

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!"

Jesus came to save us from the penalty of our sins. He also came to help us in any situation. He wants to help, but we must believe He can. Do you know what the men did to prove that they believed Jesus? They put action behind their faith. They climbed up on the roof, and let down their friend's bed. We put action to our faith by trusting in God's Word, and doing just what He says to do.

What I Have Learned

Pretend you are a news reporter who saw what happened in today's lesson. Give a report on what happened by filling in the blanks with one of the following words: **praised; paralytic; roof; healed; crowd; four; sins; Capernaum.**

I am an eyewitness reporter:

_____ (Your Name)

I witnessed the miracle Jesus performed in the town of _____. There was a large _____ standing by. Soon _____ men carrying a _____ (i.e., man who couldn't walk) tried to get through to see Jesus, but they couldn't. So, they took the man up on the _____ to let him down into the room. First, Jesus forgave the man for his _____, making the religious leaders very angry. Then Jesus

_____ the man, and all the people _____ God because they had never seen anything like that before.

Keep In Mind

"Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?'" (Mark 2:9, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

In the "What's It All About?" story, Ocie received a miracle when Louis walked away without harming him. In the Scripture, Jesus performs a miracle of healing a man who couldn't walk. Think of three people in your life who are in need of miracles. Write their names below and say a prayer for them.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Doing My Part

You've been reading in today's lesson about a miracle that Jesus performed. You also read how four men put action to their faith by climbing upon the roof. Jesus helped their friend and Jesus wants to help you too!

- In God's Word there are some promises that He has for you. For each day of this week, you have a verse to read. Write down what the verse says God will do for you. Thank God for His promises each day. Share your answers in class next week.
- Monday: Psalm 34:4
- Tuesday: Psalm 27:14
- Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:7
- Thursday: Jude 1:24
- Friday: Hebrews 13:5
- Saturday: Philippians 4:19