



# 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

February 9-10, 2013

DATE

Luke 5:17-26  
(pg. 1130 in the Adventure Bible)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus Heals Mat and Forgives His Sins

LESSON TITLE

The greatest miracle we can ever receive is forgiveness for our sins.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes)  
Large Group (30 minutes)  
Small Group (20 minutes)  
Video and song review (10 minutes)

## tips

Engage kids in a specific activity from the moment they walk into the door. Help them find something to color, build, or pretend. This will help each kid feel valued and included...especially, if they are a little nervous.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to show their parents the mural they made.

## large group heads up

Today's story reveals the amazing miracle that Jesus wants to do for all of us!



## instructions

**Goal:** To review the story and understand that Jesus' greatest miracle is his rescue

**Why?** It's important to remember how valuable Jesus' rescue really is!

**Tip:** If at any point, kids are speculating or asking questions and you're not sure what to say, go to the Bible! It's okay to tell them you don't know something—it's even better to offer to look it up in the Bible at home and tell them next week at Kids' Club!

## QUESTIONS

### CONNECT

1. We started today talking about miracles. Tell us your name and an example of a miracle you've read in the Bible, heard about, or maybe even seen! (*\*\*Kids can use today's! And if they bring up paranormal activity or mediums, remind them that miracles are done by God. Sometimes strange things happen on earth, but if we KNOW that somebody prayed to God, specifically—not a spirit in general—and God shows up, we can call it a miracle.*)

### REVIEW

2. **MOVE TO THE ACTIVITY** to review today's story. But make sure to come back to discuss it!

### RELATE/REACT

3. Did Jesus heal Mat's leg or forgive his sins first? (forgive)

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## ACTIVITY

### ACTIVITY ONE:

To review today's story, we're going to draw a mural. Everybody is in charge of drawing one part of the story. Here's a **big sheet of paper**. (Lay the paper out across a large table or the floor. Make sure every kid has **markers**.) Line up so everybody has a spot. You guys can draw your own or blend your pictures together. Be creative!

*(Read Luke 5:17-26 out of the **Adventure Bible**—page 1130: "Jesus Heals A Paralytic." Before you get started, count your kids. There are 10 verses, so assign--in your mind--one or two to a kid. Here's how the activity works: Once the kids are lined up, begin reading, but stop after one or two verses to address kids one by one, and help them know what to draw. For instance, after verse 1, you may stop and say to the kid at the far left, "\_\_\_\_\_, draw a crowd sitting and listening to Jesus teach.")*

## QUESTIONS

4. Why do you think Jesus forgave Mat's sins first? (Let kids speculate. Draw them to the conclusion that being rescued by Jesus and knowing he's God's Son is more important than anything, even being able to walk.)
5. How would you have felt if YOU were Mat and Jesus forgave your sins before he healed your legs? (guide kids toward being thankful for the rescuer)
6. Why is it a miracle that Jesus can forgive our sins? (We deserve punishment, but God sent Jesus and Jesus took that punishment. On our own, we can't get to God, but through Jesus, we can receive forgiveness and follow him.)

**\*Pray together and thank God for sending his own Son to earth to rescue us and show us his power.**

*\*\*If you have extra time, play 'Never Have I Ever' as a group. (Make sure everybody keeps their answers appropriate—think lighthearted and funny. Probably we've never done some pretty bad things, but steer kids clear of those.)*

## ACTIVITY

*(Continue to the next page!!)*

*Go in order so that at the end there's a big poster telling the story chronologically. Each kid will have drawn a different part of the story.)*

Have the kids stand back and admire their work. See if somebody can retell the story by looking at the mural.

**THEN GO TO QUESTION 3 AND DISCUSS!**

**\*\*IF KIDS ARE TAKING AWHILE TO DRAW, LET THEM CONTINUE TO SKETCH WHILE YOU DISCUSS. Drawing during the discussion may actually help some of them stay engaged!**

# LARGE group

## special notes

In today's story, Jesus shows a crowd he is God's Son with all of God's authority. And he ends up doing TWO miracles for a guy who couldn't walk. One of them (the first one) happens to be way more important!

## presenter tips

Are you losing their attention? Try sitting on the edge of the stage or walking in the crowd. Sometimes all you need is a little movement to get kids to focus.

## script

### WELCOME AND INTRO GAME

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club! I'm so glad you're all here today. We've got some pretty amazing stuff to talk about. But first let's play a little game. It's called "Never Have I Ever." For those of you who haven't played before, I'll explain it. Everybody hold up five fingers and stand up. (Model for the kids.) I'm going to say something I've never done. If you HAVE done it, put one finger down. When you have no fingers left, sit down.

Let's get started. 1. Never have I ever eaten breakfast for dinner. If you HAVE eaten breakfast for dinner, put one finger down. Any questions about how this works? (Let kids ask clarifying questions.)

