

JESUS HEALS A PARALYTIC

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¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **“Son, your sins are forgiven.”**

⁶Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming!

Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, **“Why are you thinking these things? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”** He said to the paralytic, ¹¹**“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”** ¹²He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why were there so many people in the house?
5		2.) What did the paralytic's friends do?
5		3.) What did Jesus say to the paralytic?
5		4.) Why do you think some of the teachers of the law were upset?

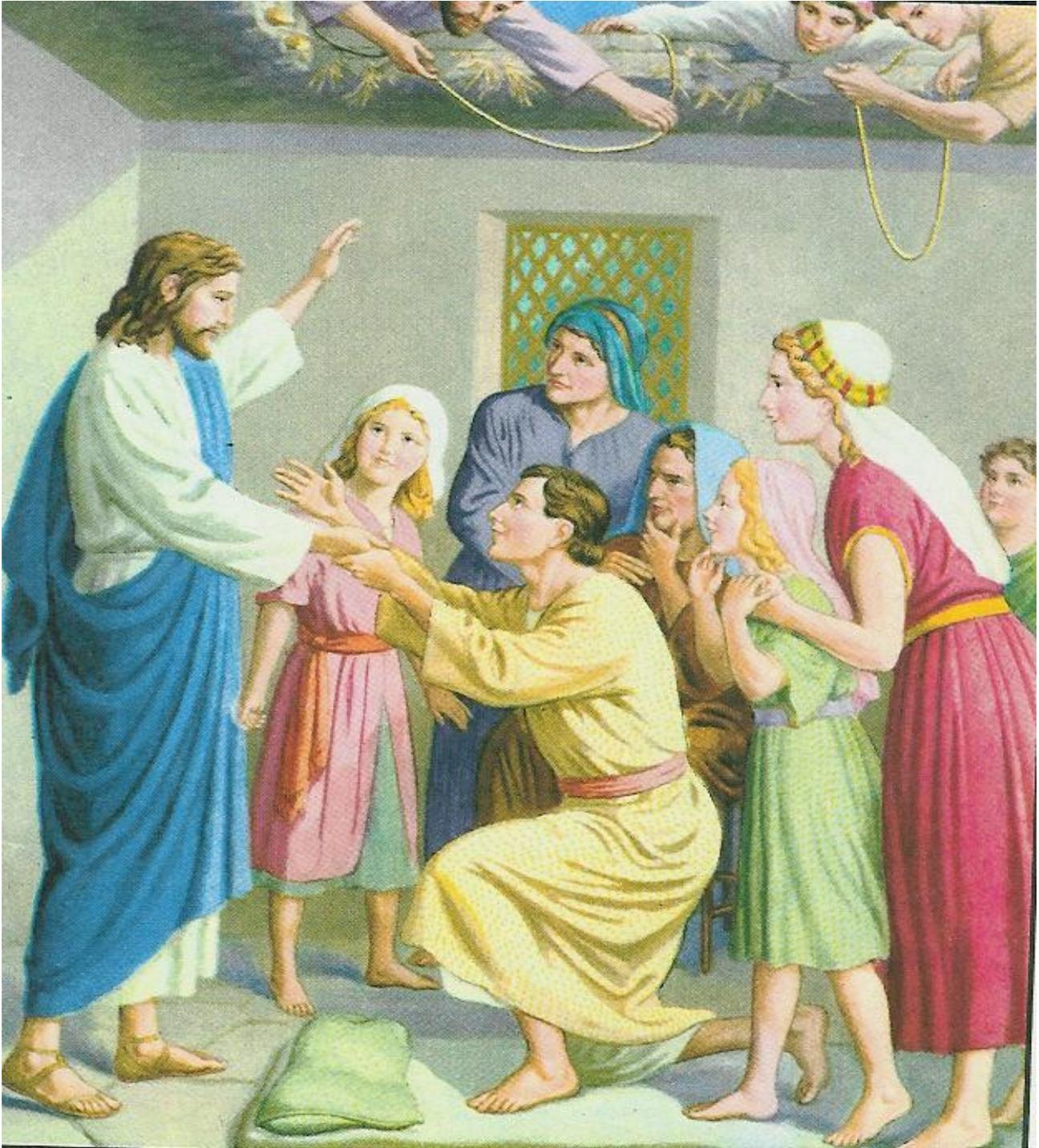
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p><i>“If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 20:23</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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A paralytic is lowered through the roof to be healed by Jesus

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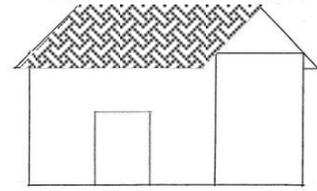
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: HOUSES

Students will make a house to remind them that four friends lowered a paralytic through the roof to be healed by Jesus.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. House Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Glue
5. Tape
6. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
7. Grass
8. Paper Plates



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a house pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students color the house pattern with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. The roof does not need to be colored because students will glue grass on it later.
3. Instruct students to cut out the house on the black lines. Students will fold on the dotted lines.
4. Students will then put glue on the tab that says “glue” and assemble the house.
5. Help students tape the roof on from the inside of the house.
6. Tape the house to a paper plate.
7. Cut a hole through the roof.
8. Allow students to glue grass onto the roof to make it look thatched.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their houses, remind them of how much Jesus loved the paralytic man. Help students realize that when Jesus said, “Son, your sins are forgiven,” Jesus knew the man’s needs were greater than helping the man walk again. Jesus healed the most important part of him first; his heart. Give students the opportunity to let Jesus heal their sinful hearts as well. Invite them to receive Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE: Approximately 30 minutes

