

MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

Week 7: Paralyzed Man (Luke 5:17-26) Preschool Lesson

To the Teacher:

This week we hear a story of a paralyzed man and his friends who do everything they can to get him to Jesus, because they knew he had the power to heal. Jesus does, but he first heals him spiritually. Pray that our kids would know the healing power of Jesus that saves us from the sickness of sin!

Big Idea and Missio Basic: Jesus has the power and authority to heal physical (disease) and spiritual (sin) sickness so that we can be daughters and sons of God.

Starter Ideas: You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. Coloring page: Have the kids color the page of the friends lowering their sick friend through the roof. (last page of this document)
2. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. Healer: Wrap stuffed animals in bandages. As you do this with the kids, talk to them about the healing power of Jesus. He has the power to heal the sick and to forgive us from our sins.

Circle Time: When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

Welcome Song: (To the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”)

Welcome, [Name]

Welcome, [Name]

Hear God's Word

Hear God's Word**We can trust in Jesus.****We can trust in Jesus.****Welcome, friends.****Welcome, friends.**

Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus' special words. Jesus used these words of peace when the disciples were scared. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, "Peace be with you."

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God's peace by shaking their hand and saying, "Peace be with you." Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let's all say Jesus' words of peace. "Peace be with you."** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

Prayer Time:

Praying for Others: Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

Praying Together: *Jesus, thank you that you have the power to heal. You have the power to heal us from our physical sickness and pain, but more importantly, you have the power to heal us from our spiritual sickness, called sin.*

Story: from Luke 5:17-26

[READ]

One day, Jesus was teaching people in someone's house about the good news of God's rescue plan. Some Pharisees and teachers of the Law had come to hear what Jesus had to say. There were also a bunch of people from the neighborhood gathered around. The house was packed!

Now, a group of friends heard that Jesus was in the neighborhood and they had also heard that this Jesus would sometimes perform miracles, healing people. So, they took their friend, who was paralyzed and couldn't walk, to go see Jesus. They knew Jesus had the power to heal their friend! Once they got to the house, they couldn't even get in the door because it was so packed

with people. So, they got a great idea. They climbed up onto the roof, dug a hole in the roof, and lowered their paralyzed friend down through the hole right in front of Jesus!

When Jesus saw the faith of the men, that they believed so strongly he could heal their friend they were willing to do this, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

When the Pharisees heard Jesus say this, they thought to themselves, "Whoa, whoa, whoa! Who does this guy think he is? Only God has the power to forgive sins!" Jesus sensed in his Spirit that they were thinking this, so he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"... which probably freaked them out that he could read their minds! He said, "Which do you think is easier; for me to say with words, 'Your sins are forgiven', or for me to tell this man to get up and walk?" Then he turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Get up, take your mat, and go home." The man stood up in front of everyone, got his mat, and went home praising God. Everyone saw what happened and they were amazed!

Have the kids cheer, "Jesus forgives our sins!!"

You may choose to show this cartoon video on the story you are about to read: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4&t=3s>

[Some things to remember as you are talking to the kids.]

- At that time, people believed physical defects (like paralysis) were a punishment from God for sin.
 - For this reason, paralytics and other disabled people felt excluded from community and rejected by God.
 - Jesus teaches the opposite! The faith of the paralytic and his friends was a sign that they were accepted by God. This is why Jesus begins with, "Your sins are forgiven!" - that is, "God has not rejected you!"
- The friends brought the paralyzed man to Jesus to be healed so he could walk again, but Jesus forgave his sins. It wasn't until his authority was questioned that he healed him physically.
 - Often times Jesus would heal people of their physical sickness in order to show that he had the power to bring full restoration - including healing people from sin!

Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch! Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

BLESS Activity:

For kids to do during the week

Is there someone you know who is sick? Hurt? In need? How can you Speak some of Jesus' words from today with them as good news?

Optional playground time: If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that 2-4's playground time does not start until 5:30PM.