*(Read the following 'Never Have I Ever' statements. Go through them quickly. If you have done these, put your finger down, too!)*

Okay, let's keep going! 2. Never have I ever...had a pet fish. (Let kids put fingers down.) 3. Never have I ever...ridden on a roller coaster that goes upside down. (Let kids put fingers down) 4. Never have I ever ...built a snowman. (Let kids respond.) 5. Never have I ever...been to Disneyland. (Let kids respond.) If you've had to put down all five fingers, sit down!

### MIRACLE ROUND

Does anybody still have fingers left? (Let kids respond.) Wow! Great job. Well, everybody put five fingers back up and stand up again. (Let kids show you hand full of five fingers) I'm going to see if I can get ALL of you out in one round! Ready?



## script continued

1. Never have I ever... stopped a massive thunderstorm. (Let kids respond.) 2. Never have I ever...walked on top of water. (Let kids respond.) 3. Never have I ever... turned water into wine. (Let kids respond.) 4. Never have I ever...fed thousands of people a full meal out of one kid's lunch. (Let kids respond.) Never have I ever...healed somebody who couldn't walk by telling them to get up. (Let kids respond. Everybody should be sitting.)

Oh man, I'm out already! Looks like you all are, too. (Let kids respond.) That's because there's some stuff we just CAN'T do unless God steps in to help us. The things that can ONLY be done with God's help are called *miracles*.

Now, there was ONE guy who lived on earth who did ALL these miracles. Who do you think he was? Any guesses? (Let kids respond: Jesus!) Yes, it was Jesus! That's because Jesus was God's own son, so he had all the power of God!

### **MAT'S MIRACLE**

Let's watch a video about one of the times Jesus healed a man. The man couldn't walk. And Jesus helped him walk again! But Jesus did something else—something even BETTER than fixing this man's legs. It's a miracle—something only God can do—and Jesus wants to do it for all of us. As you watch, see if you can figure out what Jesus did *before* he helped this man walk again.

### **Video: God's Story / Jesus Heals "Mat"**

Wow, Mat's friends really wanted to get him to Jesus, huh!? And good thing, too! Because what did Jesus do for Mat *before* he healed his legs? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven!" Jesus was telling Mat he'd been rescued. Mat no longer had to face punishment for any of the wrong things he'd done!

### **FORGIVENESS IS GREATER THAN ANYTHING**

But remember how in the video, when Jesus said that, some people got really mad? Here's what they did:

***SLIDE: Luke 5:21: The Pharisees and the experts of the law began arguing, "Jesus must think he is God! Only God can forgive sins!"***

Actually, that was Jesus' WHOLE point! He *could* forgive sins—all the wrong things we do—because he had all the power of God—he was God's own son! In Luke 5:22-24 Jesus said:

***SLIDE: [Jesus] said, "Why are you thinking that? Is it easier for me to tell this crippled man that his sins are forgiven or to tell him to get up and walk? But now you will see that the Son of Man has the right to forgive sins here on earth."***

Why did Mat's friends cut a hole in the roof in order to get him to Jesus? What did they want to happen? **Turn and tell one friend why Mat's friends wanted him to get to Jesus.** (Let kids tell a friend) Yes, they wanted Mat to be able to walk! It might have been *easier* for Jesus to just tell him to walk, to give him what he wanted!



### script continued

But the greatest miracle we can ever receive is for Jesus to forgive all the wrong things we do so that we can follow him and be close to God again. Having our sins forgiven is better than being able to walk or see or even live! And Jesus wanted everyone to know that!

### **WORSHIP**

We'll talk about that some more in small group, but now let's sing together and thank Jesus for the miracles he does! No matter who we are, Jesus loves us enough to rescue us and wants to forgive the wrong things we do, just like he did for Mat!

**Music Video: Who I Am**

**Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (learn hand motions ahead of time)**

### **PRAY**

Can somebody come up and thank God for sending his very own Son to rescue us and forgive our sins?



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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

Adventure Bible (mark pg. 1130)

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Markers

Per small group: 1 4ft pc of white butcher paper

OR 1 roll of white paper (something akin

to <http://www.amazon.com/Alex-Paper-Roll-White-12/dp/B00000JH4Y> or

<http://www.dickblick.com/buy/product/150666-art->

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## large group supplies

None

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## a/v needs

1. Video: God's Story: Jesus Heals "Mat"

2. SLIDE: Luke 5:21: The Pharisees and the experts of the law began to argue, "Jesus must think he is God! Only God can forgive sins!"

3. SLIDE: Luke 5:22-24: [Jesus] said, "Why are you thinking that? Is it easier for me to tell this crippled man that his sins are forgiven or to tell him to get up and walk? But now you will see that the Son of Man has the right to forgive sins

here on earth."

4. Music Video: Who I Am

5. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me

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## special room set-up

None

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## connect questions

Tell me about the man who couldn't walk.

What miracles did Jesus do in today's story?

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## parent page

Today, we read a story about one of the miracles Jesus did: He healed a man who couldn't walk. But first, Jesus did another miracle—one that's even better than getting physically healed. Ask your child to tell you about it. You can also read the story together in Luke 5:17-26 or watch a video on [crossroadskidsclub.net](http://crossroadskidsclub.net).