



# Kindergarten-2nd

February 9-10, 2013

DATE

Mat's Friends Bring Him to Jesus

LESSON TITLE

Luke 5:17-26  
(Pg. 1201 Adv. Bible for Early Readers)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus wants to help us (and our friends).

MAIN POINT

## schedule

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

## tips

Have kids gather back in front of the teaching area and watch the video from the lesson and do the songs together at the end of small group.

When parents come to pick kids up, they will get a quick review of the lesson along with the kids.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to show their parents the video watched today. The link is on the Parent Page!

## large group heads up

Today, we're talking about a guy in the Bible who couldn't walk. Jesus helped him! Since he sat on a mat all day, we're going to call him Mat. But the Bible doesn't really tell us his name. The great thing is Jesus didn't just help him walk; he also forgave his sins to prove he was the Rescuer!



## instructions

**Goal:** to review the story and inspire kids to ask Jesus for help

**Why?** God asks us to come to him with all of our needs.

**Tip:** Today's story is pretty remarkable. Mat went to great lengths to get to Jesus. Really play that up as you review!

## QUESTIONS

### CONNECT

1. Tell me your name and one thing you've needed help with (might be something they said to a friend in large group).
2. What surprised you about today's story? (Maybe it's the friends cutting a hole in the roof or the fact that Jesus said "Your sins are forgiven" before he helped Mat walk. Or anything kids say...)
3. Do you think Jesus was happy to help Mat? Why or why not? (Yes, because he didn't even get mad when Mat's friends cut a hole in the roof!)

### REVIEW

4. Do you think walking or knowing Jesus is the rescuer is more important? Why? (knowing Jesus is the Rescuer—Jesus helped Jesus do that first)
5. **GO TO ACTIVITY**

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## ACTIVITY

Today, we're going to play a game, but you need somebody to help you. So I'm going to split you into teams of two or three (use your judgment to split the kids into teams—don't force the kids to choose in case they feel left out)

1. (Hold up the easy maze and SAY): Okay, each team is going to have to try to finish a maze with their eyes closed. Choose one of you to do the maze.

**DO:** Give the person who's doing the maze a marker and a ***maze handout***.

2. **SAY:** Now, the other teammates are the helpers. They have two jobs: 1. TELL the person where to draw (without guiding their hand physically!) and 2. Make SURE that person's eyes are closed. Let's see who can do the best. Any questions? (Take a minute to clear up any confusion.)

*(Continue on the next page!)*

## QUESTIONS

### RELATE

6. Was it a good idea for Mat and his friends to ask Jesus for help? Why? (Yes, he helped Mat and even forgave his sins!)
7. Do you think Jesus can help us with *anything*? Why or why not? (assure kids that Jesus CAN help with anything—he MADE the earth; he’s all powerful)
8. Jesus helped Mat walk. What do you want Jesus to help you with? (let kids share)

***\*Pray with the kids, asking God to help them with the specific needs they mentioned. Then, if you have extra time, let kids try to help each other with the harder maze.***

## ACTIVITY

3. **SAY:** Great! Take your time to do it right. Ready? Set? GO!

**DO:** Give kids a chance to finish their mazes. When they’re finished, ask them to hold up their mazes to see who did the best.

4. Repeat so that each kid gets a turn. Then SAY:

Forgetting to ask JESUS for help is kind of like trying to do something with our eyes closed. Sometimes even when our friends help us out, it doesn’t turn out very well. We need to ask Jesus to help us, too!

**RETURN TO QUESTION #6**

# LARGE group

## special notes

The stuff that happens in this story is pretty crazy—guys carry Mat to Jesus and cut a hole in the roof...and then Jesus proves he is God's Son by forgiving Mat's sins *before* he heals Mat! Really play that up!

## presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out or make a face or a motion... every couple of minutes give them a way to engage verbally or kinesthetically. Double bonus - It will actually help them remember what you're saying, too!

