



E-Kids: At home with your family 7th February 2021

The King Forgives Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, **your sins are forgiven.**"

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸ Immediately 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? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?' ¹⁰ But I want you to know that **the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.**" So he said to the man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² 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!"

Retelling the Story (for Children & Young people)

Last week we heard how Jesus healed a man with leprosy. This man told everyone about what Jesus had done so that Jesus couldn't go to any town without people coming to him (1:45). So, when Jesus returns to Capernaum a huge crowd gathers round the house to be near Jesus!

Four men were trying to carry their friend to Jesus, because he was paralyzed (which means he couldn't move). They hoped that Jesus would heal him. But because of the huge crowd they couldn't get to Jesus. So, they decided to dig a hole through the roof and lower their friend to Jesus so that he would be healed.

When Jesus saw this, he said to the paralysed man "... your sins are forgiven".

Is that what you would expect Jesus to say...?

The teachers of the law who were in the crowd watching did not expect Jesus to say that! And they didn't like it because only God can forgive sins, and they did not think Jesus was God.

So, to prove that he can forgive sins and is God, Jesus does something everyone can see clearly. He says to the paralysed man "take your mat and go home", and amazingly in view of all the crowd he got up, took his mat and walked out! And the watching crowd said they had never seen anything like this done before!

Key lesson: Jesus has the power to forgive sins!

It looked like the paralysed man's biggest problem was that he couldn't move (that he was paralysed). But the first thing Jesus did was forgive his sins!

Jesus teaches us that our biggest problem is sin. Our sin stops us being friends with God, that's why it is so bad.

But the good news is that Jesus has the power to forgive our sins, just like he forgave the sins of the paralysed man.

We all have this problem of sin. Only Jesus has the power to sort it out, so let's trust in Jesus!

For children who want to take it further...

- *When Jesus said to the paralysed man "your sins are forgiven" (v5), why didn't the teachers of the law believe him?*
 - o Follow-up question: Had the teachers of the law seen any physical change with their eyes?

No. No one could prove or disprove that the man's sins had been forgiven.

Read v9-12a.

- *What reason does Jesus give in v10 for the healing of the paralysed man?*

Jesus says, "I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." (v10).

- *What is the main thing Jesus wants people to know about him?*

He has authority to forgive sins!

Mark has told us so far that Jesus has driven out evil spirits and healed many people, including the paralysed man in today's story. He clearly has great power and authority! But Jesus says the main thing he wants people to know is that he "has authority on earth to forgive sins."

Jesus is amazing for so many reasons! But (as he tells us in this story) he is most amazing because he can forgive our sins! Let's trust in him!

Prayer (for everyone):

- Thank Jesus that he has the power to forgive sins!
- Say sorry to God for the times you sin against him.
- Thank God that we're forgiven when we trust Jesus!

Activities:

On the next pages there is a colouring sheet and a wordsearch.

For younger children (pebbles & rocks) activity A is attached to the email.

Instructions:

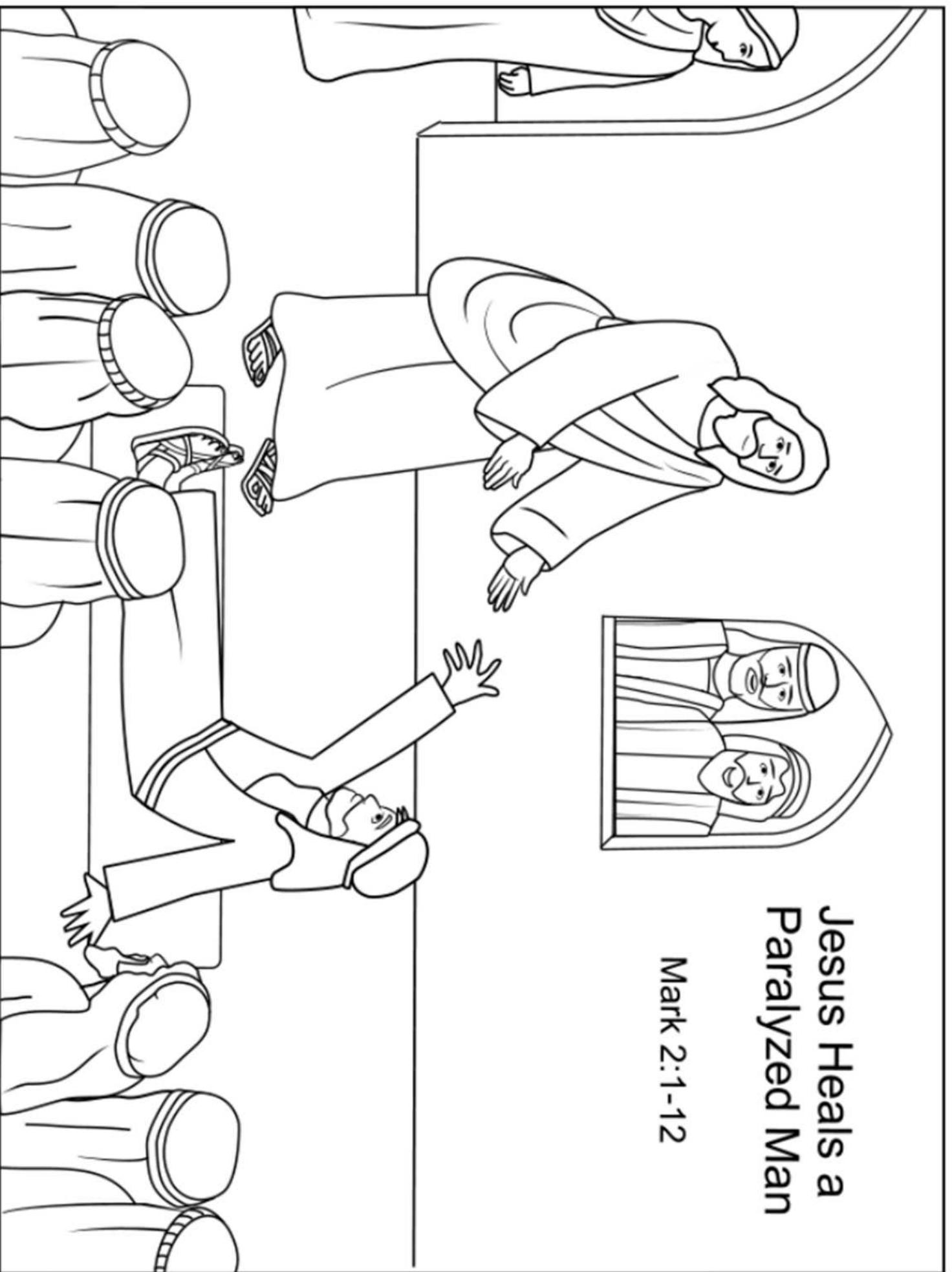
- Fold along all the dashed lines and then cut the four solid lines.
- **The children** colour the picture. Help them to assemble the house by applying glue as marked. Fold the crowds inwards first and then the top and bottom sections one after the other. This will produce a box which is placed on its side. The children can peer from side to side to see the crowds and upwards to see the man's friends.

For older children (boulders and riprap) there are relevant worksheets attached to the email. If you have not received the email with activities please contact

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Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

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