

Reality – Bible Lesson for May 31, 2020 – Preschool

New Testament

Section Two: His Love for All People

Lesson 1: Healing – Through the Roof

1. **Lesson: Through the Roof**
2. **Scripture:** Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26
3. **Memory Verse:** "The LORD is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need." Psalm 23:1
4. **The Beginner's Bible:** Pages 328 – 333
5. **God's Story for Me Bible:** Pages 330 - 335
6. **Materials useful for teaching the lesson - Bible Story – Prepare this in advance:** one sheet of white poster board cut into 4 equal strips (make each strip about 18 - 22 inches long and about three inches wide); 3 paper brads; single hole punch (directions below) **Craft: Preschool** – downloaded templates; crayons; glue or glue sticks

Bible Story Instructions on Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DX5xUpXHUNE>

Craft:

<https://biblecraftsandactivities.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Jesus-Heals-Paralyzed-Man.pdf>

<https://biblecraftsandactivities.com/craft-for-jesus-heals-the-paralyzed-man/>

Videos you can use to reinforce the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUHiRy1aCFY>

Crossroad Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWDgdPiNpz0>

1. Prayer and Welcome Activity: Pray with your children – then introduce the following rhymes:

One Friend and One Friend

(sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

One friend and one friend
(Hold up one finger on each hand)
Together they do know
(Hold both fingers together)
That a friend always loves you
(Hug self)

For God has made them so
(Stretch arms out wide)

Five Friends Fingerplay

Five Sunday school friends sitting in a row, (Hold up 5 fingers)

The first one is wearing a bright red bow (Girls pretend to put a bow in their hair.)

The second one lays his hands in his lap. (Lay both hands in their laps)

The third one has a new blue cap (Boys pretend to put a blue cap on their heads.)

The fourth one said, "Look at all our friends today!" (Wiggle fourth finger)

The fifth one met a good friend on the way! (Bend fifth finger like saying Hi)

Who could that friend be? Give us all a clue. (Hold hands out)

Could that friend be.....YOU?! (Point to another friend)

(You can play this game as often as you like)

Say: Today we're going to talk about 4 friends – who loved their other friend so much they wanted to see him healed from not being able to walk – so they took him to Jesus!

2.Bible Story: (You can teach the story below or read it from "The Beginner's Bible": Pages 328 - 333 or "God's Story for Me": Pages 330 - 335)

(This is a simple and great way to tell this story! You just have to look carefully at what the woman on the video does and, using paper strips and paper brads, repeat her design and actions. Particularly notice how she forms the Cross at the end.)

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Now tell the story in greater detail (or use the paper strips as you use this script) = Today's story is about a man who was paralyzed. That means he could not move his arms or legs. He could not walk or sit; all he could do was lay still. He was completely unable to help himself. He could not get to Jesus on his own. There are many people today who are paralyzed who are still able to do many things. But back then, it would have been a very difficult way to live. This man did have a very important thing going for him...he had determined friends who were walking by faith. They were willing to carry their friend to Christ.

Jesus had been in the city of Capernaum but left and went to other towns in Galilee because the crowds around Him had grown very large. The Gospel of Mark tells us that

Jesus was surrounded by people so that He "could no longer enter a town openly. He stayed outside in lonely places..." He then came back to the city and went to a friend's home. It may have been Peter's house. People were excited whenever they knew Jesus was in their area because they wanted to see a miracle or ask Jesus to heal them. But this wasn't the main ministry of Jesus. He wanted to teach people about God's Word and His Kingdom.

So many came to hear Jesus that the house was filled and there were even people standing outside the door and in the yard. They were standing wherever they could and still hear Jesus' voice. Even Pharisees and teachers of the Law had come to hear Jesus teach. All the people kept squeezing and pushing in until there was absolutely no way anyone else would fit. That's when it got interesting.

Four men heard that Jesus was in town and decided to carry their paralyzed friend on a mat to see Jesus and be healed. The mat would have been some sort of lightweight pallet. When they got to the house, it seemed impossible to get through. We can imagine the look on the faces of the four friends when they got to the edge of the crowd and saw that there was no hope of passing through the mass of people. They could have told their friend that it just wouldn't work – that they would have to come back another day, but they weren't ready to give up. The friends looked up at the roof of the house where Jesus was teaching.

Houses were designed with flat roofs. Roofs were generally constructed of beams covered by branches and a thick layer of mud plaster. Grass could even be seen growing on the roofs. It would not have been difficult to remove the beams and replace them again. Families would even sit or sleep on the roof in the summer or use it to dry raisins, flax, etc. in the sun. There would have been a staircase or a type of ladder leading from the ground to the rooftop.

It could not have been easy to hoist their friend up the stairs and onto the roof and then guess where Jesus was teaching down below. The four men made a hole in the roof, large enough for their friend and his mat and lowered him down to Jesus – probably using fishing ropes that were laying nearby. Their faith was strong – they knew it would be much harder to pull him back up through the hole they had made so they must have counted on him walking out of there.

Imagine listening carefully to Jesus when all of a sudden there is a lot of noise above you. The ceiling starts to crumble a bit and then a huge hole breaks through and a man is lowered down in front of you. Jesus saw the faith of the paralyzed man, but He also saw the faith of his four friends. The first thing Jesus said when He gazed upon the man was, "Son, your sins are forgiven." This was probably not what the man and his friends were expecting. However, Jesus knew what this man needed most because He knew what was in his heart. He knew that forgiveness meets man's greatest need. Some of the teachers of the law heard Jesus forgive the man's sins and they began thinking How dare this man forgive sins, only God can do that! Jesus knew what they were thinking, and He told them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier:

to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So, He said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

The Bible says that the man got up, took his mat, and walked out in full view of all of them. The crowd was amazed, and they began to praise God. Jesus didn't offer to carry the man's bed for him – with the command to take up his own bed and walk came the strength to obey. When Jesus forgives our sins, He doesn't take away the problems of our daily lives – He gives us the strength to carry them.

As we obey and trust Jesus, we will see how He works in our lives. Jesus is the answer to all of our questions and the solution to all of our problems. He is the God of the universe and worthy of all our trust.

3. Bible Application - Craft:

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man Craft



1. Download the template in color or in black and white.
2. Cut out the man, the mat, and the blanket.
3. Add glue to the two edges that are marked. Then tuck the man into his traveling bed.

4. Memory Verse: Have the children say the memory verse one more time –
"The LORD is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need." Psalm 23:1

Preschool –

Play: Crazy Stand-Ups –

Those wearing blue, stand up and say the verse – then those who are 3 years old, those who have brown hair, those who have a dog, those who have a cat, etc.

5. Closing Prayer: Lead the children in a closing prayer. Encourage your child/children to also say their own individual prayers about any additional concerns they have.