

## 4 Friends

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 2:1-5, 11-12; Luke 5:17-20, 24-26

**MEMORY VERSE:** Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him who He sent. John 6:29

**CHARACTERS:** Sick man, 4 friends, Jesus

Jesus is God’s Son and he came to be the Savior of the world. Because Jesus was both God and man he never sinned. He was pure and holy. He went about doing good things and teaching people how to please God the Father. Jesus also had the power to perform amazing miracles.

The Bible is filled with stories of His wonderful miracles, like; turning water in to wine, walking on water raising the dead and many, many more. Jesus also had the power to heal people. Let me tell you just one amazing story from the Bible of how Jesus healed a very sick man!

In a village where Jesus was teaching and healing, was a very sick man. He told his friends, “How I wish I could get out of bed! I wish I could walk as other people do. I’m very tired of lying here in bed every day.”

Do you remember a time when you were sick and had to stay in bed? You couldn’t play with your friends or leave your house?

The friends of this man wanted to help him. They had heard that Jesus was nearby, and He was healing sick people. But the crowd was very large and they couldn’t get close enough to see Jesus.

Do you know what these friends did? They carried the man on his bed right to where Jesus was teaching! Since they couldn’t get through the door of the house where Jesus was, they said, “We’ll have to put the bed down through the roof.” And that’s just what they did! They tied strong ropes to the bed and lowered the man in his bed through the hole in the roof.

Jesus loved the sick man, just as He loves you and me. When He saw the sick man, He said, “Get up and walk.” The sick man was suddenly well – he could walk, jump, and dance! “Thank you, Jesus, for making me well,” the man said. “Thank you, my friends, for taking me to Jesus!”

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The friends were so amazed to see this miracle that they couldn't stop talking about it. Isn't it wonderful to have friends that will do almost anything for you? Jesus is that kind of friend! Jesus loved this sick man and wanted to heal him. Jesus loved his friends for their willingness to help their friend.

Jesus loves us too! He wants us to come to Him with all our problems and trust Him to help us.

**Most of all, Jesus wants us to love and trust Him as our Savior!**