



Taking a Friend to See Jesus

This story is based on Mark 2:1-12.

There was a man who couldn't stand up. He couldn't walk or run or move. He had four friends to help him dress and bring him food. But these four friends couldn't make him well.

The four friends decided to take the sick man to Jesus. They tied a rope to each corner of a soft bed mat. Then they carried their friend to the house where Jesus was. They saw many people by the door of that house.

How could they get

inside to see Jesus?

The four friends climbed up on the roof and made a hole in it. Then they let their friend down into the house. Jesus was glad to see the sick man. Jesus said, "Your friends *believe* that I can help you. And I *will* help you! You are well. Stand up and walk!"

The man stood up and walked. He was so happy! He said thank you to his four good friends. And he said thank You to his best friend, Jesus.

Family Time



Spend time one-on-one with your preschooler or include your entire family in these activities that help you revisit the Bible lesson for this week.

Sweet Dreams

As part of the bed-time routine, read a short Bible story, talk about it briefly, and pray with your child.

Creative Corner

On a piece of construction paper, trace your child's hands, with fingers spread out. Make each finger look like a friend who teaches you about Jesus. Laminate the construction paper to make a placemat.

Joyful Noise

Sing this song to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" about friends that tell you about Jesus. Sing the last verse with your child's name instead of the name of a friend who tells you about Jesus. Who can he help learn about Jesus?

Let's tell all our friends. (Repeat)

Tell them Jesus loves them so.

Let's tell all our friends.

(Name of friend who helps you learn about Jesus) tells a friend.

(Repeat)

(Name of friend) tells of Jesus' love.

(Name of friend) tells a friend.

Bible Time

Use these Bible activities during family devotions or special Bible times you have with your preschooler.



In God's Book

Have your child pretend to carry a doll to see Jesus, just as the four men carried their friend to Jesus. Explain that even though we can't see Him, Jesus is always with us. Then take your child by the hand and say, "Let's find a book (picture, puzzle) that will help us learn about Jesus." Let your child know how much you enjoy teaching her things you know about your best friend, Jesus.

Let's Pray

Together thank God for those friends that help you and your child learn about Jesus.

LESSON FOCUS:

Friends help us learn about Jesus.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

A friend loves at all times.

Proverbs 17:17

