



MATTHEW 9:1-8; MARK 2:1-12; LUKE 5:18-26



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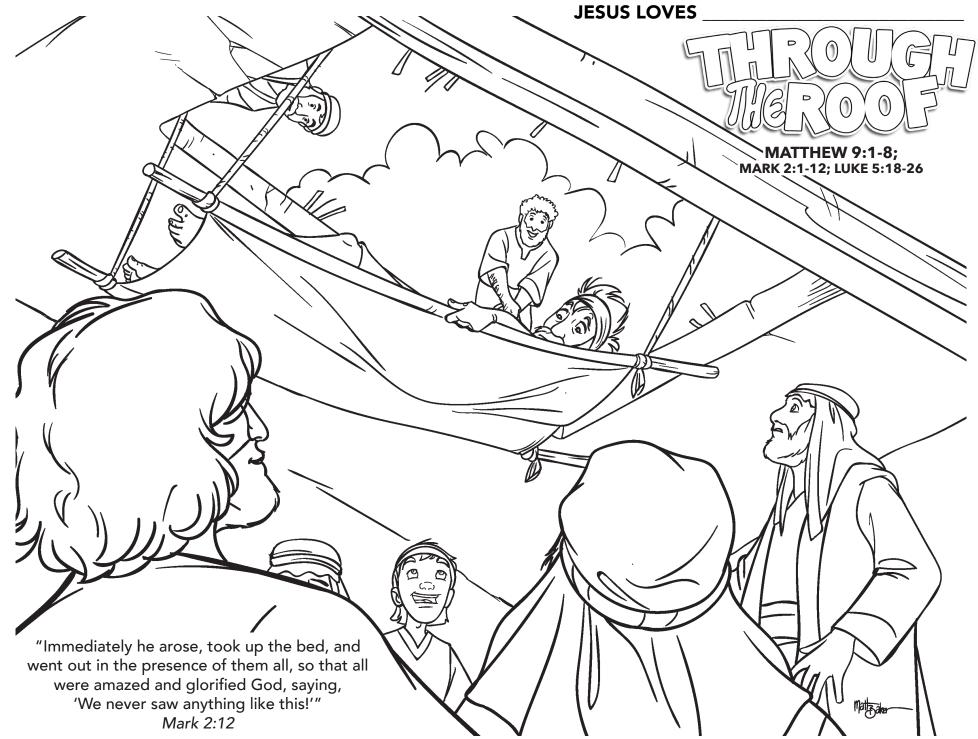
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UNDERSTANDING THE STORY:

So many people were crowded into the house to listen to Jesus that there was no more room for anyone else.

• What was Jesus teaching the people? Why are God's words important and special?

Four men wanted to bring a paralyzed man to Jesus.

- What does it mean to be paralyzed? Why did they bring this man to Jesus? Who was the only one that could help this man?
- When the four men saw that the house was crowded, did they give up and go back home? What did they do? What can we learn about these men? (They believed that Jesus could heal a person and they would do anything they had to do to bring this man to Jesus.)

Even though this man was paralyzed, Jesus knew that he had a bigger problem.

- What problem did this man have? (Matthew 9:5, Mark 2:5) What is sin? Why is sin a problem for people? (Sin keeps us away from God, because God is perfect)
- What did Jesus tell the paralyzed man? (Mark 2:5) Jesus wanted to take care of this man's biggest problem sin!

Jesus also healed the man's body so that he could get up and walk.

• Since Jesus could heal this man, does that show us that He could also forgive this man?

SIMPLE TRUTHS:

- Being healed would have given the man an easier life because he would be able to walk. But, having his sins forgiven gave him eternal life - forever.
- Is it more important to have an easy life on earth, or is it more important to know that we will have eternal life in heaven?
- How can we know that we will live with God after we die? If a person asks Jesus to forgive them of their sin, will Jesus forgive them?
- You can pray and ask Jesus to forgive you of your sin. We all need Jesus to forgive us and rescue us from our sin and He wants to do that for us; that's why He died and came back alive again!

We cannot see Jesus with our eyes, but He still wants to help people today because He loves people.

• Do you have friends who need Jesus' help? What's one way that you can bring your friends to Jesus? (Praying for them. Telling them how much Jesus loves them and that He can forgive them.)

Jesus saw that the men had faith. They believed and trusted that Jesus could do something amazing.

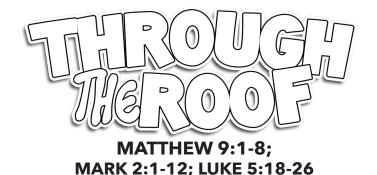
- When we need help, does Jesus want to help us? Will Jesus help us with our problems?
- What if those four men had never brought that one man to Jesus? What if we don't have faith in Jesus? If we do have faith in Jesus, will He do amazing things?
- Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us trust Him more.

AND REMEMBER...

Jesus wants to forgive us of our sins and give us eternal life!

