

Friends Learn About Jesus

Mark 2:1-12

Bible Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times." ~ Proverbs 17:17

Supplies needed for this lesson:

Crayons, two pieces of yarn/string 24 inches long, hole punch and tape (optional)

This week we're talking about friends. Friends love each other and friends help each other. In our Bible story this week, we're going to learn that friends help each other learn about Jesus.

Has a friend ever taught you something? My friend Sharon taught me a silly little rhyme. Do you want to learn it? It goes like this:

She sells sea shells down by the sea shore.

If you try to say it really fast, your tongue will get all twisted up and silly words will come out instead. 😊 You have friends who teach you many things. Today we're going to learn that **friends help us learn about Jesus**. In our Bible story, we're going to meet four friends who wanted to ask Jesus to help another friend. Let's listen and find out how they helped their friend learn more about Jesus.

Click the link below to watch a video of the four men who helped their friend. You can also read the story with your family from this week's *My Sunday Pictures*, which can be found at the LCKids web page.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4>

So, the man who couldn't walk learned that Jesus had the power to heal. It's a good thing he had four good friends to help him!

Our Make It/Take It project for this week will help us remember the story. Print the activity page called Friends Help Us Learn About Jesus from the end of this lesson plan. (the two sides can be printed on separate pages or the same one) Then color the man and the mat. If you have it, you can lace two

pieces of yarn or string through holes A & B and C & D on each corner of the mat and tape the ends to the underside. Then put your mat somewhere you will see it to remind you that friends help one another learn about Jesus.

Our Bible story today was about a man who couldn't walk and his four friends, who helped him learn about Jesus. The friends knew Jesus could help the man walk. They brought him to Jesus and Jesus saw their faith. He forgave the man's sins and healed him so he could walk again. The friends helped the man learn about Jesus. Our **friends can help us learn about Jesus** too. What are some ways friends can help each other learn about Jesus? The man probably thanked his friends for bringing him to Jesus. What are some ways you can thank your friends when they help you learn about Jesus? Choose one way that you will thank a friend this week for helping you learn about Jesus. Write down a word or draw a picture to help you remember what you chose to do.

I hope you learned something important about friends today. Let's end our lesson with a prayer about friendship.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for friends who help us learn about Your Son, Jesus. Please help me to be a good friend and help someone I know learn about Jesus, too. We love You, Jesus! Amen.

This week's family page (*My Sunday Pictures*) can be found at the LCKids web page.





FOR TEACHER

Before class:

- Remove this page from the book and tear off the margins.
- Punch out the die-cut circles in each corner.
- Cut two 24-inch pieces of yarn for each child. (Hint: If you wrap tape around the ends of the yarn, it will be easier for your students to thread the yarn through the holes.)

During class:

- Let the children color the picture. Then give each child two pieces of yarn you prepared before class.
- Help each child put one piece of yarn down through Hole A and tape it on the back. Insert the other end through Hole B and tape. Repeat with Holes C and D. (You may tie the two ends of each piece of yarn together rather than taping if you wish.)
- The children will enjoy pretending to be friends who carry the sick man to see Jesus. They can each hold a piece of yarn as they “carry” him.

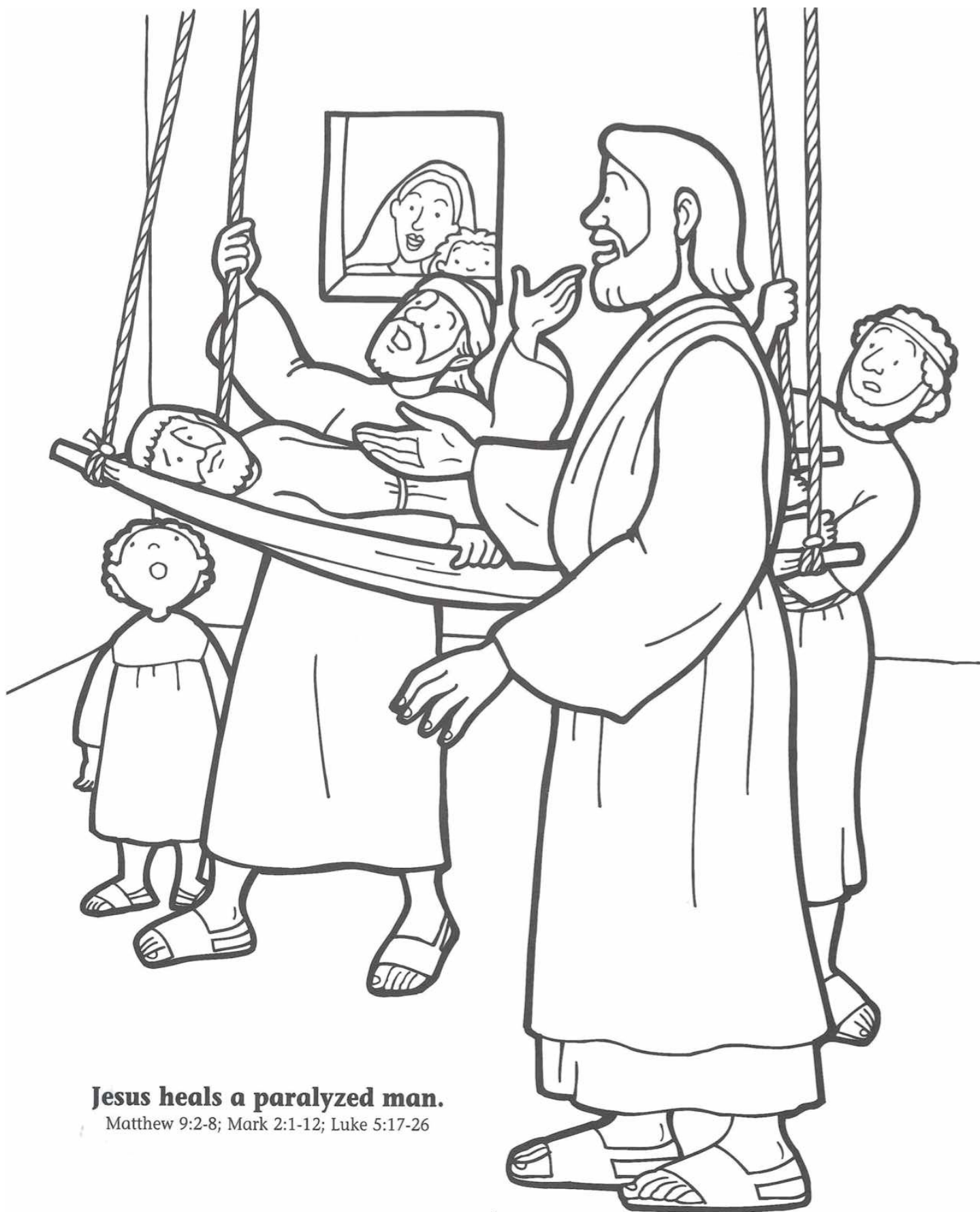
Talk about:

- Friends helping us learn about Jesus.
- How the sick man in the Bible story needed Jesus’ help so his friends took him to Jesus.
- How the man’s friends had to tie ropes onto the mat so they could carry him to see Jesus.

FOR PARENTS

Today your child learned that people help their friends know about Jesus. One time four friends helped a man who was paralyzed by bringing him to Jesus (Mark 2:1-12).

Make it a point this week to emphasize how nice it is to have friends. Help your child thank God for specific friends who tell her about Jesus such as the Sunday school teacher, minister, or Bible club leader. Practice the memory verse together: “A friend loves at all times” (Prov. 17:17).



Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26