

Lesson 25



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LEADER GUIDE

JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

MATTHEW 9:1-8; MARK 2:1-12; LUKE 5:17-26

GOAL

- ▶ **To help children understand that, like the paralytic, we are powerless to help ourselves and that only Jesus can provide deliverance.** Jesus knows us like no one else. He is the only one who can forgive us from sin, and He is the only one who can deliver us from the suffering caused by sin's curse.

WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **1. Paralytic:** A person who is crippled and unable to move.

The paralytic in this story could not move his legs and may not have been able to move his arms either. He was helpless and required the assistance of others to do everything—even simple, day-to-day things.

- 2. Faith:** Faith is a firm belief in God's truthfulness and His abilities. Faith hopes for even what can't be seen with the assurance that nothing is impossible with God.

Somehow, and at some time, God whispered into the ears and spoke to the heart of the paralytic and his companions the knowledge that Jesus could save. They stopped at nothing to secure the salvation of God, and Jesus responded to their faith with forgiveness and healing.

- 3. Blasphemy:** To insult or disrespect God. To claim for another any or all of the characteristics that belong to God alone.

The religious leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy because, with His words and actions, He claimed the abilities to forgive, to know hearts and read minds, and to heal incurable conditions. The Pharisees thought only God could do those things, but Jesus proved his authority. Even though it was the business of the religious leaders to know the Scriptures—the same Scriptures that pointed to their Messiah—they still failed to recognize that God was among them.



CHARACTERS

▶ **1. Jesus:** God in flesh, who demonstrated His power to see into the hearts and minds of the paralytic, his companions, and the religious leaders; to forgive sins as only God can do; and to heal the body of sickness and disease

2. The Paralytic: A helpless and hopeless man who is unable to use his arms and legs; he believes Jesus can help, and his faith is rewarded with forgiveness and healing

3. The Scribes and Pharisees: Religious leaders of their day whose business it is to study and know Scripture; more concerned with the threat Jesus poses than they are about comparing his words and actions to Scripture, they accuse him of blasphemy.

MEMORY VERSES

▶ **Mark 2:5:** And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; and Luke 5:17-26:** A crowd of expectant people completely filled a home as Jesus began to speak. They were there for different reasons—some hoped for miracles, some hoped to hear His teaching, others were mere spectators to His authority. Also in attendance were religious leaders sent to examine the validity of His words. But Jesus has His own agenda, and the meeting was interrupted by the desperate actions of a paralytic man and his four faithful companions. The spectacle began when they lifted an area of the roof right above where Jesus was standing, and the paralytic man was lowered into the room before the astonished crowd. The crowd expected Jesus to heal the man, but instead, He said to the paralyzed man, "Your sins are forgiven." The religious leaders were shocked at this bold claim of authority. Only God has the authority to forgive sins, which means either Jesus was making a false claim or He was, in fact, God. Jesus confirmed His authority when He commanded the paralytic to stand up, pick up his bed, and walk—and so he did, walking away and glorifying God with every step. The paralytic was healed!



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: What news was spreading like wildfire?

A1: The news of Jesus healing the sick, casting out demons, and teaching with confidence and authority.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: Why had some people come to see Jesus?

A2: Some people were hoping to see miracles and others were seeking truth.

Q2b: If you lived during Jesus' ministry, would you come to see Him perform miracles or to seek truth?

TN: Seeing Jesus perform miracles would be pretty awesome, but learning truth directly from Jesus would be amazing, too. It's not unlikely that regardless of the reason we benefit from both: seeing Jesus perform miracles and teach would allow us to see the power and wisdom Jesus possessed.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: Where was the paralyzed man?

A3: He was lying just outside the house in which Jesus was teaching.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: How did the men get the paralyzed man into the house?

A4: They lowered him through a hole in the roof.



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q5a: What was the first thing Jesus did for the paralyzed man?

A5: Jesus forgave him of his sins.



Q6a: What reason did Jesus give the religious leaders for His actions?

A6: He said He forgave the man so they would know He has the authority to forgive sins.



Q7a: What did Jesus do for the paralyzed man next?

