

## Lesson 23 - Jesus Heals the Paralytic

### Opening Prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear God, teach us to bring all of our troubles and problems to You. We know You can fix everything. We know You heal our body and soul.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Memory Work:

<sup>9</sup> Is it easier to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, pick up your cot, and walk'? (*Mark 2:9*)

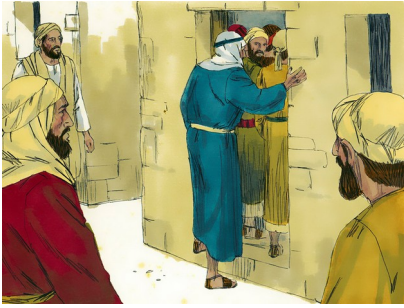
### Focus:

We should always call on Jesus for all our cares and concerns.

Jesus is God. When He says our sins are forgiven they are. He has the power and authority to heal us, and to make us holy before our heavenly Father.

**Lesson:** Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

## Jesus Forgives Sins



<sup>1b</sup> The report went out that Jesus was home at Capernaum {ka-PER-na-um}. <sup>2</sup> Many people had gathered. There was no room left, even in front of the door. Jesus was speaking God's word to them.

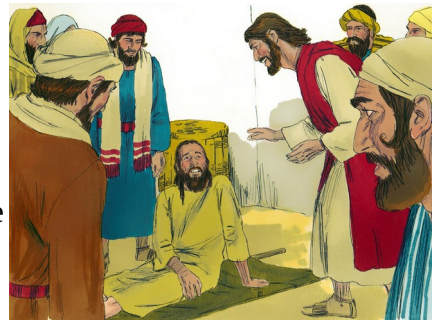
<sup>3</sup> Four men came to him carrying a paralyzed man.



<sup>4</sup> Since they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof over the place where Jesus was.

Then they lowered the cot on which the paralyzed man was lying.

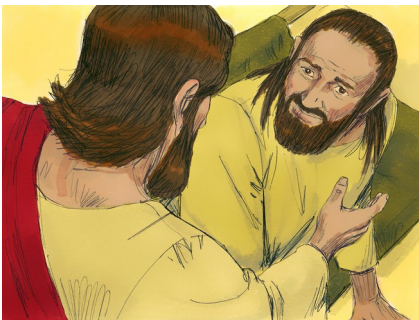
<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."





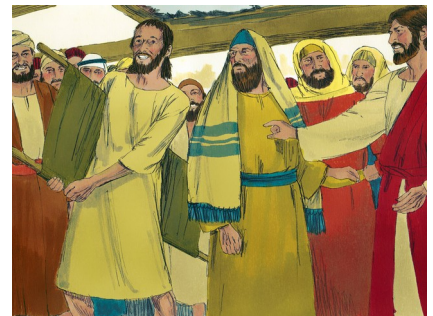
<sup>6</sup> Some experts in Moses' Teachings were sitting there. They thought, <sup>7</sup> "Why does he talk this way? He's dishonoring God. Who besides God can forgive sins?"

<sup>8</sup> At once, Jesus knew inwardly what they were thinking. He asked them, "Why do you have these thoughts?" <sup>9</sup> Is it easier to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, pick up your cot, and walk'?



<sup>10</sup> I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Then he said to the paralyzed man, <sup>11</sup> "I'm telling you to get up, pick up your cot, and go home!"

<sup>12</sup> The man got up, immediately picked up his cot, and walked away while everyone watched.



Everyone was amazed and praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

## Review:

- **Where was Jesus teaching in this story?** In a house in Capernaum {ka-PER-na-um}.
- **How many people were there?** A large crowd that filled the house.
- **Who were some men bringing to Jesus?** A paralyzed man.
- **What does it mean to be paralyzed?** Your legs (and maybe your arms) don't work and you can't walk. Maybe he had an accident and broke his back. Maybe he was that way from birth. We don't know. But, if he had been that way for very long his muscles and joints would have become very stiff and twisted up. All he could do is lie on his mat and someone else had to take care of him.
- **When the men couldn't get through the door because of the crowd, what did they do?** They climbed up on the roof and made a hole. Then they lowered the paralyzed man on his mat down through the roof to Jesus.
- **Do you think that you would have gone to that great of trouble to bring your friend to Jesus to be healed?**
- **What did Jesus say to the man?** "Friend, your sins are forgiven."
- **Did you expect Jesus to say "Your sins are forgiven" or "You are healed"?** You are healed.
- **Why do you think that Jesus said this instead?** To make the people think about who He was.
- **Who was offended when He said, "Your sins are forgiven"?** The Pharisees and the teachers of the law.
- **Why were they upset?** Jesus said that the man's sins were forgiven, but only God can forgive sins.
- **Jesus knew what they were thinking before they said anything. So, what did He say to them?** Which is easier, to say "Your sins are forgiven.", or "Get up and walk?"
- **What do you think would be easier to say?** Anybody could say the words, "your sins are forgiven", but only God could make a paralyzed man walk.
- **Jesus tells them that He wants them to know that he has the power to forgive sins. So He turns to the paralyzed man and says what?** "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."
- **Did the man get up?** Yes. He got up and took his mat home, praising God as he went.
- **How did the crowd react?** They were amazed and filled with awe. They praised God and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." or "We have never seen anything like this!"
- **What does this story tell you about Jesus?** He is God.
- **You might not have a friend who is sick, but do you have a friend who needs his or her sins to be forgiven?**
- **How do you think that you can bring that friend to Jesus?** Tell them about Jesus. Ask them to come with you to Sunday School, or church.

**Closing Prayer:**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear God, thank You for giving us every good thing. Thank You for protecting us and watching over us. Thank you for forgiving our sins.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.