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# Jesus Heals the Lame Man

**References:** Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26

**Main Point:** Jesus is the mighty son of God. He can forgive sin.

## **An activity to do together:**

**a. Build a Flat roofed House.** Use blocks or an upturned cardboard box. Cut out windows and doors and draw bricks on the outside with texta.

As you build, talk about how in Jesus' day, lots of the houses had flat roofs and that sometimes Jesus would teach people in houses like the one we are building.

Tell your child There is a true story in the Bible about a time when so many people came to listen to Jesus, that the house he was teaching in, was jammed full and no one could get in the doors or windows. Some men who had a friend who couldn't walk, knew that Jesus could make him better. They wanted to see Jesus so badly that they cut a hole in the roof, tied ropes around his mat and they lowered the man down to meet Jesus. I wonder what Jesus did for the man?

**b. Hospital Corner:** If you did not do this last week, you could set up an imaginary play space for your children in a corner of the house . Add some dolls, bandages, bandaids, a doll's bed and a play doctor's kit if you have one, or you could improvise with things you find around the house.

As the children play, talk about the sorts of things we do when we are sick and how doctors help us.

Ask your child:

**Did Jesus need medicine, bandages or band aids to help people who were sick?** *(No, Jesus could heal people straight away)*

**Who is Jesus?** *(He's God's mighty Son)*

Tell your child: There is a true story in the Bible about a man who couldn't walk, who met Jesus. But, not being able to walk was not his biggest problem. He had something much worse that was wrong with him.

**Bible:** Read the story of Jesus healing the lame man from your children's bible.

## **Discussion:**

**1. Why did the man in today's story need his friends to carry him?** *(The man's legs didn't work, he couldn't walk)*

**2. How did his friends help him?** *(They took him to see Jesus. The men must have been very sure that Jesus could make their friend walk again. They broke someone's roof open and lowered him down to see Jesus.)*

**3. What did Jesus think the man's biggest problem was?** *(When Jesus saw the man he didn't think the man's biggest problem was his legs. He knew that the man's biggest problem was his sin, The man needed to be forgiven)*



**4. Do you know what sin is?** (*Sin is when we disobey God. When we don't let God be the boss. When we don't love him as we should and when we don't love others as we should and it's a BIG problem because sin stops us from being God's friend*)

**5. Did Jesus fix the man's problems?** (*Yes. Jesus forgave the man's sin and he made the man walk again.*)

**6. How could Jesus forgive the man's sins?** (*Only God can forgive sin! but Jesus is God's mighty Son*)

**6. Who also has the sin problem?** (*We all have the sin problem and we all need to be forgiven. The good news is that because of Jesus we can be forgiven*)

**7. What did Jesus do to fix the sin problem?** (*Jesus died on the cross to fix the sin problem*)

**Pray together:** Dear God, thank you that Jesus is your mighty son. Thank you that he can heal people. Thank you that you sent Jesus to fix my sin problem. Today I am sorry for..... Amen.

**Memory verse:** 'No one is like you, Lord, You are great, and your name is mighty in power.'  
Jeremiah 10:6

### **Ideas for sermon time:**

- **Watch** this week's video for under 5's.
- **Draw** a big picture of a house and fill it with lots and lots of people, smiley face stickers or stamps could also be used. (*You could Introduce this activity by saying,"Remember in the story that so many people wanted to come and hear Jesus that the house he was in was jammed full*)
- **Make** a flat roof house out of a shoe box or carton. Children could draw the door and windows, colour and decorate the outside with small rectangles of brown paper (for bricks). Lego or playdough people could be placed on top.
- **Colour** a picture from the story [Jesus heals the lame man.](#)