

**Date – January 10, 2021**

**Scripture/Bible Story/Theme**

Jesus Healing the Sick

Children's Illustrated Bible p. 216-217

Matthew 8 - 9

Mark 1: 29 – 2:12

Luke 5: 17-26

God in Jesus granted forgiveness.

**Workshop Name**

Stretchers for healing the sick

**Opening Prayer**

Dear Lord,

Help us to learn that Jesus had compassion on others and used his healing power to show us that he was truly the Son of God. Help us to help our friends. Amen

**Objectives**

**The students will come to a broader understanding of Jesus by learning that:**

- Jesus is the great teacher
- Jesus has compassion for others
- Jesus has healing power
- Jesus really is the Son of God
- The children will begin to understand that in healing and forgiveness we glimpse God's promise of life for us all.
- The children will understand the frustration/disappointment - how the paralyzed man and his friends felt when they couldn't get near Jesus.
- The children will understand how the paralyzed man felt when he heard the words, "stand up....and go home".

**Supplies – You will have all the following supplies you need in the bag. You will need glue and marking pens.**

- 3 "old fashioned" clothes pins
- poster paper – pre cut already for the stretcher
- craft sticks
- yarn/string – 4 pieces 12 inches each
- red yarn for hair
- brown and black felt pieces for clothes
- play dough to be used as a stand
- pipe cleaners cut into short lengths to be arms for the puppets
- markers

**Activity**

**Before beginning the project use the following for discussion.**

How did the paralyzed man feel about being paralyzed?

How did he feel when he walked?

How did his friends feel about having a paralyzed friend?

How did the friends feel when they couldn't get the man in to see Jesus?

How did Jesus feel when he helped the man?

How did the friends feel when their friend was healed?

What did the crowd think after they had seen the man healed?

### **Directions for stretcher and the people:**

For the stretcher they will use glue on one side of two craft sticks. Lay the craft sticks parallel to each other just far enough apart that the paper will fit between the two craft sticks. Place the glue facing up on top of the craft stick. Lay the 3 1/2"x 4 1/2" poster paper down on the sticks with the long sides of the rectangle even with the edge of the craft sticks on each side. The ends of the sticks should be sticking out of the ends of the paper. Set the stretcher aside to dry.

To make the people, the children will use markers to draw facial features and clothes on the people. They will make one friend, one paralytic man, and Jesus.

By the time the children have made their people the stretchers will probably dry so they can tie a string to the each of the four ends of the sticks. The string should be about 12 inches long. You could try the strings at the top if you want to.

### **Reflection/Evaluation**

For further discussion:

What miracles are performed? - The man's healing is a miracle, forgiving his sins is a miracle.

What did the man's friends do? The man's friends went to great effort to help their friend by finding a way to get him to Jesus.

What is forgiveness? Forgiveness IS healing, restoration, reviving.

Why was the forgiveness and healing so shocking to the people? Only God can give forgiveness so this proves that Jesus is the son of God. This shocked the Jewish authorities.

How is belief a miracle? Some went away believing. Some went away doubting. Belief is a miracle based on what God was able to do.

What did you learn about Jesus and forgiveness today?

### **Lord's Prayer**

