

Superpowers



The second is this:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

There is no commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:31

It is hard to love an annoying person. No, really. Some people rub us the wrong way, and being around them is a chore. Yet we are called to do just that: Love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31). After all, we each think pretty highly of ourselves. We are never the annoying one. And I don't have to get along with everyone, right? Well, yes, or at least we should try.

I grumbled to my friend Lynn about an annoying co-worker. I had a list of complaints about the guy. He always had Facebook or a game window open on his computer. He ate smelly snacks at his desk. He never contributed anything in a meeting; in fact, he asked the dumbest questions imaginable. This guy was dead weight.

She suggested I look for the guy's superpower. Huh? I just told you he has nothing to offer. She explained I should try to find the one thing he brought that no one else did. *Everyone has a superpower.* Really? Sure, maybe he's always on time to every meeting. Or he is nice to the UPS guy. Or he makes the best coffee in the office. There is something that makes him stand out. I conceded that he did make a good cup of coffee, but there had to be more.

I thought about it and remembered that he took detailed notes at our meetings. Initially I thought he was doodling, but he was actually paying attention and writing everything down.

Great. Lynn suggested he take notes at every meeting and make sure everyone got a copy. He'd be appreciated for it. Keeping track of all the details is a superpower. He may not be my favorite, but in this one way he adds value.

We honor God when we love His children. It's hard sometimes to find everyone lovable, but if we look we can find that everyone has value, even a superpower unique to them. Then even an office becomes a place of worship when we remember to bring our Christian values to work with us. Love your co-worker as yourself; you are both amazing people in God's eyes.

*Grant me the patience it takes
to look for the superpower of a difficult person in my life.*

Amen





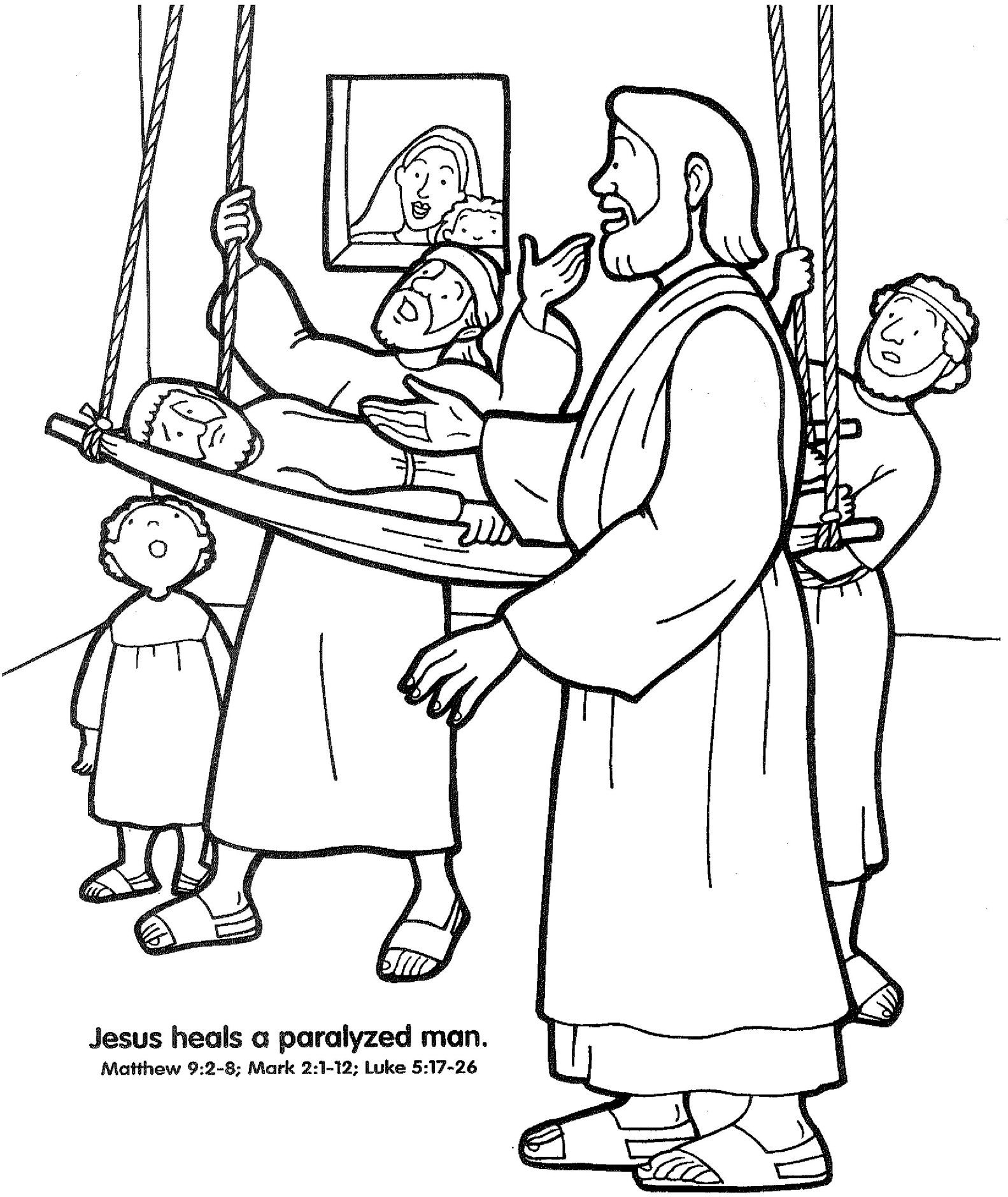
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Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