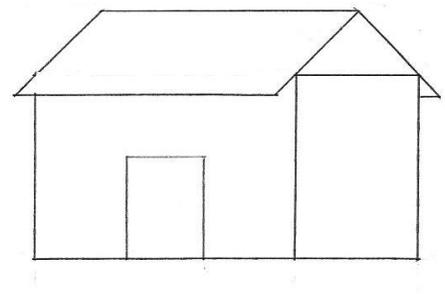
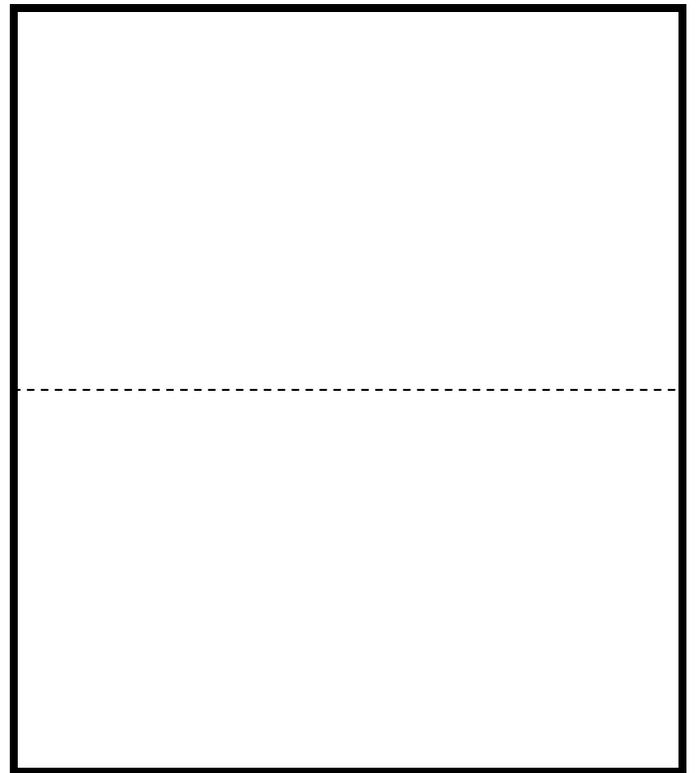
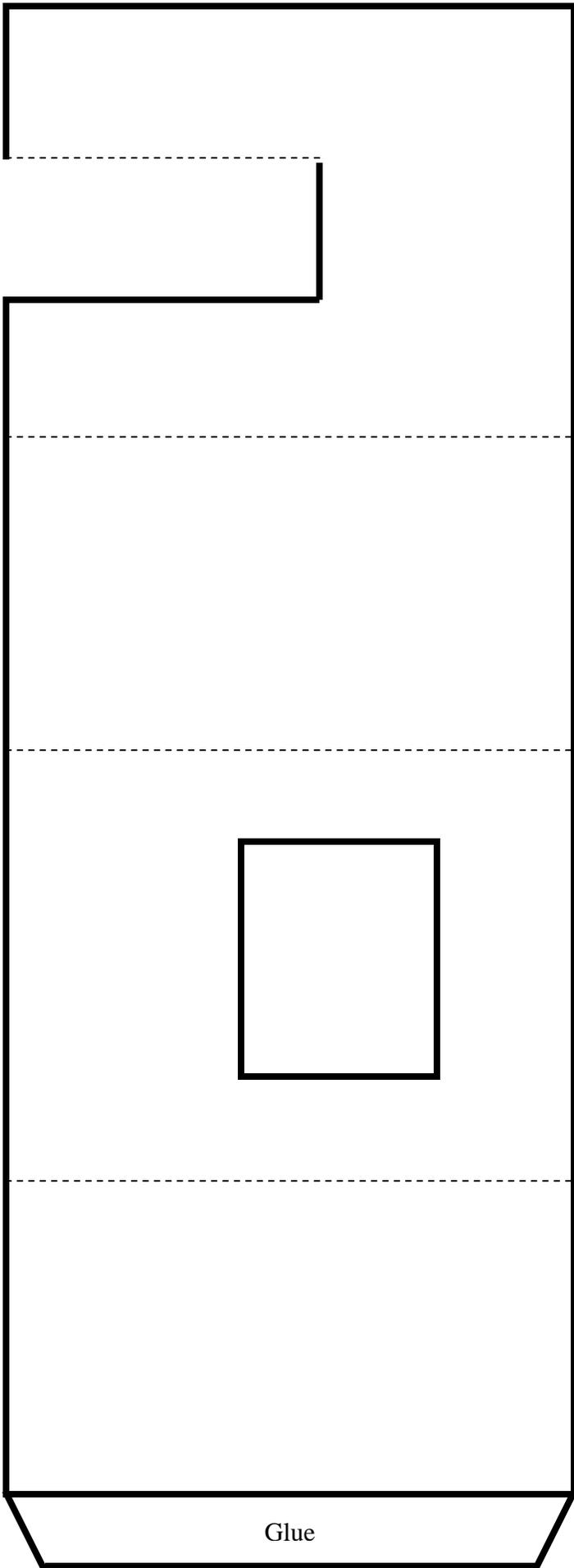
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HOUSE PATTERN



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MARK 2:1-12

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of God to the crowd.

Four men carried a paralytic man to see Jesus. Since they could not get to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof and lowered the man to Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Some of the teachers of the law didn’t realize that Jesus was God’s son. They thought only God could forgive sins.

Jesus knew what the teachers of the law were thinking. Jesus said to them, “Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk.’”

Jesus wanted to show the teachers that he had the authority to forgive sins. So Jesus told the paralytic man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.”

For more details, please read Mark 2:1-12 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

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