A7: He healed him.

Q7b: What are some ways that we can glorify God?

TN: The paralyzed man glorified God simply by walking. Everyone who saw him and knew of his previous condition would have been amazed. We can glorify God in lots of ways, such as obeying Him and telling our friends and family about the wonderful ways God has touched our lives.



**MEMORY
VERSES**

▶ **Mark 2:5:** And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:17: It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

BIG IDEA

▶ **Jesus is all-powerful:** He can see our hearts and thoughts, forgive us, and heal us.

**CLOSING
PRAYER**

▶ Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that You truly know us and that You can see even the hidden things in our hearts. Thank You that You have the authority to forgive all of our sins because You are the perfect sacrifice acceptable to God for forgiveness. And thank You that You will one day completely abolish all sickness and suffering. Help us to be persistent in faith, to forgive others as You have forgiven us, and to trust that nothing can ever separate us from You—not even sickness or death. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

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CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY

Across

2. When Jesus reached the house, it was already filled with **(People)**.
4. "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but **(Sinners)**."
6. The response of the paralytic man upon being forgiven and healed was that he **(Glorified)** God
7. The Scribes and Pharisees accused Jesus of **(Blasphemy)** because he forgave the man's sins.
8. People were excited to see Jesus because of his bold teachings, and because He was healing the sick and casting out **(Demons)**.

Down

1. What did Jesus do first for the paralytic man—forgive or heal? **(Forgive)**
3. Which town is Jesus returning to in this story? **(Capernaum)**
5. The companions of the paralytic man lowered him down through a hole in the **(Roof)** to see Jesus.
9. "And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, '**(Son)**, your sins are forgiven.'

Friendship & Healing

MARK 2

Loving your neighbor means helping someone solve a problem. In this case, healing happens when a group of people work together to bring their neighbor to Jesus.

Number the passages below in the correct order and read the completed story.

6. Jesus knew what the scribes were thinking. He declared that the Son of Man is capable of forgiving. Jesus then told the man, "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house."

7. The paralyzed man was healed immediately. He picked up his bed and walked home. Everyone was grateful to see the healing.

2. The crowd saw that a paralyzed man needed help, so they brought him to Jesus.

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4. Jesus told the paralyzed man, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

