

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

One day, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and came to the city of Capernaum. There He preached to many people and told them the way to salvation. So many people came to the house where He preached that they filled it.

Four men came to the house carrying a man who was so sick he could not walk. They knew Jesus could heal the sick man. When they came to the house and saw they could not get inside the crowded room, they carried the sick man to the top of the house. There they made an opening in the roof and let the sick friend down right before Jesus.

Jesus was happy to see the faith these men had in Him. He said to the sick man, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

Some enemies of Jesus were also in the room. They heard Jesus speak of forgiving sins. "Only God can forgive sins," they said among themselves.

Jesus knew what they were thinking. To show them His power as the Son of Man and also as the Son of God, He said to the sick man, "Arise, take up your bed and go to your house." Immediately, the sick man stood up, picked up his bed and went home.

The people who saw this were surprised. They praised God for the miracle performed by Jesus.

Passage

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Hymn - TLH 653 v. 2, 4

Jesus, Savior, wash away
All that has been wrong today;
Help me ev'ry day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.

Now my evening praise I give;
Thou didst die that I might live.
All my blessings come from Thee;
Oh, how good Thou art to me!

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for forgiving the sins of the whole world. Help me to be like the paralyzed man and always trust in You. Amen.

Jesus took away the sins of the paralyzed man and also healed him.

Jesus has taken our sins away.



Classroom Activity - Cut out the figure of the paralyzed man and place on a tissue. Have the students take turns being the friends and Jesus. Have the children act out the story repeating the dialog below.

CHARACTERS FOR THE DRAMA

Four Friends (**FF**) *if there are enough students*

Jesus (**J**)

Jesus' Enemies (**E**) *if there are enough students*

People Watching (**P**) *if there are enough students*

Paralyzed Man (**M**) *if there are enough students - he has no words to say*

FF: Let us take our friend to see Jesus.
Jesus will tell us of salvation.
He can heal our friend also.
We will carry him on his bed.

(Lift up the man on his bed and walk over to Jesus.)

FF: The house is full of people.
What will we do?
Let us take him up to the roof.
We will pull apart the roof and let him down in front of Jesus.

J: Son, your sins are forgiven you.

E: Only God can forgive sins.

J: Arise, take up your bed and go to your house.

(M immediately, stands up, picks up his bed and walks home. FF will follow.)

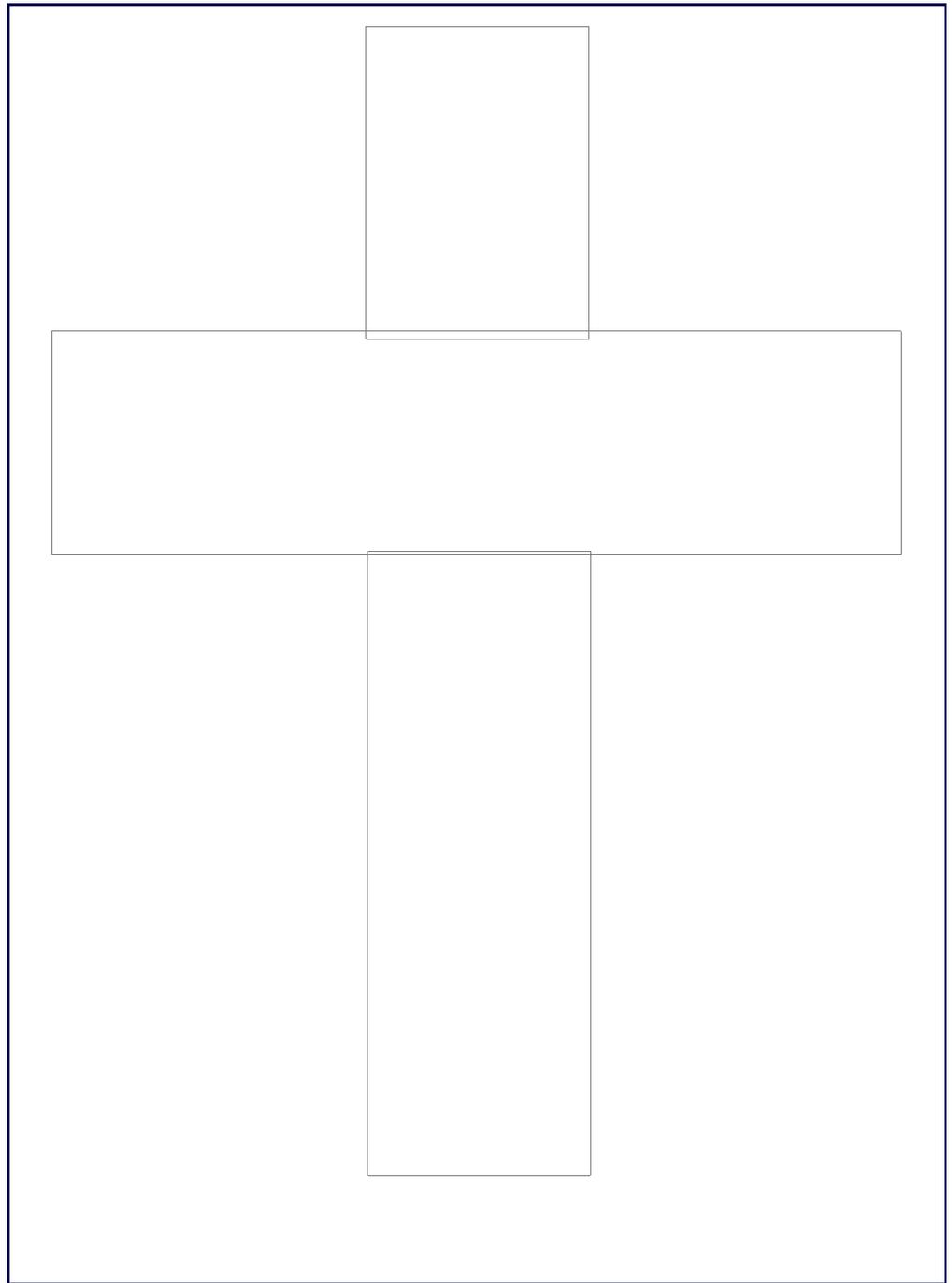
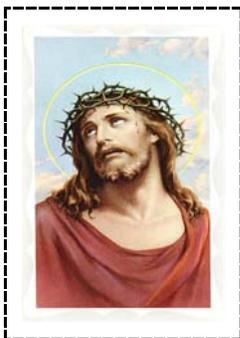
P: We are surprised!
We will praise God for this miracle performed by Jesus.



Classroom Art

Activity - Cut out the cross pieces and glue them to the cross at the right. Decorate as you wish and make into a card, door hanger or magnet. Help the children read the words of the cross.

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