

## Lesson 8— The Life of Jesus: Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

### Scripture Reference: Luke 5:17–26

**Today's Big Idea:** One of the most important things we can do is bring our friends to Jesus!

#### Lesson Time:

**Ask:** Share a story about a time when a friend did something for you that was really kind?

**Watch:** Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4&t=48s>

**Read:** Have the kids look up Luke 5 in the classroom Bibles. When they've all found it, read Luke 5:17-26 aloud and invite them to follow you in their own Bibles.

**Ask:** Why do you think so many people were gathering around Jesus? Why do you think the men carried their paralyzed friend to Jesus? What did they do when they discovered that they couldn't get through the crowd? Why didn't they give up? What did Jesus say when the man was lowered in front of Him through the roof? *Friend your sins are forgiven.*

**Share:** It is amazing that the friends of this man were willing to do such incredible things to bring Him to Jesus. They had great faith in Jesus and believed that Jesus would help their friend.

**Play:** *Bring Your Friend to Jesus*

**You will need:** A small blanket

**Introduce:** We're going to play a game where you will have to do something very similar to the friends in our Bible story today.

**How to Play:** *Lay your child on the blanket. Lift and carry them around the room using the blanket. Think of a "course" to carry your child around on and do several laps. After you have done a few laps, gently put the blanket down and have the child that was carried switch places with someone who will now be carried in the blanket (if you have more than one child).*

**Debrief:** How was our game similar to the story we heard today about the friends who brought the man to Jesus to be healed? What was it like being one of the carriers in this game? Do you think the men who brought their friend to Jesus faced challenges? What was it like being carried? What do you think the friend who was being brought to Jesus might have felt or thought about as the others were bringing Him?

\* *For Parents to read to themselves.*

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We are a community of Jesus followers who love God, love one another and make disciples.

**Ask:** Do you think that there are ways that we can be like these men who brought their friend to Jesus?

**Activity:** *Thinking of our Friends*

**You will need:** Postcard sized pieces of cardstock, colored pencils.

**What to do:** *Invite your child to share the first names of some of their friends. When they have a few in mind, hand out postcard sized pieces of cardstock. Instruct them to think about the friends they just mentioned. As they think about that friend, have them consider some of the ways they can support, love, and point those friends to Jesus. Maybe they'll pray for them, speak some encouraging words to them, help them out with something they're having trouble with. Using the postcard, they can either draw a picture of what they come up with or describe it with words.*

**Ask:** What is it like to think about the things we can do to help and to bless our friends? Was it hard to come up with ideas or was it easy?

**Close in Prayer**