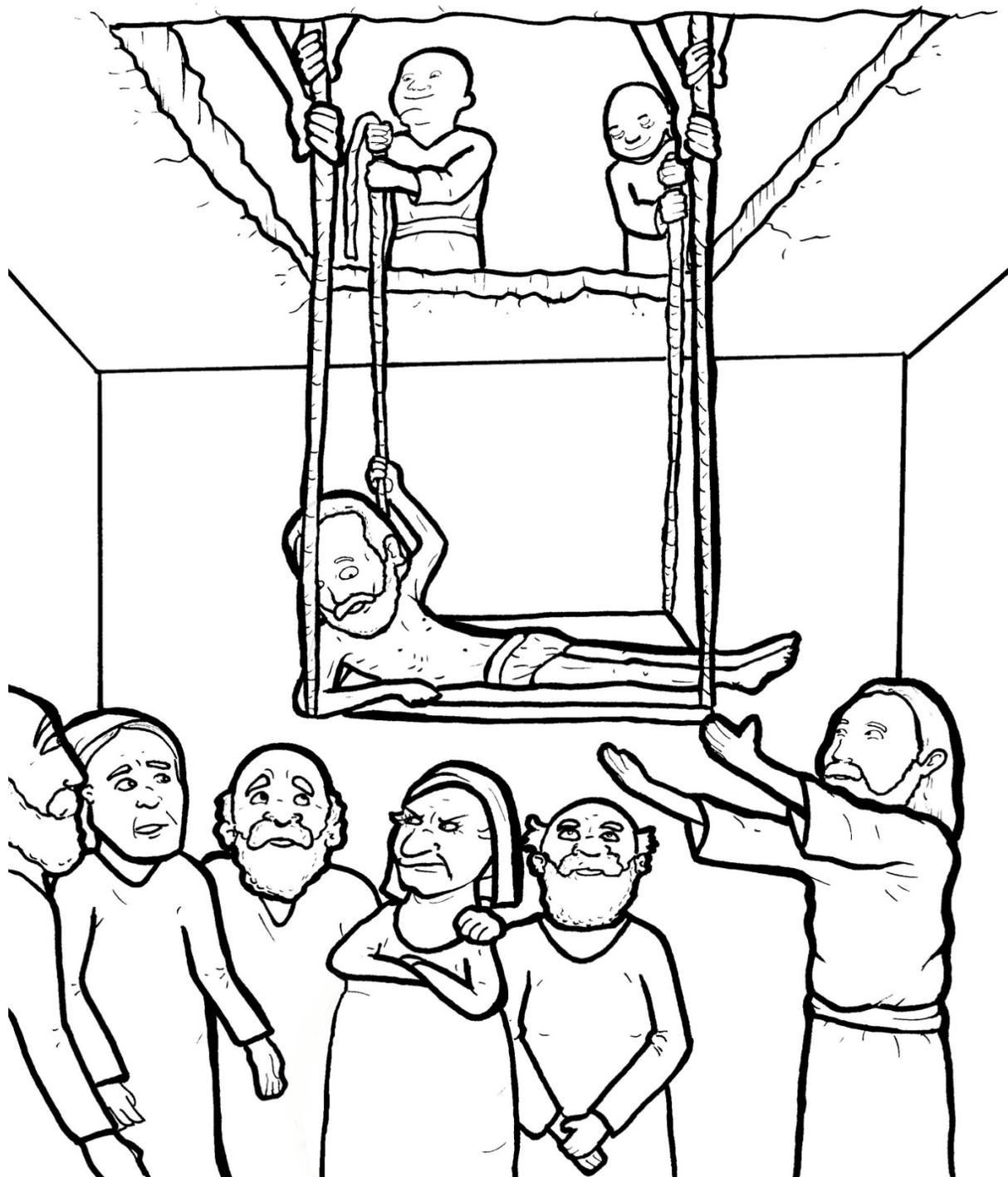


## 29. Friends bring a Crippled Man to Jesus

Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5



“Get up, take your mat, and go home.”

Luke 5:24

## **Friends bring a Crippled Man to Jesus**

Jesus was teaching in a home. Many people came to hear him. They jammed inside.

Four men carried a crippled friend on a mat. He could not walk. They wanted to see Jesus, but there was no room.

The friends carried the crippled man to the top of the roof. The men dug and dug. They made a hole in the roof. With great care, they lowered their friend down the hole. Right in front of Jesus. Jesus saw their faith. He said, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Some teachers of the law got mad. In their minds they said, "Who does Jesus think he is? Only God can forgive sins."

Jesus knew what was in their hearts. He said, "Why are you thinking these things? I want you to know that I can forgive sins."

So he said to the man, "Get up, take your mat, and go home."

The crippled man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and ran home. He praised God with all his heart.

Everyone was amazed. They shouted, "We have never seen anything like this!" They praised God.

## Questions

1. What did the four men do for their crippled friend?
2. What did Jesus do for the crippled man?
3. Why do you think the men brought their friend to Jesus?
4. Who can you bring to Jesus? How?

### Pray this Prayer:

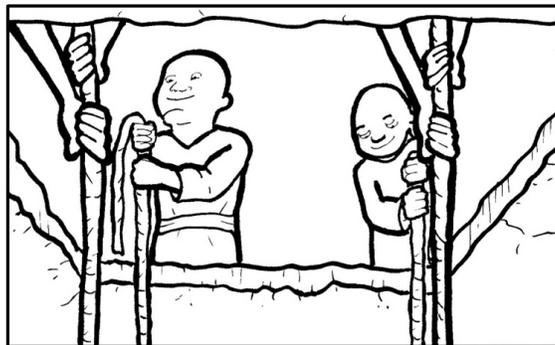
Dear Jesus,

Thank you for being so amazing. Thank you for being a healer. I want to bring my friends to you too. Please show me how. Help me bring these friends to you:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Amen



Finish the drawing. Draw a mat and write a short prayer on the mat for the friends you want to bring to Jesus.