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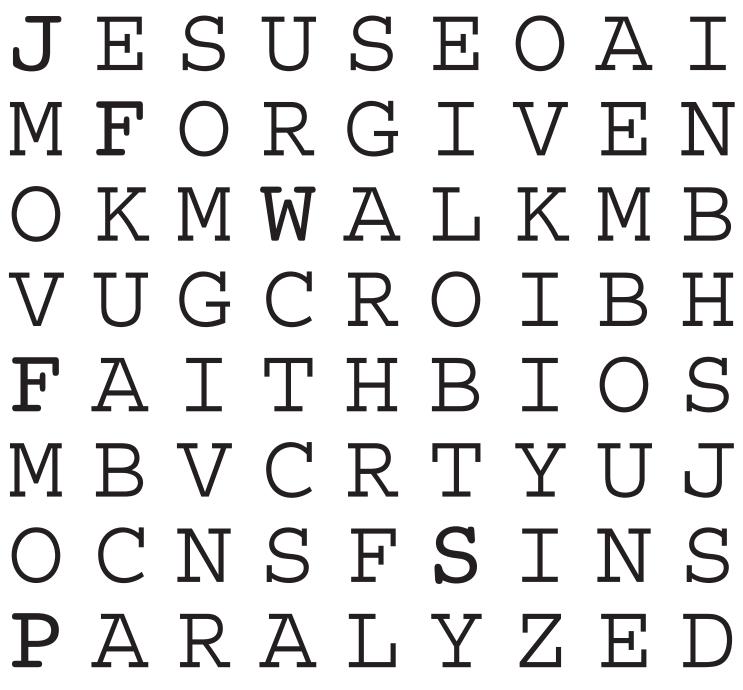
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Jesus Forgiven Paralyzed Faith Sins Walk

KEY WORDS FROM BIBLE STORY

FIND THE KEY WORDS IN THE WORDSEARCH. THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH KEY WORD IS BOLDED IN WORDSEARCH.





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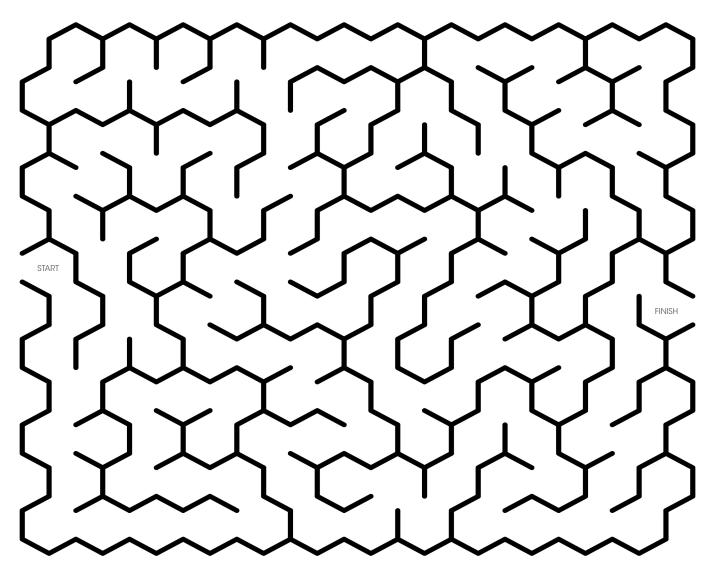
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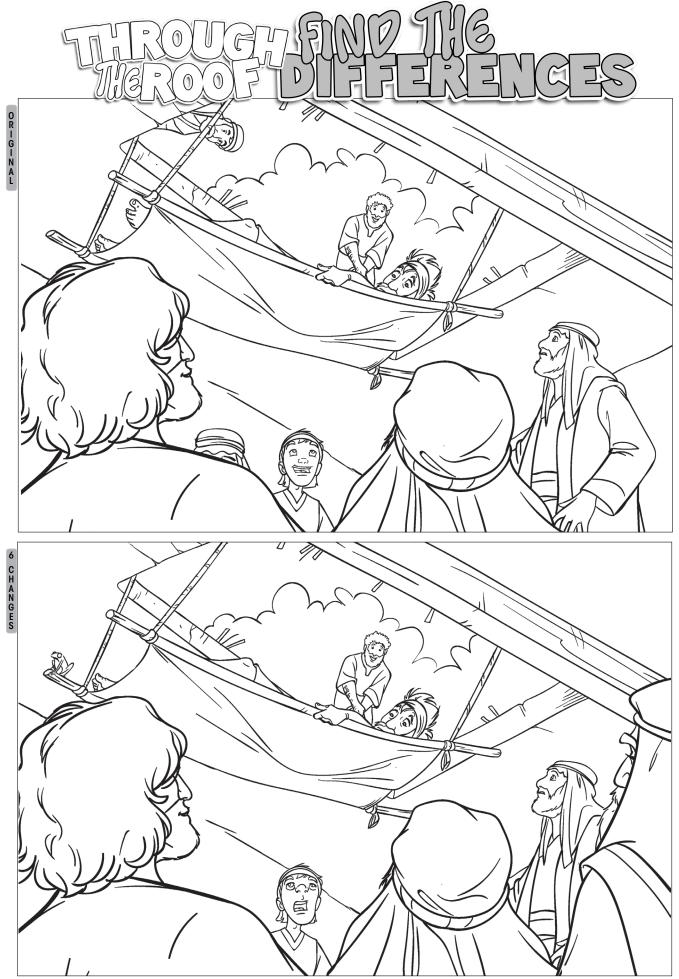
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