

Summary: The bed ridden man cannot get close to Jesus so his friends let him down through the roof. Jesus forgives his sins and heals him.

Read Before: Mark 2:1-12,17, Desire of Ages 252-271, Bible Story V7 p157-163 & 174-176.

Aim: Jesus (and God) can forgive our sins and may even take away the results of our sins.

1. *What do I already know?* ☒ Listen / Talk ☐ See ☐ Do

Ask: Have you ever done something you shouldn't have and become / felt sick because of it? (I remember a church lunch and a certain girl who at lots of cake was rolling around on the floor afterwards groaning "I feel sick")

Ask: Have you ever done something and felt guilty about it afterwards?

2. *Tell story / give facts.* ☐ Listen / Talk ☒ See ☐ Do

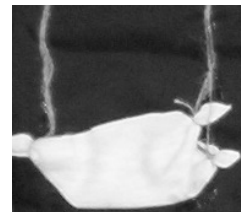
Tell story: I built a lego house (3 walls + roof) and removed sections from the roof when I told the story.

3. *Review / how does it apply today?* ☐ Listen / Talk ☐ See ☒ Do

Ask: Why did the man want to see Jesus? (Forgive sins, because he was sick etc.)

Pillow covers: Tie string onto the four corners of a rectangle of material.

Have someone tell a story about forgiveness. As a teen I remember coming home really late one night, I had been out with friends and it was past my curfew. I felt really bad about it and said I was sorry to my parents. They never said anything about it! I knew they had forgiven me.



4. *What can this become / what can we do?* ☐ Listen / Talk ☐ See ☒ Do

Ask: What should you do when you realise you've done something wrong? (Pray and ask for forgiveness)

Have children think or write down if they have anything they feel guilty about or that they need to ask forgiveness for right now. As a leader pray out loud that God will forgive them and help them to do what is right wait a minute while they tell God (either quietly or silently) what they need forgiveness for.

Adult helpers can pray quietly with younger children.

To Do / To Take List

- ☐ Print MV page for each child
- ☐ Print a Program List for each teacher
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Arrange someone to tell a personal story about forgiveness
- ☐ Material for stretcher
- ☐ String for stretcher – I tied slip knots in the end of each one so the children could slip the material through the hole and pull it tight.
- ☐ "Forgiven" stamp or stickers