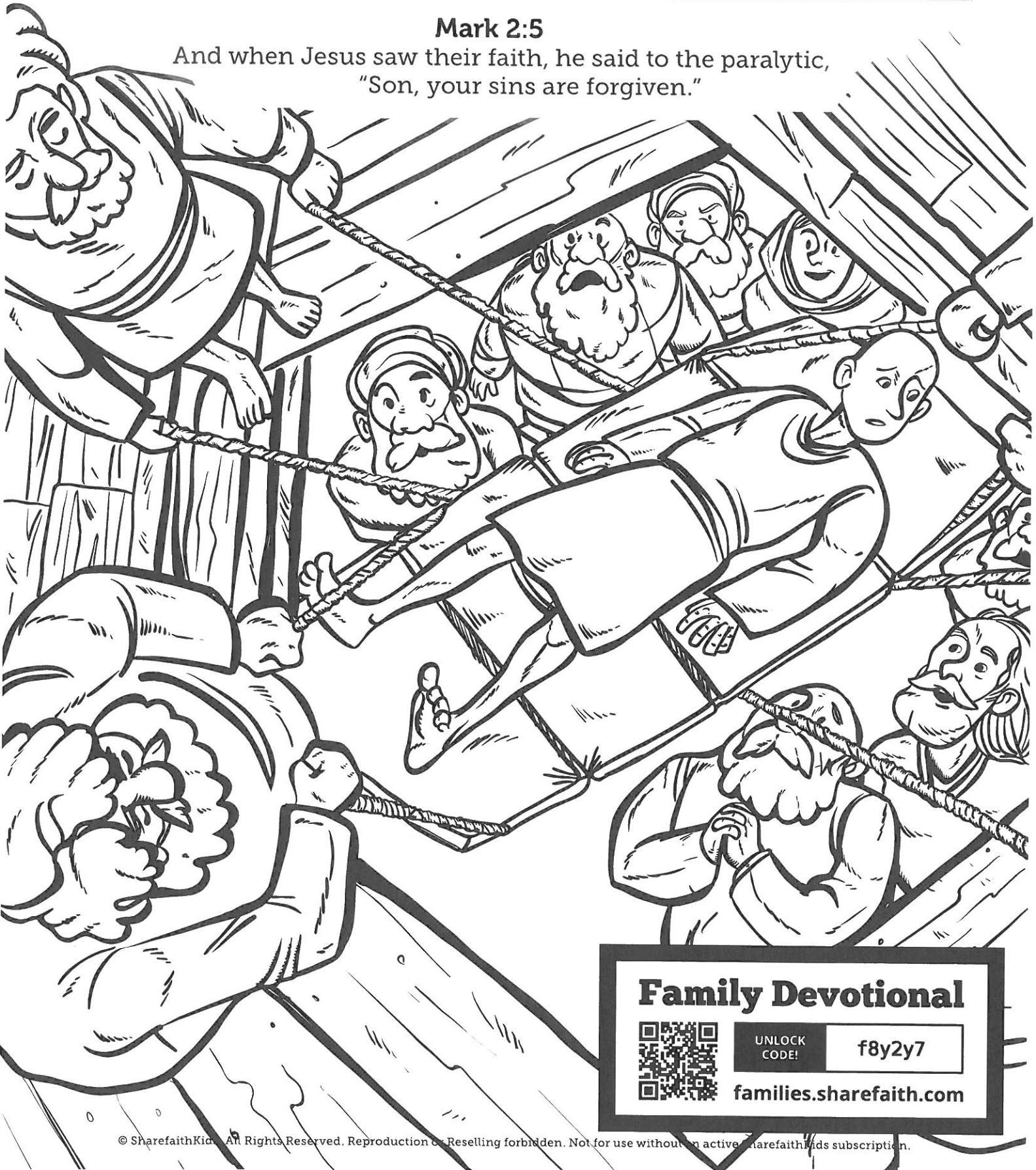
3. They worked together to lower the paralyzed man through the roof.

