

## SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020

## SERVICE: JESUS HEALS A PARALYSED MAN LUKE 5:17-26.

**THINK:** Over the past few weeks we have been thinking about different ways that we can follow Jesus and worship God! I wonder what you can remember?

We thought about how we can worship God out of love for him! We thought about how we can follow Jesus by learning about Him, and by caring for people who we know. Have you done anything caring this week for someone?

Today we are going to think about how we can serve God by serving others, by looking after God's creation and by standing up for what is right.

**MAKE:** In today's story, you're going to hear of a few different people that were helping someone who couldn't walk. I thought we could think about the ways in which we are made to serve God, to serve other people, to look after God's creation (our world!) and to stand up for what is right.

We're going to draw a picture of ourselves, and think about the things that God has given us to serve other people.



## Jesus Heals A Paralysed Man (paraphrased)

Jesus went to his hometown and news spread that He was there. Soon the house where he was staying was full of people. So Jesus began to preach God's word to the people. Some men heard that Jesus was in town so they decided to take their paralysed friend to Him to be healed. But when they got to the house, they couldn't reach Jesus because of the crowd. They went to the roof and dug a hole right above Jesus. Then they lowered their friend down into the crowd right in front of Jesus.

Jesus saw their faith so He said "Son, your sins are forgiven". So Jesus said to the paralysed man "Stand up, pick up your mat and go home". So the paralysed man stood up, picked up his mat. The entire room was stunned as the man walked through the crowd. All were amazed and praised God saying "we have never seen anything like this before" and they believed that God had sent Jesus with the authority to forgive sins and the ability to help the hurting.

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## MADE TO SERVE GOD CRAFT



In today's story, there were a few different people that were helping the paralysed man. Who can you think of?

Of course there is Jesus! He helped the paralysed man by healing him and helping him to walk again. We've been thinking of ways that we can follow Jesus and in this story we hear about Jesus helping the man. We definitely know that Jesus wants us to be helpful and kind to others!

The friends of the paralysed man were also helpful weren't they? They carried him all the way to where Jesus was, and when they couldn't get close to Jesus, they climbed onto the roof, still carrying their friend! These friends were so helpful because the man couldn't have done that without their help. They believed that Jesus would be able to help their friend and they were willing to try anything! Even climbing on the roof!!

I thought we could think about the ways in which we are made to serve God, to serve other people, to look after God's creation (our world!) and to stand up for what is right and that gave me an idea for a craft!

You will need: some paper or card and coloured pens (glue and scissors optional).

First, I would love for you to draw the outline of a person, a bit like a gingerbread man or woman. Or you can use the template on the next page! You could even draw on some features and clothes so that it looks a bit like you. We are thinking about how we can serve God by serving others, so we want this to be a picture of you!

Make sure you have: eyes, a mouth, ears, hands, feet and a heart drawn on, because this is what we're going to think about next.

If you want to, you can ask your grownup to cut out your person and you can glue them onto a piece of coloured paper.

Draw some lines to label the eyes, mouth, ears, hands, feet and heart.

With your grownup, think about how you can use your eyes, mouth, ears, hands, feet and heart to follow God and serve others. Think about how you can also look after God's creation and stand up for what is right. Have a look at the example ones with general ideas of things you could do but try to think of exactly who you can help and how using your ears for example.

I can't wait to hear all the ideas you've come up with.