## script

### WELCOME

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club! Whether you come all the time or it's your very first day, we're SO glad you're here. Today, we're going to talk about how Jesus loves to help us.

So first, I want everybody to think about ONE time you really needed help. Maybe you were sick and you needed somebody to bring you medicine. Maybe you were playing soccer and you needed your teammates to help you win the game. Maybe you had a bad dream and woke up scared—and you needed somebody to help you feel better!

It can be anything! When you remember a time you needed help, put your hand on your head. (Model for kids and then give them a few seconds to think. When most hands are on heads, continue): Okay, **now turn and tell a friend what you needed help with.** (If your group is small enough, ask a couple kids to share.)

Did you guys know that we can ask JESUS to help US? Let's hear a story about a guy who asked Jesus for help. He did some CRAZY stuff to get to Jesus because he knew how important it is to ask Jesus for help!

### INTRO: MAT

So once there was a man who needed Jesus' help, *badly*. See, he couldn't walk. (Put the *mat* down and sit on it). And there weren't any wheelchairs back then! So he had to sit on a mat all day, every day. The Bible doesn't tell us his name, so let's call him Matt.



## script continued

After sitting day...after day...after day...Matt heard that Jesus was in town. He knew Jesus loved to help people. And Matt needed help. So he decided to go to Jesus for help! (Jump up!) But there was a problem... Mat couldn't get to Jesus...because he couldn't walk! (Sit back down) Say "Oh no!" (Let kids say it)

So guess what? Matt's friends decided to help him. And just WAIT until you hear how they got him to Jesus! We're going to watch a video to see what happened. As you watch, see if you can figure out how Matt's friends got him to Jesus to ask for help.

### **Video: God's Story / Jesus Heals Matt**

So, how did Matt's friends get him to Jesus? (Call on one kid) Yes, they climbed up on the roof, cut a hole in it, and lowered Matt down! Can you believe that?! They knew that if they could get Matt to Jesus, then Jesus would help him! And give me a "thumbs up" if Jesus healed Matt. (Let kids react) Yep, he sure did!

But remember, before Jesus helped Matt walk, he helped him with something BIGGER. He told Matt, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

Some people got really mad. Luke 5:21 tells us they said this: **(show SLIDE): "Jesus must think he is God! Only God can forgive sins."**

That was the WHOLE point! Jesus *is* God! He's God's own son, the rescuer who took the punishment for all the wrong things Mat—and all of us—have ever done. Because Jesus was God's Son, he COULD forgive sins! And being RESCUED is even BETTER than walking!

But because Jesus was God's son, he could also help Matt walk. And Matt got up and *walked* home!

### **WORSHIP**

Let's worship together today. We can thank Jesus for not only helping us but also rescuing us!

**Song: Because You Love Me**

**Song: Better Than the Best**

### **PRAY**

Who wants to come pray and thank Jesus for helping us and rescuing us!