5. The scribes questioned what Jesus said to the man. They wondered, "Who can forgive sins but God only?"

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Family Devotional



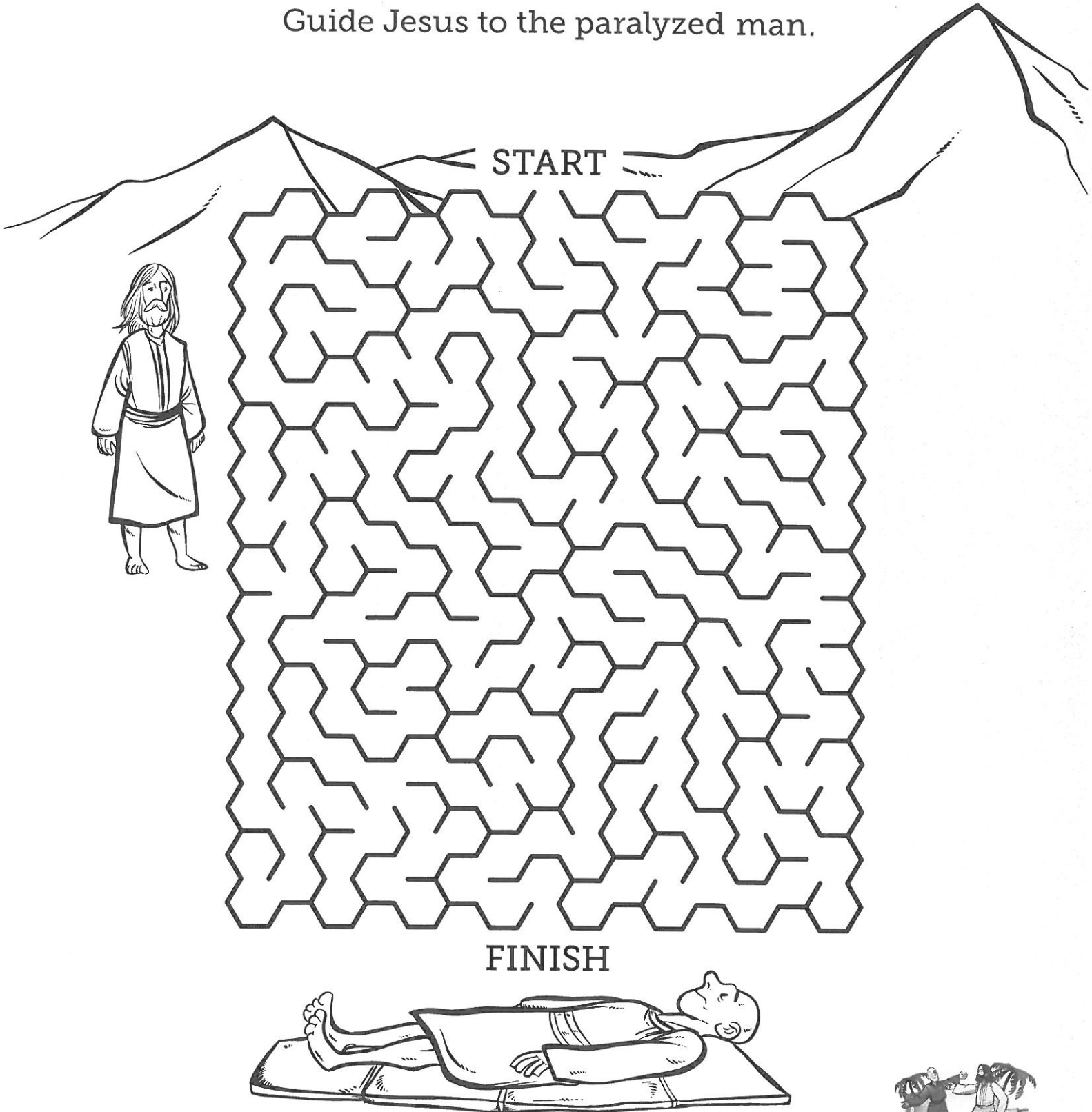
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Guide Jesus to the paralyzed man.



