

Joy Kids Curriculum

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Through the Roof

Mark 2:1-12

Provided By: Joy Kids

Hello Parents/Caregiver!

Firstly, thank you for taking advantage of using this curriculum for your child(ren) during these uncertain times. By providing your child with a small piece of normalcy you will be doing huge things for their minds and hearts. Our Joy Kids Team is here to partner with you and your family by continuing to provide curriculum for as long as needed.

The best way to utilize what is provided in this packet is to follow it as closely as possible and use the parts that best suit your individual child(ren). This is meant to cover all ages that attend Joy Kids so it is possible that not all of it will be something your child is capable of or interested in doing.

Above all we hope this provides you with another opportunity to connect with your child(ren) and to have fun while learning about the Word! Also, feel free to add and elaborate on things! We cannot wait until we are able to be under one roof worshipping together again!

- The Joy Kids Team

P.S. If you need clarification on anything please feel free to message the church on Facebook or Felicia Myers directly. We are here to help!

Supplies: ESV Version Bible, pencil, crayons/markers, soap, water, sticky substance such as chocolate syrup, maple syrup, honey, or mud.

Overview

- **Open in Prayer** (Encourage your child to do this)
- **Discuss:** Last Sunday we talked about how we can help our neighbors in their time of need. Today we are going to talk about how we can help our friends by sharing Jesus!
- **Ask:** Why might a friend need your help to know about Jesus?
- **Say:** Today we will be learning about a man who was sick and needed healing in his body but he wasn't able to get help so his friends made a way for him to get help!
- **Read:** "Through the Roof" (Page 4)
 - o If you have older children that can read you can have them read from the Bible before reading the story to them.
 - o If you have younger children you can have them color the coloring page provided (page 5) while you are reading the story. They tend to pay attention better when they are able to do this.
 - o Here is a short video as well that covers the same story. This is especially good for younger children! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4>
- **Discuss** In this story we see these amazing friends who did something super crazy to make sure their friend got to see Jesus!
 - o Who needs Jesus?
 - o Why do we need Jesus?
 - o How do we make sure our friends know about Jesus?
 - o What would you say to a friend about Jesus?
- **Say:** Telling people about Jesus is called "Sharing Your Faith" and that simply means to tell people about the good things Jesus has done for you! It is so important to share our faith so that people can meet Jesus and be forgiven of their sins.
- **Ask:** Is it important to have our sins forgiven? Why?
- **Activity**– We are going to do a little activity to show us what sin is like and how we need Jesus to wash us clean of all those yucky things we do.
 - o Have your child cover their hands in sticky substance (maple syrup, chocolate syrup, honey) or mud and then have them attempt to wipe their hands clean without soap and water. Discuss how this is impossible to do!
 - o Now have them scrub their hands clean with warm water and soap. Explain that Jesus's forgiveness is just like the soap and water. It is only possible to get totally clean of all the sin (yucky stuff) with Jesus's forgiveness!
 - o Does it feel better to have yucky or clean hands?
 - o When we sin it makes our heart yucky! Do you think it is better to have a clean or yucky heart?
- Worksheets (Pages 6 & 7)
- **Close in prayer** – Ask if your child has anything they would like prayer for. Pray for your community, church, and those affected by COVID -19.

Through the Roof (Mark 2:1-12)

Today's story is about a man who was paralyzed. Being paralyzed means that he couldn't walk and probably couldn't use his legs. He would've had to sit or lie down all the time. Just think for a minute how hard it would be to do things if you couldn't walk around. How would you go to the bathroom? What kind of games would you play? How easy would it be to make friends?

This story actually took place a few days after Jesus had touched a man who had leprosy and made him better. Jesus was going from town to town performing miracles and everyone wanted to see Him. People were excited whenever they heard that Jesus was in their area because they either wanted to see a miracle or be the one who was healed. So, as Jesus entered one of the homes in Capernaum, people quickly gathered around Him. So many people came that there was no room left, not even outside the door. I can imagine that people were pushing each other a little bit to squeeze everyone in; plus, there were people gathered outside to see or hear Jesus when He came out. That's where things got interesting.

