

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man - January 24

Parents: We read in Luke about friends that went to drastic measures to get their hurting companion to Jesus because they knew Jesus could help. Let's read more about the power and authority the Son of Man has to forgive and heal both body and soul.



Read: Luke 5:17-26 Jesus Forgives & Heals a Paralyzed Man

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. 20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." 21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?" 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Discuss: Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting listening while Jesus was _____ (teaching). We see that Jesus was a teacher of teachers.

Some men tried to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus so He could heal him, but they couldn't find a way in because it was crowded. What did they do? *They went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles. The paralyzed man ended up right in front of Jesus. What good friends to bring him to the Lord!*

When Jesus saw their faith, what did He say? *"Friend, your sins are forgiven."* Jesus has the power to both forgive and heal our bodies and souls, but the Pharisees didn't understand this.

What happened when Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."? *He stood up, picked up his mat and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God!*

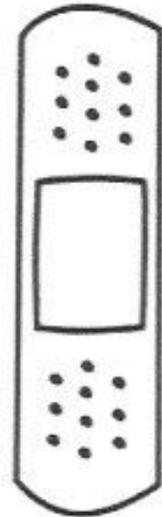
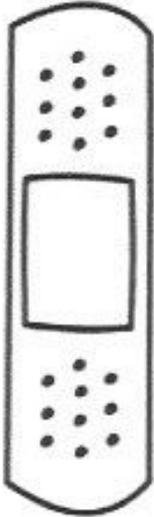
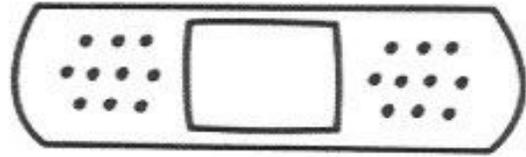
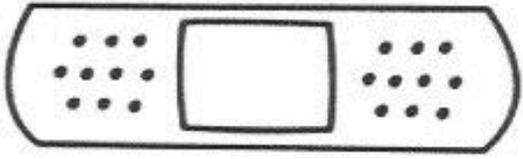
Key Point: Jesus Heals

Jesus (Tap pointer finger in opposite palm)
Heals (Draw open palms facing your shoulders, make fists, and extend arms forward)

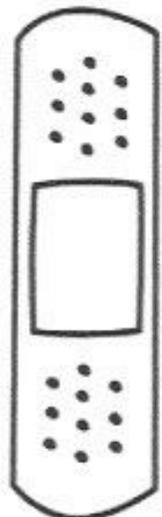
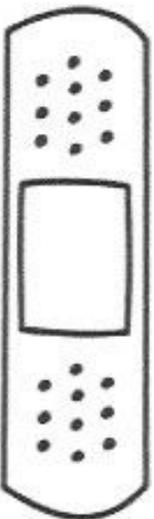
Family Activity: Color the sheet below. Look up verses that include healing from the Lord such as Exodus 15:26, Jeremiah 30:17, and Luke 4:40. If you'd like to take it one step further, keep extra Band-aids in your bag and write a verse on the wrapper as a reminder. You never know when you or someone else may need a Band-aid and encouragement from God's Word.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for having the power to forgive and heal our hearts. Keep our eyes focused on You. Help us point our hurting friends to Jesus, too. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize **Mark 2:5** - When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."



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