

Lesson 64: Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man

[Mark 2:1-12](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/QE4DVD6dFVw>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/VynZgET6-nk>

Worship Theme: Jesus is our friend.

Memory Verse: "You are my friends if you do what I command." (John 15:14)

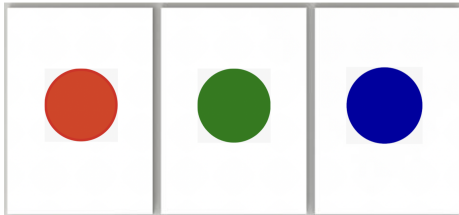
Songs (Youtube links):

1. I have a Friend Who Loves Me <https://youtu.be/JccRviWgTsE>
2. There's a River of Life <https://youtu.be/AP6fwLxUqK0>
3. God Never Fails Us <https://youtu.be/uVqBqBENPi4>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Find Your Friend!



1. Prepare 3 sets of papers with 3 different colors inside for each child. Fold it up so that children cannot see.
2. Have each child pick a paper without it opening it yet.
3. When everyone has the paper, tell them to open the paper. Explain to them that they need to find their friends and the people with the same color are their friends.
4. The first group to find everyone in their color and sit down wins the game. Sit with your group during the worship to play another game later.

Introduction:

Teacher can lead the children to walk with one leg and then asks the children if it was easy to walk with only one leg. How would you walk if could not use both legs? We will need our friends and our parents to help us. Today we will learn about four friends who helped a paralyzed man.

Bible Story:

In a town called Capernaum, people heard that Jesus came, so the place was packed with people who'd come to hear Jesus teach and to see if he'd perform a miracle.

There were four men who had a friend who was paralyzed—that means he couldn't move at all. The man needed friends to help him.

With so many people trying to see Jesus, there was no way the friends carrying a stretcher could make it through the door. They couldn't even get close. But these four friends really wanted their friend to meet Jesus.

Here's what they did: They found the stairs up to the roof. And when they got up there, they started digging—right through the roof! When the hole was big enough, the friends lowered the mat right down to where Jesus was standing.

Jesus saw how much faith the friends had. He knelt down and said to the paralyzed man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

That made the teachers of the law get upset. They said, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:7)

Jesus knew what they were thinking. Jesus said, "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." (Mark 2:9-11)

What do you think happened? The bible says, "He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all." (Mark 2:12)

Everyone was amazed to see this! Jesus healed the paralyzed man because Jesus is our friend! Jesus not only forgives our sins, but he also takes care of us with his power! With a friend like Jesus, there is nothing to fear in your life!

Questions to discuss:

1. Why did the four friends want to take their paralyzed friend to Jesus? (To be healed)
2. What did they do to bring their friend to Jesus? (They dug through the roof and lowered him in front of Jesus)
3. What did Jesus do before he healed him? (He saw his faith and forgave his sins)
4. Who is a powerful friend who will always take care of you? (Jesus)

Game:

1. Have students get back into their color team from the Icebreaker game. There should be 3 teams.
2. Have each team choose a child who will be the paralyzed friend. The team has to carry the paralyzed friend to the other side of the room.
3. Once they get to the end of the room, the teacher ("Jesus") will touch the child being carried and say, "You're healed." The whole team then races back to their starting line. The first team to get back to their starting line and sit down, wins the game.
4. Explain to the children to remember that the paralyzed man needed to have someone else bring Him to Jesus. He needed to have his friends bring him. And we can help bring our friends to Jesus too. We can tell our friends about Jesus and invite them to come with you to church. Inviting a friend to church is just like the paralyzed man's friends carrying him to Jesus.