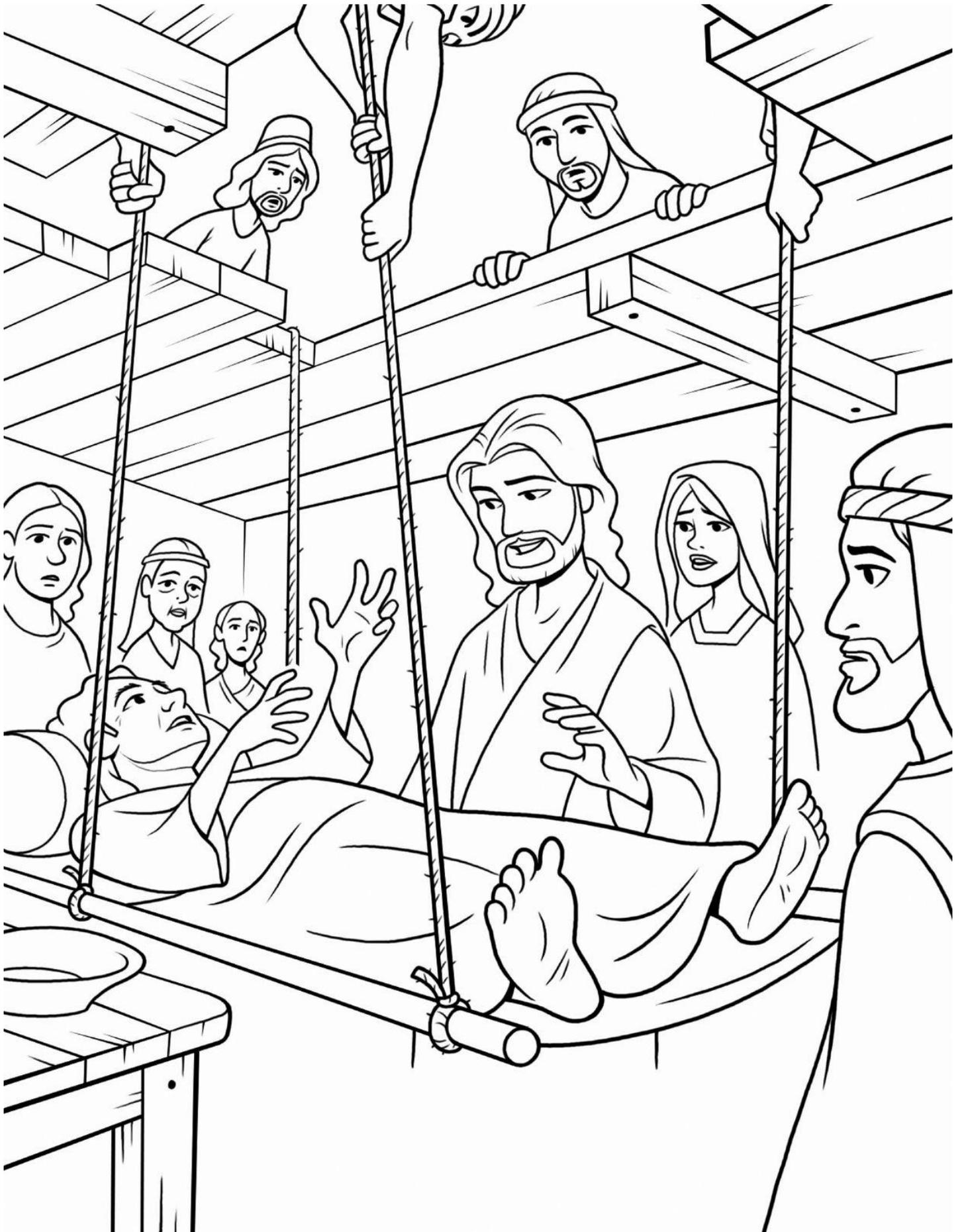
There were four men who heard that Jesus was in town who decided to carry their paralyzed friend on a mat to Him, to see if their friend could be healed. As soon as they got to the house where Jesus was, they realized that they wouldn't be able to get through to see Him. I'm thinking that the man they were carrying was getting pretty heavy and was desperate to see Jesus. They didn't know how long Jesus would be in town so they had to see Him today! Someone decided to take him to the roof of the building that Jesus was at! The Bible says that, after digging through the roof, the men lowered the mat that the paralyzed man was lying on down to where Jesus was. Imagine listening carefully to Jesus when all of a sudden you hear something coming from above you! The ceiling is crumbling a bit and everyone stops and looks up to see what's going on.

I'm sure Jesus was smiling as the man was being lowered down. These men were so sure that Jesus would be able to heal him; otherwise they wouldn't have gone to so much trouble. The first thing Jesus said when He saw that they believed was, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Probably not what the man expected since he came to Jesus because he wanted to walk. However, Jesus knew what this man needed most because he knew what was in his heart. Jesus knew that being paralyzed would be difficult but it was even worse not to be forgiven.

Well, some of the teachers of the law heard Jesus forgive the man and they began thinking, "How dare this man forgive sins, only God can do that." Immediately Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?" This probably startled the men because Jesus knew what they were thinking! Jesus also asked them, "Which was easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."

This might be a bit hard to understand but I think Jesus was trying to get through to the teachers of the law and tell them that He was the Son of Man, and God has given Him the power to forgive sins and heal people. These things could not be done by just a regular person but only by God. Then, before He was finished Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." The Bible says that the man got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. I'm thinking he thanked Jesus and maybe even gave him a big hug! He could've laughed and maybe did a little dance on his way out. He probably didn't go straight home either...what a day that would've been for him and his friends!

The crowd was very amazed and they praised God saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



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FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. "A few _____ later, when Jesus again _____ Capernaum, the people heard that he had come _____." Mark 2:1
2. "They _____ in such large numbers that there was no _____ left, not even outside the door, and he _____ the word to them." Mark 2:2

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

3. "Some **men/women** came, bringing to him a **walking/paralyzed** man, carried by **four/five** of them." Mark 2:3
4. "Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the **noise/crowd**, they made an opening in the **door/roof** above Jesus by digging through it and then **raised/lowered** the mat the man was **standing/lying** on." Mark 2:4
5. When Jesus saw their **trust/faith**, he said to the paralyzed **person/man**, "Son, your sins **are/aren't** forgiven." Mark 2:5

TRUE OR FALSE:

6. "Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
TRUE or FALSE Mark 2:6-7
7. "Slowly Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?" Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?'"
TRUE or FALSE Mark 2:8-9
8. But I want you to know that the Son of Man has no authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."
TRUE or FALSE Mark 2:10-11
9. "He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"
TRUE or FALSE Mark 2:10-11

Draw a picture of you helping a friend to know who Jesus is and write a description!