Many people came to hear Jesus teach. They crowded into the house. They even stood around the outside of the house. Some men came carrying their friend on a mat. Their friend couldn't move. He just had to lie on his mat.

The men wanted Jesus to help their friend, but they couldn't get through the crowd to bring their friend to Jesus. The men carried their friend up some stairs to the flat roof of the house. They dug a hole in the roof right over where Jesus was standing. They put ropes on their friend's mat. They carefully lowered the mat down in front of Jesus.

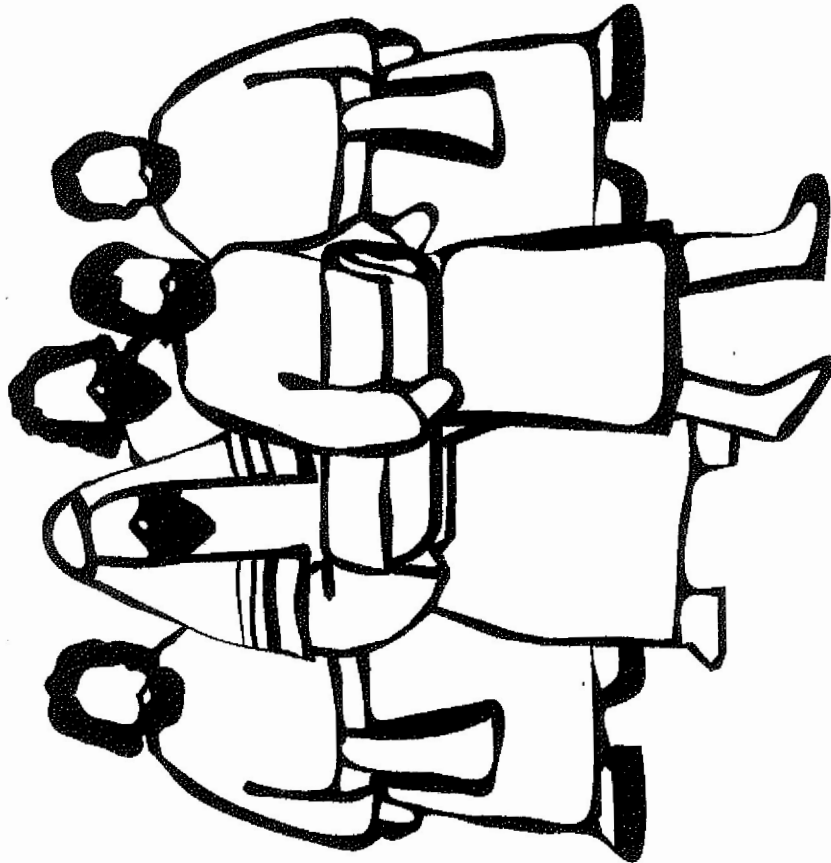
Jesus saw that the men believed in Him. Jesus told the man on the mat that his sins were forgiven. Then Jesus told him to get up. The man got up. He could walk! The crowd was amazed. They praised God!



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Walking Man

The paralyzed man could walk! The four friends were happy. Draw in their faces. Draw a road for the men to walk on.



Answer: Get up. Take your mat. Go home.

