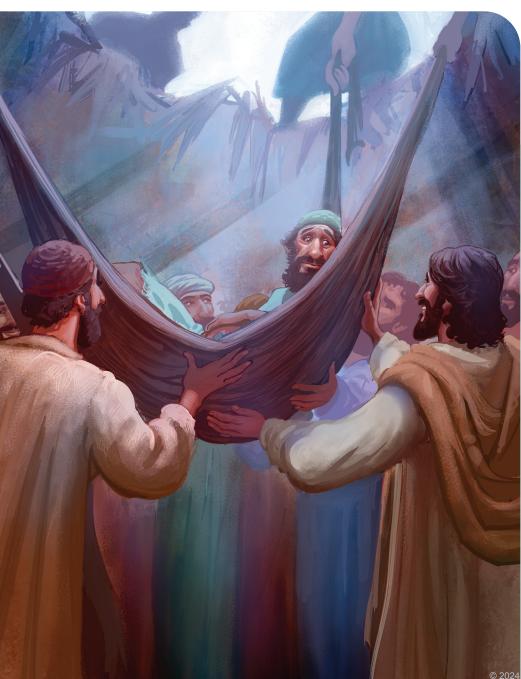
FOUR FRIENDS FIND JESUS



Text Truth: Jesus is able to heal and forgive people.

Bible Verse: The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

Mark 2:10

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Jesus has authority to forgive people.

Mark 2:10

MARK 2:1-12

One day Jesus was teaching at a house in Capernaum. People filled the house, and many people stood outside. The people were there to hear Jesus teach and see Him help sick people.

Four men had a friend who could not walk. The men had heard about Jesus and knew He could help.

The friends decided to take their friend to Jesus. They picked up the corners of the mat on which their friend lay. The men carried their friend on his mat all the way to the house where Jesus was teaching.

But too many people were in the way. The people would not move so the men could go inside the house to see Jesus.

What now? The men saw steps leading up to the rooftop of the house. Up, up, up the steps the men walked. Then the men dug a hole in the roof. They carefully lowered their friend to the floor in front of Jesus.

Jesus saw the man and said, "You are forgiven." Then Jesus said, "Get up. Take your mat and go."

The man got up. He took a few steps. He could walk! "God is wonderful," the man said. He picked up his mat and walked out of the house.

Everyone was amazed at what had happened. The people praised God. "We have never seen anything like this!" they said.

24 Lifeway

Which Is the Next Shoe?

Look at each row of shoe pictures.