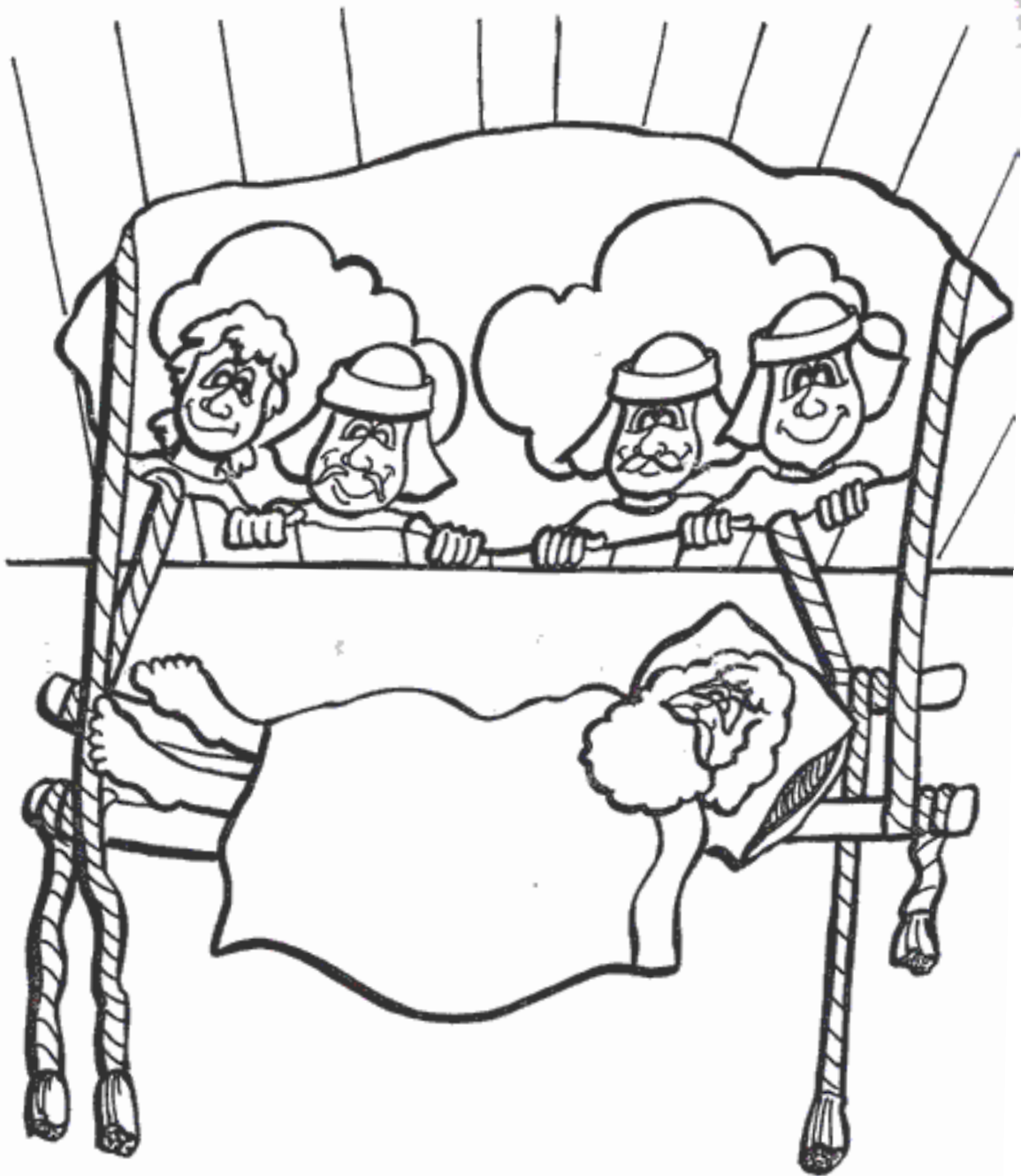
Closing Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for your word, The Bible.

Thank you that Jesus brings healing to the broken places.

Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.



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