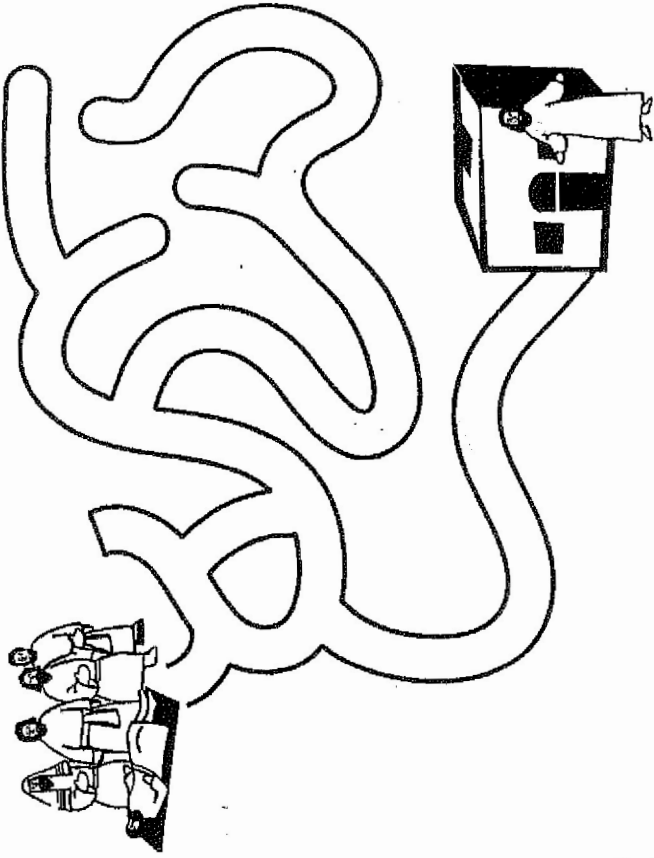
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Good Friends

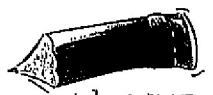
Memory Verse:

Mark 2:3 *Men came, bringing to him a paralytic.*

Jesus preached to people in a crowded house. Four men carried a friend on a mat to the house. The friend could not walk. Find the way to the house.

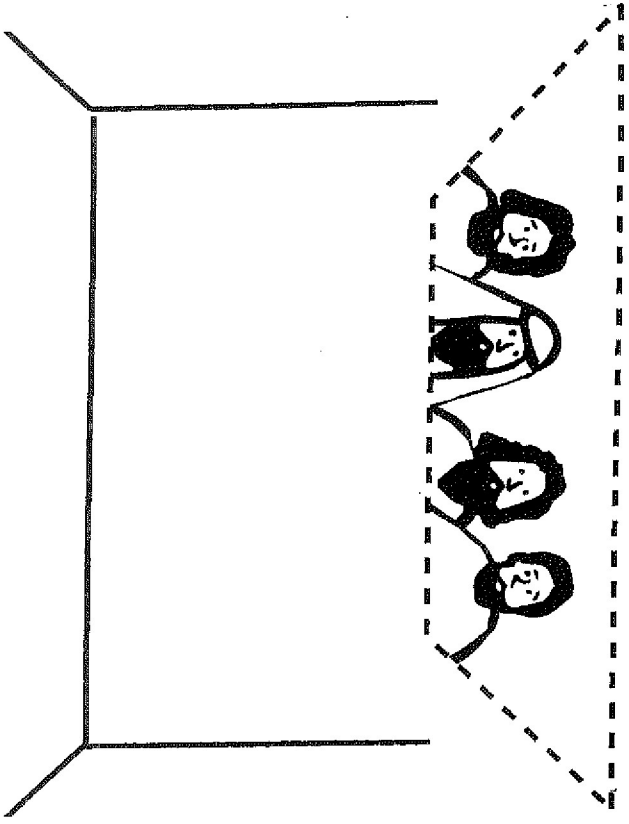


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








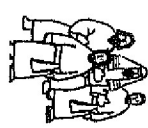


Let us in

The four men could not get into the house. They cut a hole in the roof. Finish the picture.



Jesus Heals

The men lowered the mat in front of Jesus. What did Jesus say? Match the pictures for the letters.

"G _____ t _____ p. T _____ k _____




 Y _____ r m _____ t.



 G _____ h _____ m _____ "


 a= 
 e= 
 o= 
 u= 

Who Is Your Neighbor?

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

Romans 15:1-2

Your neighbors are not only those who live near you. They can be anyone you meet who is in need. If you love your neighbor as yourself, you will be glad to do good to those in need. What are some ways you can help a neighbor? Write them here:



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The Good Samaritan

Memory Verse:

Luke 10:27 *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.*

The man who said the above words correctly quoted the Law. Then he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered him by telling about the Good Samaritan. Draw lines from the beginning of each sentence to its correct ending. Use some endings twice. The answers are on the next page.