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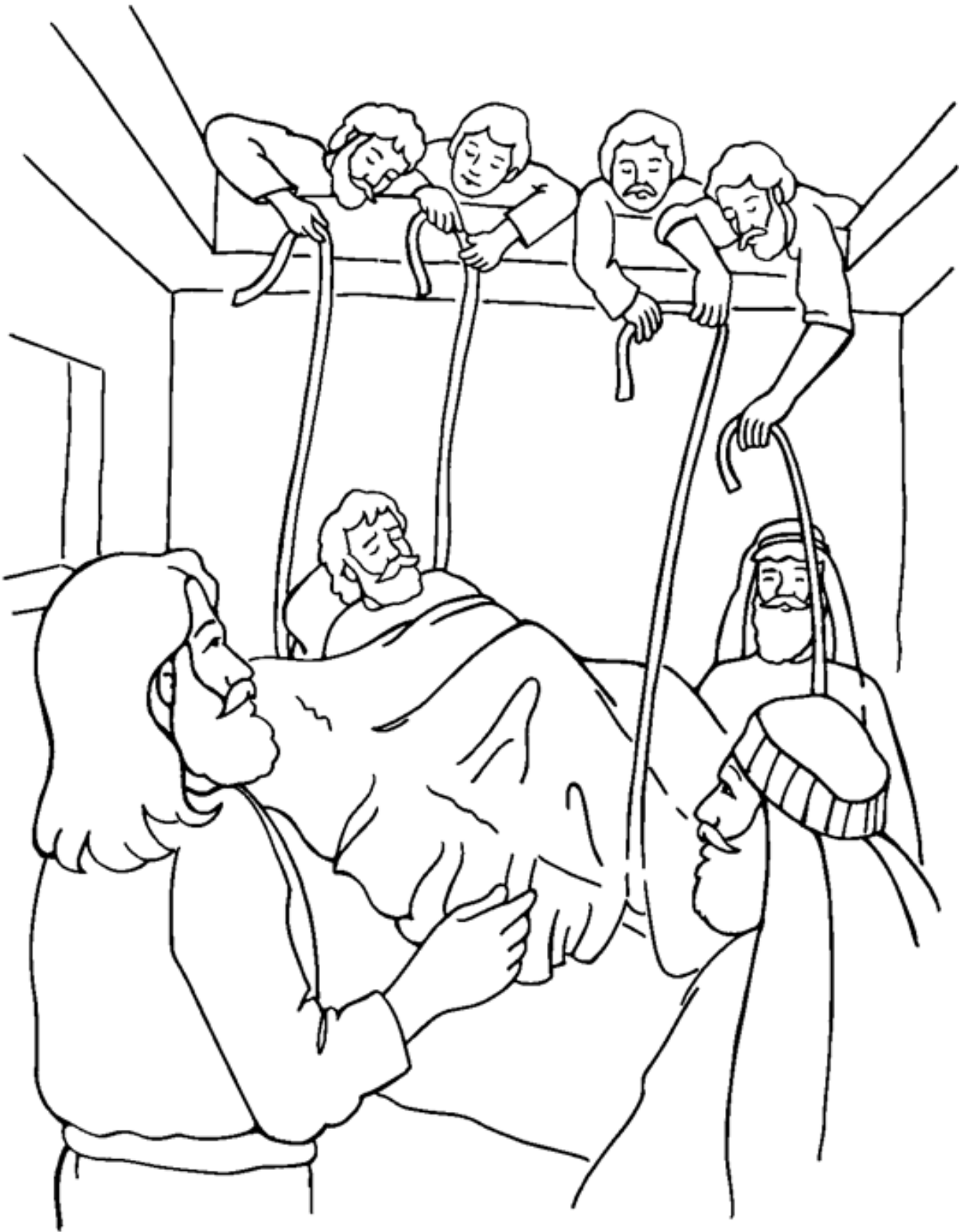
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Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Friends are very important in life. Having good friends help us to through problems, but having bad friends cause problems for us. The best friend whom you can have in your life is Jesus. Because Jesus loved you, he even died for you. He is so powerful and he will always use his power to help you, just like the way he helped the paralyzed man. Today, pray and ask God to help you remember that the powerful Jesus is your best friend.

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Memory Verse:
