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Unit 24, Session 1: Four Friends Helped

**TWEETS**
Because Jesus is God, He has the power and authority to heal and forgive. Jesus forgives those who trust in Him. #thegospelprojectkids

(Christ Connection - 134 Characters)

The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. Jesus forgave his sins, and then He healed the man. #thegospelprojectkids

(Content - 120 Characters)

**STATUS UPDATE**
The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. Jesus knew this and did something even greater; Jesus forgave his sins, and then He healed the man. Because Jesus is God, He has the power and authority to heal and forgive. Jesus forgives those who trust in Him.

**E-MAIL**
Unit 24, Session 1: Four Friends Helped

Dear Parents,

Jesus was in Capernaum, a city on the Sea of Galilee. The Pharisees and scribes—teachers of the law—came to listen to Jesus' teaching. They were curious about His message and wanted to make sure He was teaching things that were true. So many people came that they crowded the house; there was no more room.

That day, four friends came to see Jesus. The four men carried their friend who was paralyzed. Jesus had healed people before—even people who were paralyzed. (See Matt. 4:24; 8:6.) The men believed Jesus came from God, and He could heal people. So their faith led to action. Because the friends could not get through the crowd, they carried their friend to the roof and lowered him down to Jesus.

The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. Jesus knew this and did something even greater; Jesus forgave his sins, and then He healed the man. Because Jesus is God, He has the power and authority to heal and forgive. Jesus forgives those who trust in Him.

Jesus' words to the paralyzed man surprised the Pharisees and teachers of the law. Rather than saying, “Get up and walk,” Jesus said, “Your sins are forgiven.” The religious leaders kept quiet, but Jesus knew their thoughts. They accused Jesus of blasphemy, dishonoring God by claiming to do what only God can do. But Jesus did not blaspheme. He is God, and He has authority to forgive sins.
Jesus asked them, “Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?” Simply saying, “Your sins are forgiven,” seems to be the easier thing, but to actually forgive sins is harder, something only God can do. As God, Jesus has the power and authority to heal and forgive. And Jesus knew He would take the man’s sins upon Himself on the cross—an act of love that would cost Him His life.

Jesus healed the paralyzed man to prove to the religious leaders His power to forgive. Mark 2:12 records the crowd’s reaction: “They were all astounded and gave glory to God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’”

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS
- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - Jesus healed people.
  - Four friends brought a man to Jesus.
  - Jesus forgave the man and healed him.
  - Jesus did only what God can do.
- **Preschool**
  - What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.
  - Jesus healed a man who could not walk.
- **Kids**
  - What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.
  - Jesus healed a paralyzed man and forgave his sins.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE
- **Psalm 103:2-3** (Babies and Toddlers: Psalm 103:3)

NEXT WEEK
- “Jesus Has Power Over Evil” (Mark 5:1-20)
Unit 24, Session 2: Jesus Has Power Over Evil

TWEETS
Jesus has power over everything. He came to destroy the Devil by dying on the cross and one day will end evil forever. #thegospelprojectkids
(Christ Connection - 140 Characters)

Only Jesus had the strength to control a man with the evil spirits. Jesus used His power to free the man. #thegospelprojectkids
(Content - 127 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE
Only Jesus had the strength to control the man with the evil spirits. Jesus has power over evil, and He used His power to free the man. He has power over everything. Jesus came to earth to destroy the Devil by dying on the cross. One day, Jesus will end evil forever.

E-MAIL
Unit 24, Session 2: Jesus Has Power Over Evil

Dear Parents,

Jesus had enemies. In the midst of His public ministry, the Jewish religious leaders began plotting to kill Him. (See Mark 3:6.) So one day, Jesus went to a land on the east side of the Sea of Galilee where Gentiles lived. Jesus’ mission to the Gentiles was not a backup plan after the Jews rejected Him; when Jesus was an infant, Simeon prophesied that His work would be for all people—both Jews and Gentiles. (See Luke 2:30-32.)

In that land was a man who needed help. An evil spirit was inside the man, and he suffered greatly. The people had tried to control the man by tying him up with chains, but the man broke free. So he lived alone in the tombs, crying out day and night.

When Jesus stepped ashore, the man ran to Him and kneeled down. Jesus commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many evil spirits were in the man, and Jesus gave the evil spirits permission to go into a herd of pigs. They did, and the man was healed.

The healed man wanted to follow Jesus, but Jesus told the man to go home to his own people and tell what the Lord had done for him. The man obeyed Jesus. He testified to the cities in that area about the Lord’s mercy, and the Gentiles were amazed.

Jesus is Lord over all things, good and evil. In His teaching, Jesus said, “If I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you” (Matt. 12:28). Jesus—as well as the Bible—is clear that Satan exists, and he and the demons work against God and His purposes.
Only Jesus had the strength to control the man with the evil spirits. Jesus has power over evil, and He used His power to free the man. He has power over everything. Jesus came to earth to destroy the Devil by dying on the cross. One day, Jesus will end evil forever.

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS

- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - Jesus healed people.
  - Jesus healed the man with the bad spirit.
  - Jesus told the man to tell everyone what God did for him.
  - Jesus has power because He is God’s Son.

- **Preschool**
  - What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.
  - Jesus healed a man with many evil spirits.

- **Kids**
  - What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.
  - Jesus healed a man with many evil spirits.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

- **Psalm 103:2-3** (Babies and Toddlers: Psalm 103:3)

NEXT WEEK

- “Jesus Healed a Woman and Raised a Girl” (Mark 5:21-43)
Unit 24, Session 3: Jesus Healed a Woman and Raised a Girl

TWEETS
When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and changes us to be more like His Son.
#thegospelprojectkids
(Christ Connection - 106 Characters)

By healing a woman and raising a little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. #thegospelprojectkids
(Content - 120 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE
By healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and changes us to be more like His Son.

E-MAIL
Unit 24, Session 3: Jesus Healed a Woman and Raised a Girl

Dear Parents,

Jesus had just returned from the region of the Gerasenes, where He had healed a man with an unclean spirit. He crossed the Sea of Galilee and came on shore, where He was surrounded by a large crowd of people. News of Jesus’ teachings and healings was spreading, and people wanted to see Jesus. They wanted to learn from Him and be healed.

Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, came to Jesus in crisis. His daughter was at the point of death. Without Jesus’ help, she would surely die. Jesus went with Jairus, but as He walked, a woman in the crowd came up behind Him and touched His robes. She too was desperate for healing. The woman believed that Jesus’ power was strong enough to heal her even if all she did was touch His robes. Because she had faith, Jesus healed her.

Imagine Jairus’s devastation when he heard that his daughter had died. The people suggested that Jesus was too late to help her, but Jesus proved them wrong. He went to Jairus’s house and raised the little girl from the dead.

By healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and changes us to be more like His Son.
As you talk with your kids, point out that the woman and the father of the little girl came to Jesus in faith. They needed Jesus’ help, and they trusted in Jesus’ power to heal. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He ascended to heaven. Even though Jesus is not physically on earth today, we can pray and ask God to heal people who are sick. Whether or not God grants physical healing, we can rest knowing that He brings ultimate healing through His Son, Jesus.

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS

● **Babies and Toddlers**
  - Jesus healed people.
  - A woman touched Jesus’ robes to be healed.
  - Jesus made a little girl alive again.
  - Jesus has power over sickness and death.

● **Preschool**
  - What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.
  - Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead.

● **Kids**
  - What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.
  - Jesus healed a bleeding woman and raised a girl from the dead.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

● **Psalm 103:2-3** (Babies and Toddlers: Psalm 103:3)

NEXT WEEK

● “Jesus Raised Lazarus” (John 11:1-7,17-44)
Unit 24, Session 4: Jesus Raised Lazarus

TWEETS

Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him. #thegospelprojectkids
(Christ Connection - 130 Characters)

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed He has power over death. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. #thegospelprojectkids
(Content - 137 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.

E-MAIL

Unit 24, Session 4: Jesus Raised Lazarus

Dear Parents,

Jesus received word that His friend Lazarus was sick. Lazarus was the brother of Mary and Martha. They lived in the town of Bethany, which was about two miles away from Jerusalem. Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus, likely expecting Him to come right away.

Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus; yet He stayed where He was, and Lazarus died. Why would Jesus do such a thing? Jesus said that Lazarus’ sickness was “for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (John 11:4). He said that He was glad He wasn’t there when Lazarus died so that the disciples may believe. (John 11:15) Jesus’ timing is always perfect, and He acts or doesn’t act so that God will be glorified.

By the time Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. Martha went to meet Jesus. She said to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.” Jesus had shown His power to heal people who were sick. Even still, she believed He could do a miracle.

Jesus told Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). Jesus is the source of life—eternal life that cannot be destroyed by death. Believers do not need to fear death because physical death is not the end. (See John 11:25-26.) Jesus endured death for us so that when we die and are absent from our physical bodies, our souls are with the Lord. (See 2 Cor. 5:8.)
Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. His messiahship was clearly on display, and it was Jesus’ claims to be the Son of God that would lead to His death on the cross. Jesus interrupted Lazarus’s funeral knowing His would soon follow.

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS
● Babies and Toddlers
  ○ Jesus healed people.
  ○ Martha said Jesus is the Messiah.
  ○ Jesus made Lazarus alive again.
  ○ Believers will live with Jesus forever.
● Preschool
  ○ What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.
  ○ Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.
● Kids
  ○ What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.
  ○ Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE
● Psalm 103:2-3 (Babies and Toddlers: Psalm 103:3)

NEXT WEEK
● “Jesus Was Anointed” (Matthew 26:6-13; John 12:1-8)