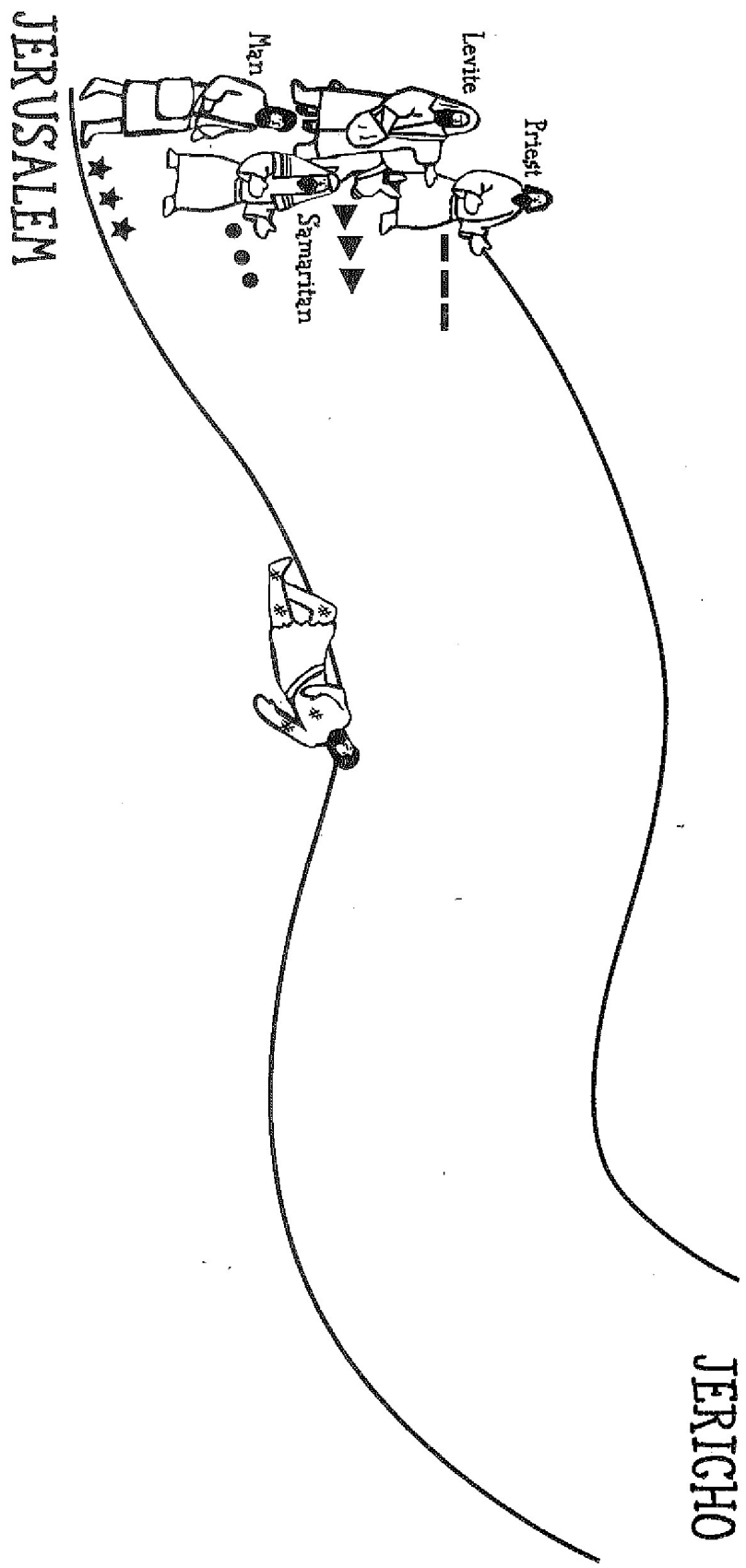
1. On the Jericho road, a man was attacked by... oil and wine
2. They stripped him of his... other side
3. They beat him and left him... donkey
4. When a priest saw him, he passed by on the... pity on him
5. A Levite also saw him and passed by on the... robbers
6. A Samaritan came by on his... expenses
7. He went to the man and took... coins
8. He bandaged his wounds, pouring on... clothes
9. He put the man on his own... half dead
10. He took him to an... inn
11. He gave the innkeeper two...
12. "Look after him," he said. He promised to return with more money if the innkeeper had extra...

