

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #60

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SUBJECT: Brought to the Lord Through the Roof

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-12

AIM: That the children may realize that they can carry others to the Lord by praying for them.

MEMORY VERSE: James 5:16a "Pray one for another, that you may be healed..."

SONGS: #24, #110 (1, 4) new verse with lame man; #172

Review:

Remember how the Lord healed lots of people? One time He made a sick boy well. Who wants to tell us about that story? How about last week's story about how the Lord made a man well by a pool? Right! He was a lame man who couldn't get to the water to be healed. No one would help him – so the Lord healed him right where he was.

Content:

The man we will hear about today was also lame. He couldn't get to where the people were being healed either. One day when the Lord Jesus was in Capernaum, people heard that He was in the house. Right away lots and lots of people came together in the house so that there was no more room – not even near the door. It was very crowded.

While Jesus was preaching to the people – four men came carrying a man who was paralyzed and could not move. (Ask the children if they ever saw anyone who could not move – they may have seen someone in a wheel chair, etc.) Well, the four men couldn't get into the house. It was too crowded! They couldn't even get to the door! What do you think they did? What would you do? Well, they went up on the roof and broke up the roof. When they had made a hole that was big enough they let down the bed with the paralyzed man on it. They put the man right through the roof to where the Lord was!

When the Lord saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man "Son, your sins are forgiven." Do you think that was a strange thing to say? Wait! Let's see what happens. Some of the scribes (some smart people, who knew a lot about the Bible) said to themselves – Why does this man say this? He is blaspheming (that is when you say something that insults God). Only God can forgive sins! They were right but they didn't know that Jesus is God! The Lord Jesus knew exactly what they were thinking in their hearts. So He said – Why do you say these things? What is easier to say to the man who can't move – Your sins are forgiven or to say – Get up, take your bed and walk? But that you may know that the Son of Man (that's another name the Lord had) has power on earth to forgive sins (He said to the man who could not walk). "I say to you, Rise up, take your bed and go to your home." Right away the man got up, took his bed and went out in front of everybody! All the people were amazed (Surprised) and praised God. They said we never saw anything like this!

WOW! This must have proved to the scribes that the Lord Jesus is God! Only God could make a lame person walk. If the Lord only forgave the man's sins that would be wonderful enough – but the Lord proved to these people that He had the right to say that by making the lame man walk.

Application:

WOW! Isn't this an exciting thing that happened? I'm sure glad that the lame man had four friends that were strong enough and willing to take him to the Lord. Not only the lame man must have believed the Lord could heal him but also these four men. They carried him right there no matter how hard it was. Do you know that every time you pray for a friend who is sick or who doesn't believe in the Lord – it's like bringing them to the Lord. Sometimes they can't or might not want to go to the Lord on their own so you have to carry them to the Lord by praying for them!

Let's see a verse about praying for others (Review Memory Verse)

Craft Idea:

If number permits have small soft cardboard boxes (shoe box – cut in half) with window and door and flap on top that can be opened. Have a piece of construction paper with string on four corners. Can make man out of ice cream sticks and cover with cloth. Then open flap and let him down.