

## Men Bring Their Friend to Jesus for Healing (Luke 5:17-25)

**“This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”**  
(1 John 4:10)

### Jesus is God’s Son...and he forgives our sin.

Now *they* were good friends!

When they heard Jesus was in town, these men picked up their paralyzed buddy and carried him to the house where Jesus was teaching. They knew Jesus could heal their friend.

And when they couldn’t elbow their way into the house, they hauled their buddy up on the roof and tore a hole so they could lower him down to Jesus.

Those friends must have been in so much trouble—but Jesus healed their buddy. And not just in the way they expected.

Jesus healed the paralyzed man’s body, but he also healed him in an even bigger way: Jesus forgave the man’s sins. Everyone thought that was an amazing thing—and it was.

But here’s something just as amazing: Jesus wants to do the same thing for *you*. He wants you to welcome him into your life, so he can forgive your sin and be your forever friend.

And all you need to do is ask. You don’t even have to cut a hole in the roof!

#### Talk-Starters

**Tell about a time you forgave someone or you were forgiven. What happened?**

#### Try-This-@-Home

Ask someone to forgive you for something you’ve said or done. Tell the person you hurt what you did, say you’re sorry, and ask that person to forgive you.

**I’m sorry.  
Forgive me?**



#### Explore More @ Home

Giving it, receiving it, living it—forgiveness is important! See 1 John 1:9 and Colossians 3:13.



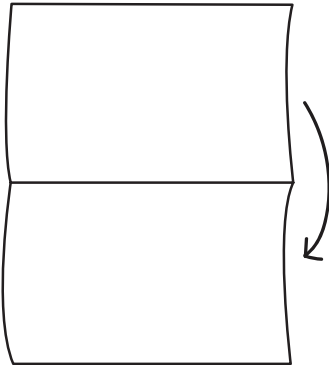
# Carry this page home!

Fold a box bed! When you get home

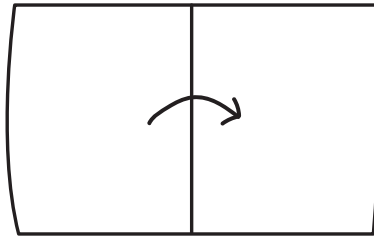
...put a Lego or action figure "friend" on the bed. Build a fort with pillows, and gently lower the friend through the roof.

## Here's how:

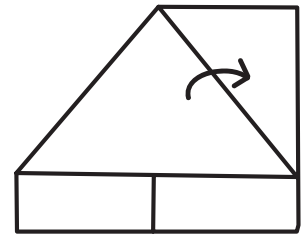
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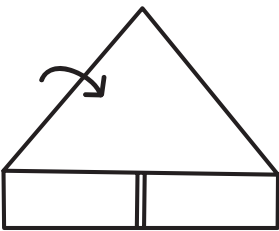
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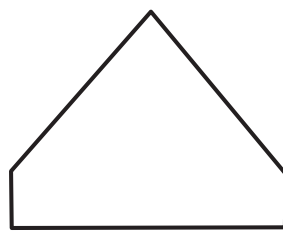
- 3 Flatten one corner to make a triangle.



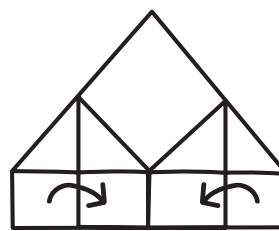
- 4 Flip over and repeat on the other side so it looks like this.



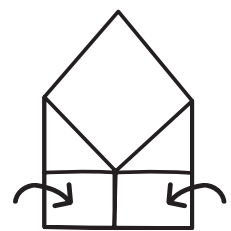
- 5 Rotate the paper, and flatten it the other way so it looks like this.



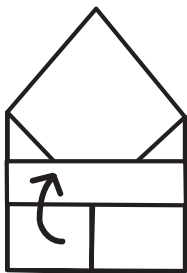
- 6 Fold one side into the center, then fold the other side into the center.



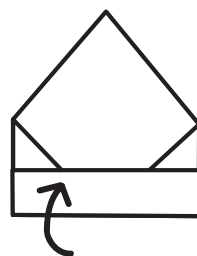
- 7 Flip it over to the other side, and fold those sides to the center, too.



- 8 Fold the bottom up on one side.



- 9 Flip it over, and fold the bottom up on the other side, too.



- 10 Flip it upside down, and flatten the bottom. Voila—a box bed!

