

Take Home Sheet

Carry on the conversation at home and build faith with us!



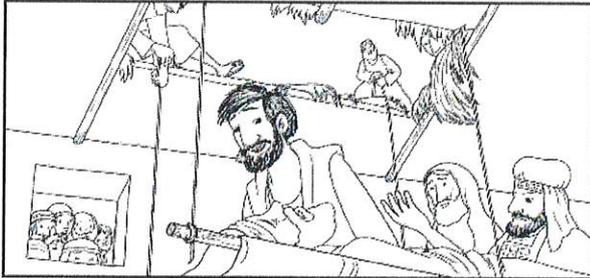
Truth that changes me:

Good news! Jesus has the power to forgive sin.



Faith in Kids looks like:

Children who are amazed and thankful for the forgiveness Jesus offers.



Look at the picture from today's story – you could colour it in, then choose a path to follow:

- "Talk together" gently starts a conversation about today's big truth.
- "Open the Bible" encourages you to read and apply the truth together.

Talk Together

Read the verses: *"But they could not get to Jesus because of the crowd. So they went to the roof above Jesus and made a hole in the roof. Then they lowered the mat with the paralysed man on it. Jesus saw that these men had great faith. So he said to the paralysed man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven."* Mark 2:4–5

Use the picture and the verse to answer:

- What do you think life was like for the man on the mat?
- What did people hope Jesus would do?
- What did Jesus think was the man's biggest problem?

Jesus cared for the man and gave him the best gift ever, forgiveness for sin. Jesus proved he had the power to forgive sin by also healing his legs. The forgiveness Jesus offers is good news for everyone. Can you tell me...

- 3 friends who have helped you (or even 4 like the man in the story!)
- 2 problems you would like Jesus to fix.
- 1 piece of good news from the Bible story.

Live it out: Use your story sticks to retell the story together. Can you remember the amazing good news of what help Jesus has come to bring to everyone? *Forgiveness and fixing the gap between us and God.*

A prayer to pray: Dear God, thank you that Jesus has come to offer us forgiveness. We are sorry for all the ways we have not lived loving you. Please forgive us and help us. Amen.

Open the Bible

Read Mark 2:1–12 and use the picture to talk about some of the following questions:

7s and under

- What did the four friends do for their friend who couldn't walk?
- Why did they want to get him to Jesus?
- What good news is there in this story for you and your friends?

8s and over

- When the man was lowered down, what did you expect Jesus to do?
- Why do you think he offered forgiveness first?
- What would Jesus say is your biggest need? Do you agree?

Live it out: The man in today's story had a problem with an obvious solution. But Jesus knew that there was a bigger problem – a sin problem that we all have – and he fixed that first. This week, can you spot any problems and talk about some solutions that might help. Do you know which one would be best? Is there more than one good option? Jesus offers forgiveness for our sins, the perfect solution to our biggest problem – that is really good news for us all!

Pray: Thank God that Jesus has come to offer us forgiveness and make us right with him again, we are sorry for our sin, forgive us and help us.

GOOD NEWS
from Mark

JESUS IS HERE!