My Name: _____



Who Was a Good Neighbor?

On the road, use the symbols given to draw paths for the four men who went from Jerusalem to Jericho, using the symbols. Stop the path of the man where he is hurt. Then stop the path of the person who helped him at the spot where the hurt man is lying.



Answers to front:

- 1. robbers; 2. clothes; 3. half dead; 4. other side; 5. other side; 6. donkey;
- 7. pity on him; 8. oil and wine; 9. donkey; 10. inn; 11. coins; 12. expenses



“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:14

“The entire
law is summed
up in a single
command: ‘Love your
neighbor as yourself.’”
Galatians 5:14



Mark 2—Jesus Is a Friend to a Man Who Is Paralyzed
Paralyzed Man Rebus

Supplies
copies of the rebus for each child
crayons or markers

Directions
Color the pictures in the rebus. Use the rebus to retell the story of Jesus healing a paralyzed man. See the picture descriptions for what each picture stands for.



Jesus



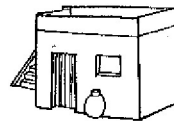
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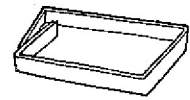
Four Friends





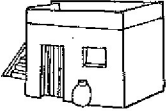








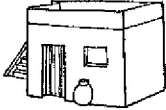


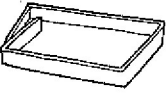
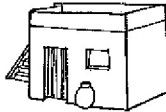
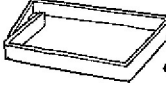

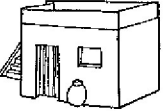
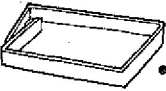

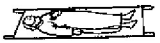

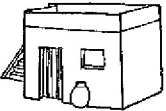

Paralyzed Man



House



Roof

 went to a town called Capernaum.  gathered at a  to hear  teach.  carried a  to . They wanted  to help the  walk. The  were so thick that the  could not get into the  where  was teaching. Then one friend had an idea. The  climbed onto the  of the  and cut a hole in the . They lowered the  down into the  through the hole in the .  said the  was forgiven and told him to get up and walk. The  jumped up and carried his mat out the door of the .  was a friend to the man who was paralyzed.

My Bible Story

Make your own Bible Story or Bible Verse
in pictures and words on this page.

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The Good Samaritan

INSTANT DRAMA

CHARACTERS: Jewish Man, Robbers, Temple Priest, Temple Assistant, Samaritan

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37

PROPS: money, shoes, hat, adhesive bandage, water bottle, bag

One day while Jesus was teaching about loving our neighbors, a man asked Jesus to explain something. The man wanted to know who our neighbors actually are. Did Jesus mean our next-door neighbors? People in our Lego® clubs? People who sit next to us at school? People who aren't even nice to us? Jesus answered by telling a story.

Now entering the room is a Jewish man. Watch as he waves and then begins walking around. Listen as he whistles while he walks.

Entering the room are some robbers! Watch as they flex their muscles and make some mean faces. What is this crew up to? Watch as the robbers walk over to the Jewish man. See the robbers take the man's money, shoes, and hat, then place him nicely on the ground. He is hurt pretty badly. The robbers leave, making big mean faces. The crowd gives the robbers a big thumbs-down!

Soon a temple priest walks by the Jewish man. The temple priest is the one waving to us right now. Watch as the temple priest stops and looks at the hurt man, but then steps over the hurt man and quickly heads out the door.

Later, a temple assistant walks by. He is smiling big and skipping around the room. Watch as he sees the hurt man on the ground. He stops and looks at the man, then continues skipping his way out the door.

Next, a Samaritan comes along. The Samaritan gives everyone a big thumbs-up! Nice! Samaritans and Jews do not like each other; watch as the Samaritan gives a thumbs-down.

The Samaritan stops next to the injured man and looks at him. He reaches into his bag and pulls out an adhesive bandage. Watch as the Samaritan puts the bandage on the Jewish man's head. Then the Samaritan gives the Jewish man water from his own water bottle. What a nice guy. The Samaritan helps the man up and carries him off to a hotel where he can get some more rest.

At the end of the story, Jesus asks who is the neighbor in this story. Everyone says the Samaritan. Jesus says, "Go and do likewise."

Great job, everyone. Let's cheer for our actors!

Discussion Questions

1. How do you think the Samaritan man felt helping the Jewish man?
2. How do you feel when the others stepped around the injured man?