

The Healing of the Paralytic

Bible Study Leader's Guide

TO BEGIN

Open the group in prayer (or ask one of the teens to do so).

GETTING FAMILIAR

READ: Mark 2:1-12

Q: What is going on in this story?

A: Allow the students to explain in their own words, prompting them only as needed.

READ IT AGAIN: Mark 2:1-12

DEEP DIVE: THE PARALYTIC

READ: Mark 2:2-5

Q: How does the paralytic get to Jesus?

A: His friends carried him.

He had to be lowered through the roof because of the crowds.

(Imagine how difficult this would be!) · shows heroic friendship

Q: Whose faith does Jesus notice? What does He do when He sees their faith?



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A: The faith of the paralytic's friends ("When Jesus saw their faith..."). He forgives the sins of the paralytic.

Follow Up: What does this tell you about the importance of friendship? Do you think it is important to have Christ-centered friendships? Why or why not?

Follow Up: Who do you have in your own life that are 'heroic friends' like the friends of the paralytic?

Follow Up: How are you a 'heroic friend' to your friends? What could you do better?

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Q: What would be your reaction if you saw Jesus heal a paralytic and saw the man get up and walk?

Q: Do you have the same reaction when Jesus forgives your sins? Do you think you should? Why or why not?

Q: Do you ever find it difficult to have faith in the teachings of the Church? What do you do when you have

WRAP UP



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