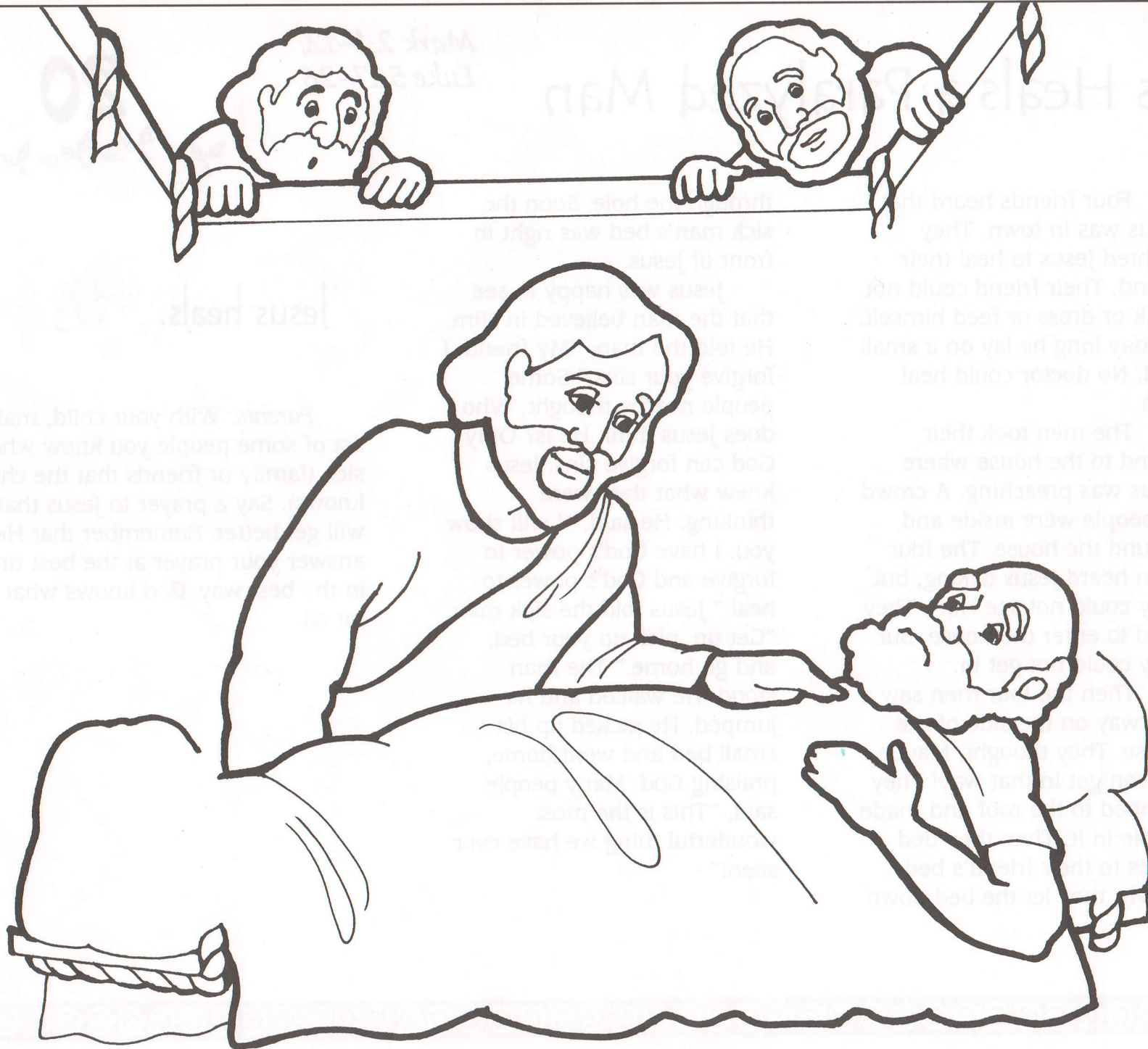




Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12;
Luke 5:17-26

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Four friends heard that Jesus was in town. They wanted Jesus to heal their friend. Their friend could not walk or dress or feed himself. All day long he lay on a small bed. No doctor could heal him.

The men took their friend to the house where Jesus was preaching. A crowd of people were inside and around the house. The four men heard Jesus talking, but they could not see Him. They tried to enter the house. But they could not get in.

Then the four men saw a stairway on the side of the house. They thought, Maybe we can get in that way! They climbed to the roof and made a hole in it. Then they tied ropes to their friend's bed. Slowly, they let the bed down

through the hole. Soon the sick man's bed was right in front of Jesus.

Jesus was happy to see that the man believed in Him. He told the man, "My friend, I forgive your sins." Some people nearby thought, Who does Jesus think He is? Only God can forgive sins. Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, "I will show you. I have God's power to forgive and God's power to heal." Jesus told the sick man, "Get up, pick up your bed, and go home." The man stood. He walked and he jumped. He picked up his small bed and went home, praising God. Many people said, "This is the most wonderful thing we have ever seen!"

Jesus heals.



Parents: With your child, make a list of some people you know who are sick (family or friends that the child knows). Say a prayer to Jesus that they will get better. Remember that He will answer your prayer at the best time and in the best way. God knows what is best for all.