



Miracles of Jesus - Jesus heals a paralysed man

What makes a good friend?

Chat together and see what you can think of, here are a couple of ideas to get you started: 'They will speak words of encouragement to me' or 'they will play football with me.'

In today's story we're going to hear about four friends and a man who couldn't do any of the things we can do, like running or hopping or skipping or dancing ...

Watch together:

Enjoy this cartoon version of the story <https://youtu.be/8cmppSIQUX4>

You can read the story in the Bible in Luke 5:17-26

Chat together:

I wonder what surprised you most about this story?

Why do you think the first thing Jesus said was "You are forgiven"? Did that surprise you?

What does this story tell you about Jesus? And what does it tell you about the four friends?

Pray together:

If you have some bubbles you could use them for your prayers! Think about something you want to say sorry for and say sorry to Jesus. Blow some bubbles. As they float away imagine giving your prayer to Jesus. When they pop remember that Jesus forgives you. Thank Jesus for being your 'forever friend'.

The man in this story had amazing friends. Do you have a friend who needs your help today? What can you do with God's help to show kindness that is beyond expectation?

Activities to try:

Make a model to retell the story:



Paper chain people:

Can you remember how to cut out paper chain people? You might like to cut some out and then decorate them, maybe write on the names of some of your friends as a reminder to pray for them.

Create a mat:

You might like to make a mat to remind you of the story: Find some A4 paper, scissors and glue. Fold one sheet of paper in half and cut some slits, evenly spaced from the fold to about 2cm from the edge.

Cut some strips of paper about 2cm in width - you could use coloured paper or pages from a magazine. Weave the paper strips through the slits and glue around the edge to fix them in place.

You might like to write this verse on your mat to remind you of the story:

'Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God' Luke 5:26



Colouring picture

You could colour in the picture below or draw your own picture of the story. Maybe you could draw a picture of the man praising God?

Praising God

Spend some time praising God, you could play some worship songs, dance, sing!

Try listening to "God can do anything, anything at all" by Doug Horley

<https://youtu.be/Db-wgKL9hRU> - see if you can learn the actions - they get faster and faster!

