 holes in each corner of their mat. Have them feed each string through a hole and have them tape one end to the mat. Then have them bring the other ends together to tie them together. Then, have them cut the pipe cleaners into smaller sections to make the following:
 - a circle for the head of the paralytic. Have them glue the head at one end of the mat.
 - a long straight piece for the body. Have them glue that right below the circle.
 - 2 short pieces for arms. Have them glue those to each side of the long piece.
 - 2 medium pieces for legs. Have them glue them to each side at the bottom of the long piece.
- While they work, read the story from Luke 5:17-26. Remind the kids that Jesus takes care of all of our needs.

Supplies needed: Mat template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 per kid), Pipe Cleaners (2 per kid), Scissors, String, Crayons, Tape, Glue, Hole punch

OPTION 2: CARRY THE PARALYTIC RELAY

Instructions:

- Tape 2 big lines at each end of the room. Divide the class into teams of 4-5. Give each team a beach towel.
- To start the game, have the teams choose one kid to sit on the towel, legs stretched out in front of them. The rest of the team grabs a part of the towel. Have them line up behind one of the lines. When you say, "Go!", have the teams race to carry the kid on the "mat" to the other line safely. Then have a new kid get on the towel to be carried back to the other end. Keep going until all the kids have had a chance to sit on the "mat". First team to do it, wins.
- Read the story from Luke 5:17-26. Talk about how difficult it was for them to carry someone on the towel and compare that to the guys who had to climb up on the roof with their friend on a mat! Remind the kids that Jesus wants to take care of all of our needs- big and small. Our biggest need is to be healed from our sins!

Supplies needed: Tape, Beach towels

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When the paralyzed man met Jesus he ended up getting much more than he asked for.

Key Points:

- Four men brought their paralyzed friend to see _____ . Mark 2:3
- They cut a _____ in the roof and lowered their friend in front of Jesus. Mark 2:4
- Jesus _____ the paralytic. Mark 2:5
- Jesus cares about every _____ we have.

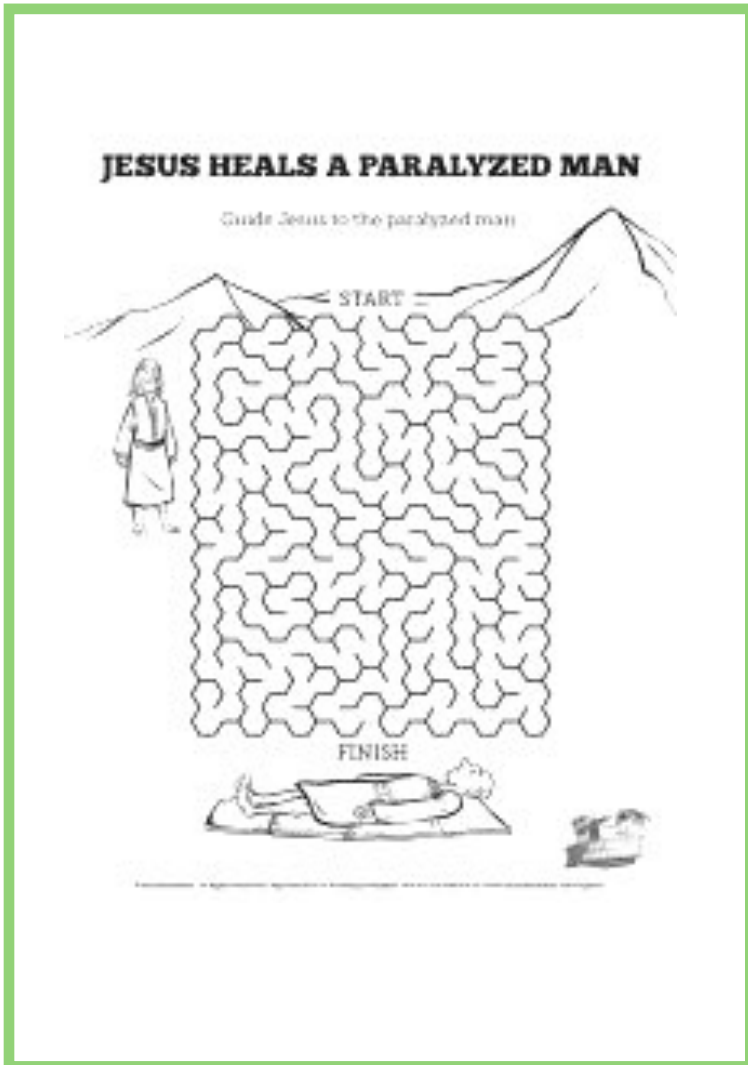
Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *If you were to go camping, what are some of the essential things you would need to survive?*
3. *Why were the men so desperate to get their friend to Jesus? What did they have to do to reach Jesus?*
4. *What did Jesus do for the man? Why were some people confused by what Jesus said?*
5. *Read Matthew 6:31-34. What are some things you worry about? What do these verses say to do with your worry? Who takes care of your needs?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.



Big Idea

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