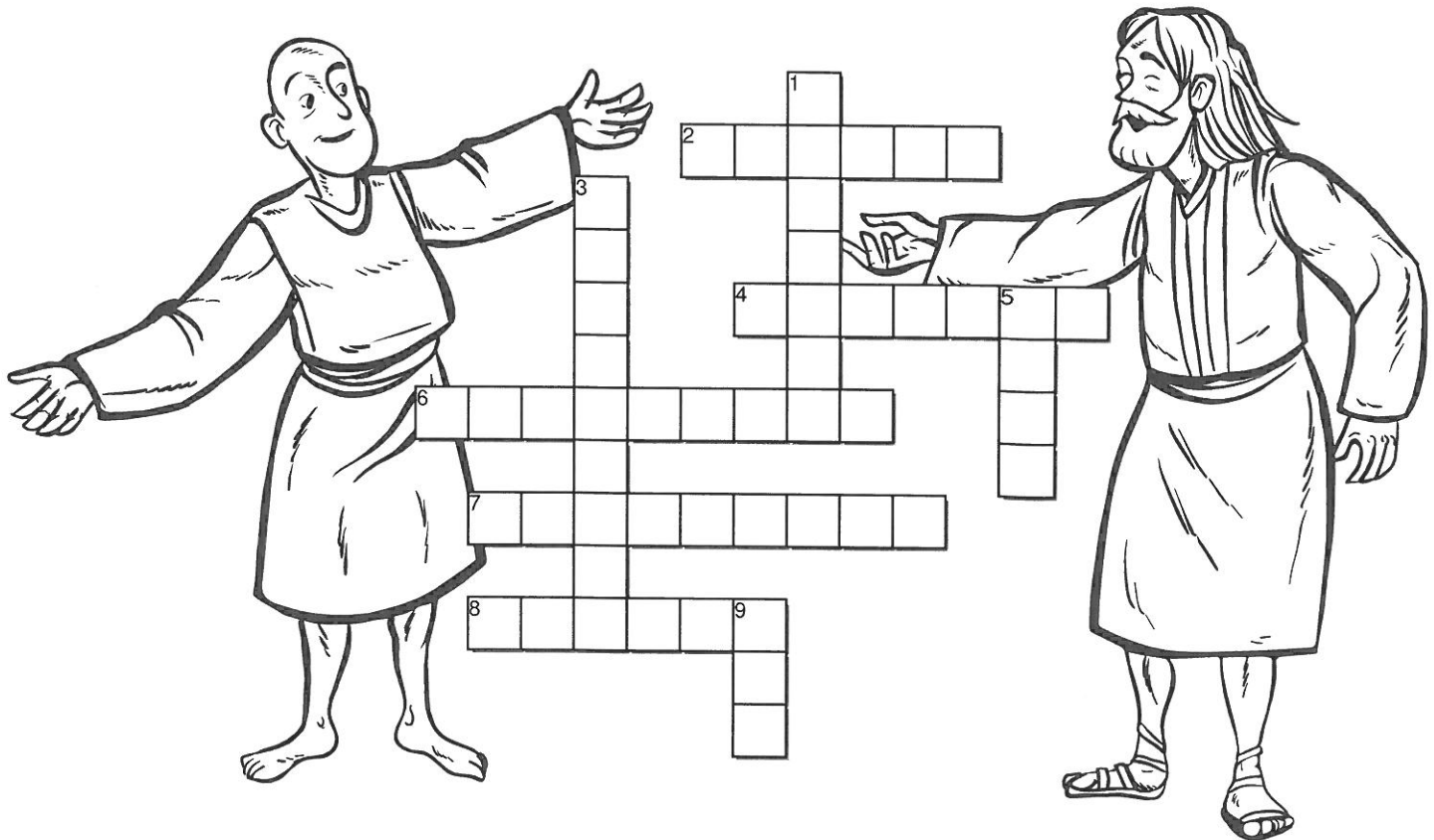
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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Take Up Thy Bed

Jesus once healed a paralyzed man who was lowered through a roof by some dear friends.

Read the story in Mark 2:1-12. Find the underlined words in the word search.

A large crowd blocked the way to Jesus. The paralyzed man's friends opened up the roof and lowered him down before Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

Jesus told the paralyzed man, "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house."

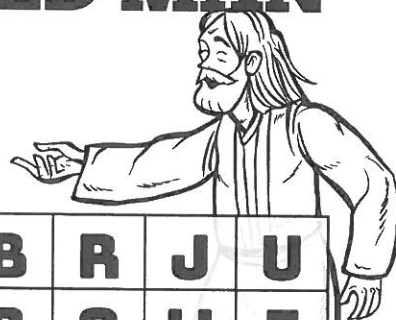
Immediately after Jesus spoke to the paralyzed man, he arose, and took up his bed - healed! The crowd was amazed and praised God.



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Discover the hidden words.



S	R	D	J	M	K	N	F	S	G	X	B	R	J	U
X	S	T	E	X	U	B	O	L	I	L	R	O	W	F
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Word Bank

JESUS

SINNERS

GLORIFIED

BLASPHEMY

DEMONS

PHARISEES

SCRIBES

PARALYTIC

CAPERNAUM

ROOF

FAITH

FORGIVENESS



Maze - Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Color the stars to put together the story of Jesus healing the man who couldn't walk (Matt. 9:1-8 NLV).

Enter

Jesus got into a boat. He crossed over to the other side and came into His own city. They took a man to Him who was on his bed. This man was not able to move his body. Jesus saw their faith. He said, "Son, take hope. Your sins are forgiven."

But this is to show you that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins." He said to the sick man, "Get up! Take your bed and go home." He got up and went to his home.

All the people saw this. They were surprised and wondered about it. Then they gave thanks to God because He had given such power to men.

Some of the teachers of the Law said to themselves, "This man speaks as if He is God, but He is not!" Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, "Why do you think bad thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'"

Exit

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