

Can you point to your legs? What are some things our legs help us do? (walk, run, kick a soccer ball, jump, climb) How would you feel if you could not use or even move your arms or legs?

One day, Jesus was teaching inside of a house. He wanted everyone to know that **God is Good!** Many, many people wanted to see and listen to Jesus. They all came to the house. So many people were at the house that they completely filled up the house and no other people could come inside.

There was a man in the town who could not move his legs – he was paralyzed or lame. He could not walk or run or jump. The man had 4 friends. These 4 friends heard that Jesus was in town and wanted to take their friend to see Jesus. They knew Jesus had the power to heal people. They carried the lame man to Jesus on a mat.

When they got to the house, they could not get in the house to see Jesus because there were so many people there. But the friends did not give up because they believed that Jesus could heal their friend. So, the 4 friends carried their friend on his mat to the roof of the house! That must have taken a lot of work! Then, they cut a hole in the roof of the house. And as Jesus was teaching the people in the house, the 4 friends lowered the lame man on the mat down to where Jesus was.

Jesus saw that the 4 friends and the lame man had faith – that they trusted Jesus. Jesus told the lame man that his sins were forgiven. Jesus forgave the man of his sins and gave him a healthy heart that loves and trusts Jesus. Then, Jesus healed the lame man's body! Jesus told the lame man to get up off of his mat and walk home.

"And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "we never saw anything like this!" Mark 2:12 God is Good! God knows our needs and helps us! He helped the man who could not walk. When Jesus healed the lame man, everyone saw that God is Good and worshipped him!

Jesus healed many people like the lame man when He was here on earth. **God is Good** to heal people. He didn't just heal people's bodies, He heals their hearts! Jesus knows that the most important thing sinners need is a healthy heart – even more important than a healthy body. **God is Good**.

Review & Discussion

- 1. When people heard that Jesus was at a house, what did the people do? (they went to find Jesus in the house to hear him teach about God)
- 2. There was one man that wanted to see and hear Jesus for a very special reason. What was wrong with this man? (his legs did not work, he could not walk)
- 3. Who brought this man to see Jesus? (his 4 friends)
- 4. Why couldn't the man and his friends get into the house? (it was too full of people that were listening to Jesus)
- 5. Did the friends just give up and go home? (No!)
- 6. What did the 4 friends do to get the lame man to Jesus? (they climbed onto the roof and made a hole in it and then lowered their friend through the hole)
- 7. Did Jesus heal this man? (Yes! He healed his heart of sin AND his body)

