



JOURNAL PAGE

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

My child has completed the Christ Connection on his/her own and has discussed it with me:
Parent Signature: _____



Unit 23 • Session 1

JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS

Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5

**WHAT DID JESUS TEACH WHEN HE WAS ON EARTH?
JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GOD AND HIS KINGDOM. HE TAUGHT THAT ALL
SCRIPTURE IS ABOUT HIM.**

Jesus returned to Capernaum, and many people gathered to hear Jesus teach God's Word.

While Jesus was teaching, four men came to the house carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. But the men could not bring their friend to Jesus because of the crowd.

So, they carried the paralyzed man up to the roof and dug a hole through the roof. Jesus saw their faith and said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

But some of the religious leaders heard this, and they thought to themselves, "Why would Jesus say this? Doesn't He know that no one can forgive sins but God?"

Jesus knew what these leaders were thinking. He said, "Why are you thinking these things to yourself? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man? 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat, and walk?'"

Jesus turned to the man and said, "I tell you, get up, take your mat, and go home."

Immediately the man got up, picked up his mat, and left in front of everyone. The people were amazed and gave glory to God.

Christ Connection: By forgiving the man's sins, Jesus revealed that He is God. Jesus has power to heal and forgive. Only through faith in Jesus can people be saved from their sins.

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