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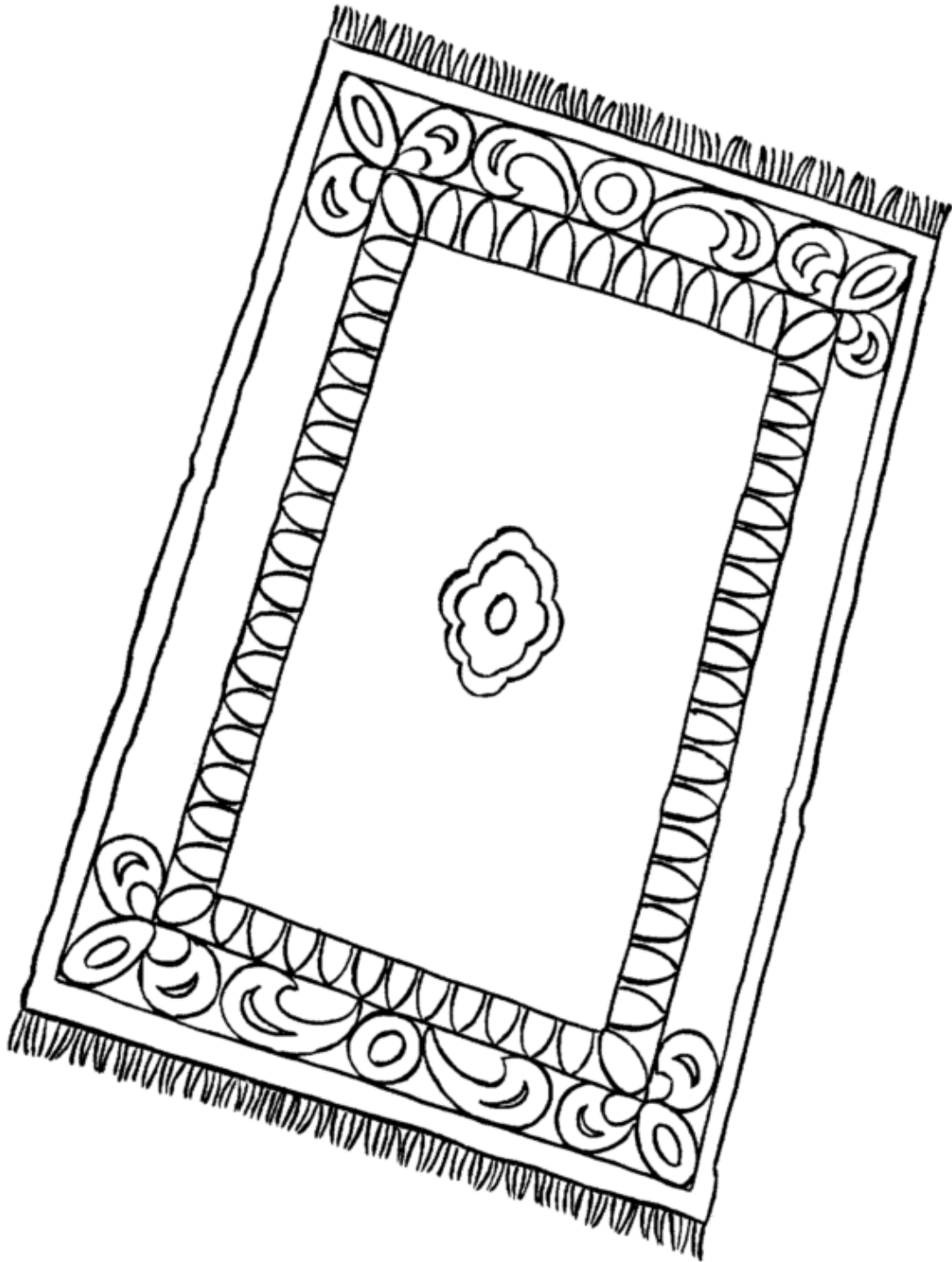
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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

1. Coloring pages: Mat/Rug
2. Markers
3. 1 easy maze per kid (template in curriculum folder)
4. 1 hard maze per kid (template in curriculum folder) –Put hard mazes at

the bottom of the bin because they should be an extra tool if the small groups wrap up early, not for use in each group.

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## large group supplies

A large mat or plain-colored towel  
Adventure Bible for Early Readers (mark Pg. 1201)

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## a/v needs

1. God's Story: Jesus Heals Mat
2. Slide: Luke 5:21 "Jesus must think he is God! Only God can forgive sins."
3. Song (live lyrics): Because You Love Me
4. Music Video (with dance motions): Better than the best

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## special room set-up

None

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## connect questions

Tell me about the man who couldn't walk.  
How did Jesus help the man in the story?

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## parent page

Today, we talked about a man who needed help from Jesus. This man couldn't walk, so his friends took some great lengths to get him to Jesus. Good thing too, because Jesus didn't *only* help this guy walk. Read the story together in Luke 5:17-26. Or watch a video about it at [crossroadskidsclub.net](http://crossroadskidsclub.net).