

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12

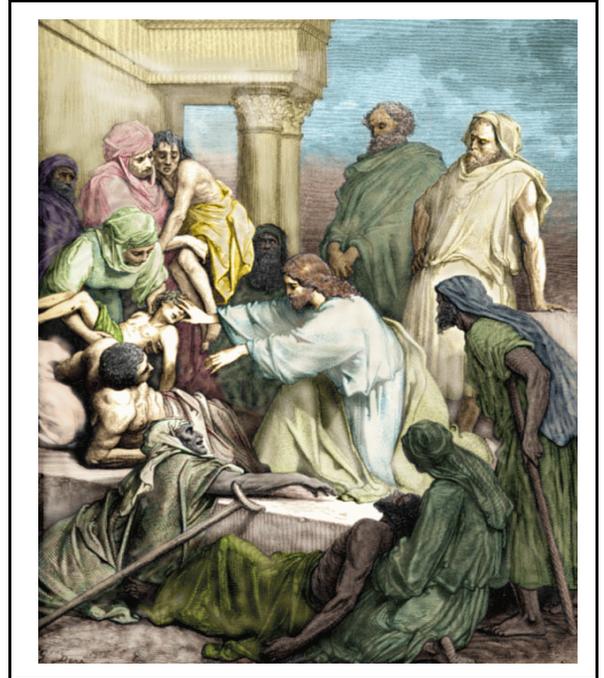
How does it feel when you are sick or have an injury?

What are some things that make you feel better?

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven,

Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts so we will gladly hear and study Your Word. Help us today as we learn how Jesus, Your Son, has power to forgive sins and help in all our needs. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



The Story - Mark 2:1-12

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. {2} Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

{3} Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. {4} And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

{5} When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are

forgiven you."

{6} And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, {7} "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

{8} But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? {9} "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? {10} "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"; He said to the paralytic, {11} "I say



to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

{12} Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the

presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Outer Aim - Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

What the Story Tells Us - Fill in the blanks with words from Mark 2:1-12

1. Jesus entered the city of _____.
2. Jesus _____ the Word to a large crowd of people.
3. Four men carried a paralyzed man to Jesus to be _____.
4. When Jesus saw their _____, He said to the paralyzed man, "Son your sins are _____ you."
5. The _____ thought Jesus was speaking blasphemies.
6. Jesus told them that the _____ _____ _____ has power to forgive sins.
7. When Jesus healed the paralyzed man he was immediately able to _____.
8. The people were amazed and _____ God.

What God Tells Us - Cross out the incorrect answers only. In some sentences, both answers are correct.

1. Jesus knows that the most important thing is (to make our bodies well) (to forgive our sins).
2. God heals us by using (doctors) (medicines).
3. God wants us to (bring our problems to Him) (only ask for help with major problems).
4. Jesus proved He is true God by (His power to forgive sins) (His power to make the paralyzed man well).
5. Read John 20:23 Every Christian (has) (does not have) the power to announce or withhold the forgiveness of sins.
6. Read John 20:23 As a Christian we too can (forgive the sins of the penitent sinner) (retain the sins of the impenitent).

Inner Aim - Jesus has the power and authority to forgive sins.

Passages - Read each passage.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.

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

Matthew 11:28-29 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Hymn - TLH 515 v. 1, 2, 4, 6

O Thou from whom all goodness flows,
I lift my heart to Thee;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
Dear Lord, remember me.

When on my poor and burdened heart
My sins lie heavily,
Thy pardon speak, new peace impart;
Dear Lord, remember me.

If worn with pain, disease, or grief
This feeble body be,
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief;
Dear Lord, remember me.

And when before Thy throne I stand
And lift my soul to Thee,
Then with the saints at Thy right hand,
dear Lord, remember me.

Your Turn - Use ideas from the story and hymn to write a prayer you could use for yourself or someone else who is sick.

Prayer

Dear Lord, Jesus,

You show us through Your Word today Your great power over sin and sicknesses. When our sins trouble us, draw us in faith to You for the forgiveness that You alone can give, so that we may find peace and joy through sins forgiven. When sickness comes upon us, give us a patient faith that continues to seek Your strength and healing through prayer. When we are healed, may Your name be glorified before those who doubt You. We pray, trusting in Your grace and mercy, Amen.