

KIDS' DEVOTIONAL AT HOME

For Sunday, March 29, 2020

For your family worship time, we have prepared 4 short activities that you can do together:

1. Kids' worship songs
2. A Bible story from YouTube
3. Questions for discussion and reflection, Prayer
4. Optional: crafts, activities and songs

Prepare these items before you begin:

1. Smart phone, tablet, or computer to play the worship songs
2. You tube video: God's Story: Jesus Heals a Man by Crossroads Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4&t=66s>
3. For the optional crafts and family games
 - Coloring page
 - Craft
 - Game
 - Extension Activities

Step 1. Worship Time

1. Gather your family and open with a short prayer. This could be as simple as thanking God for health and for allowing you all to worship together and learn more about God's character.
2. Choose a song or three to sing/listen/do actions together!
 - Death Was Arrested: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsMiluCUUI>
 - My Lighthouse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>
 - Jesus is My Best Friend: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IH0Srnrxrl>
 - Every Move I Make: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY&list=RDMPvnZILn6EY&start_radio=1

Step 2. Opener

- Say:
We all like to share different things. Raise your hand if you have a favorite movie you want to tell me about. How about a video game? TV show? Place to go? Food to eat? (Move through all these quickly.) Why is it fun to share some of our favorite things? *(Let kids respond.)*
- Yep, because they're so great, and we're excited about them!

Say: What does it mean to introduce someone to something? *(Let kids respond.)*
- Yep, it means to show someone a person or thing for the first time.
- Say: When something is really great or important, we want to introduce it, don't we? Otherwise, how will people find out about it? (Rhetorical.) They won't! And in the Bible, Jesus tells us that if we know him, we have a very special job. Our job is to introduce other people...to Jesus!
- Say: Today, we're going to hear a story of a guy who had some friends who introduced him to Jesus. We're going to watch a video about it. As you watch, see if you can figure out HOW this one guy's friends introduced him to Jesus.

Step 3. Bible Story Discussion & Prayer

- Video: God's Story / Jesus Heals a Man
- After video: Say: Wow, so how did Matt's friends introduce him to Jesus? *(Let kids respond.)*
- Yep, they took him on a roof, cut a hole in it and lowered Matt down! Why do you think they were willing to risk getting in trouble or making the owner of the house very angry? *(Let kids respond.)* Yes, because introducing Matt to Jesus was VERY important.

Basic questions:

1. Ask: So what happened when Matt met Jesus? *(Let kids respond.)* That's right, he could walk again. Because Jesus had the power of God, he had the power to heal this man.
2. If YOU were Matt, and you weren't able to walk, and Jesus completely healed you, how would you feel?! And how would you act? (I bet Matt was so excited, he wanted to walk all over the place and jump for joy)
3. What else did Jesus do for Matt? (Yep, Jesus forgave his sins). That means the wrong things Matt had done, the ones that separated him from God, were erased! Matt got forgiveness for his sins AND got to be close to God. And Jesus does the same thing for US.
4. Which one do you think was the most important? *(Let kids respond.)* Hint: Which one did Jesus do FIRST? *(Let kids respond.)* Yes, being close to God is more important than anything, even walking!

*** Now at first, Matt's friends couldn't find a way to get their friend to Jesus, because there were so many people crowded around. Did they let that stop them, though? No! They lowered him through the roof!

*** Basically, Matt's friends thought it was SO important to get their friend to Jesus, they were willing to do whatever they had to, even climb up on the roof and lower him down!

5. Do you ever feel like that when we try to introduce our own friends to Jesus? Is it always EASY to do? (Let kids respond.) No, it can be kind of hard! Maybe you're nervous about talking about Jesus with your friends. It might be hard to figure out when, where and how you can introduce them.

*** One way I like to introduce others to Jesus is by _____ (Share a personal example; it could be a way that you've shown Jesus to others, or a way you've invited others to OneLife, etc.)

6. Do you guys have other ideas? (Let kids share). Yes, great ideas! We could tell them, and we could SHOW our friends what Jesus is like too. We can treat others like Jesus would treat them, so they can see who Jesus is! That's a HUGE way we can introduce Jesus to our friends. We can show them what He's like!

Optional Review Questions:

Review the Story

1. What did Matt's friends do for him? (They took him to Jesus by lowering him through the roof)
2. Why did they take such drastic measures to get their friend to Jesus?
3. What two things did Jesus do for the paralyzed man in today's story? (He healed him physically, and he forgave his sins)
4. Do you think it's important to introduce your friends to Jesus? Why?
5. What other ways can you show people who Jesus is?

Prayer

Pray together as a family before wrapping up the devotional or proceeding to optional activities. Feel free to pray first to model prayer, then ask your child to pray after you:

- Thank God that he can heal us on the inside and outside and that he wants to forgive our sins and be our friend forever.
- Ask for forgiveness for times when we don't act like friends of Jesus
- Ask God to heal the sick people in the world, to help people see that they need their sins forgiven, and that they see that Jesus wants to be their friend.

- Ask God to help us to share the good news with our friends, to do whatever it takes to lead our friends to Jesus. Ask Him to show us one of our friends we should talk to about Jesus.

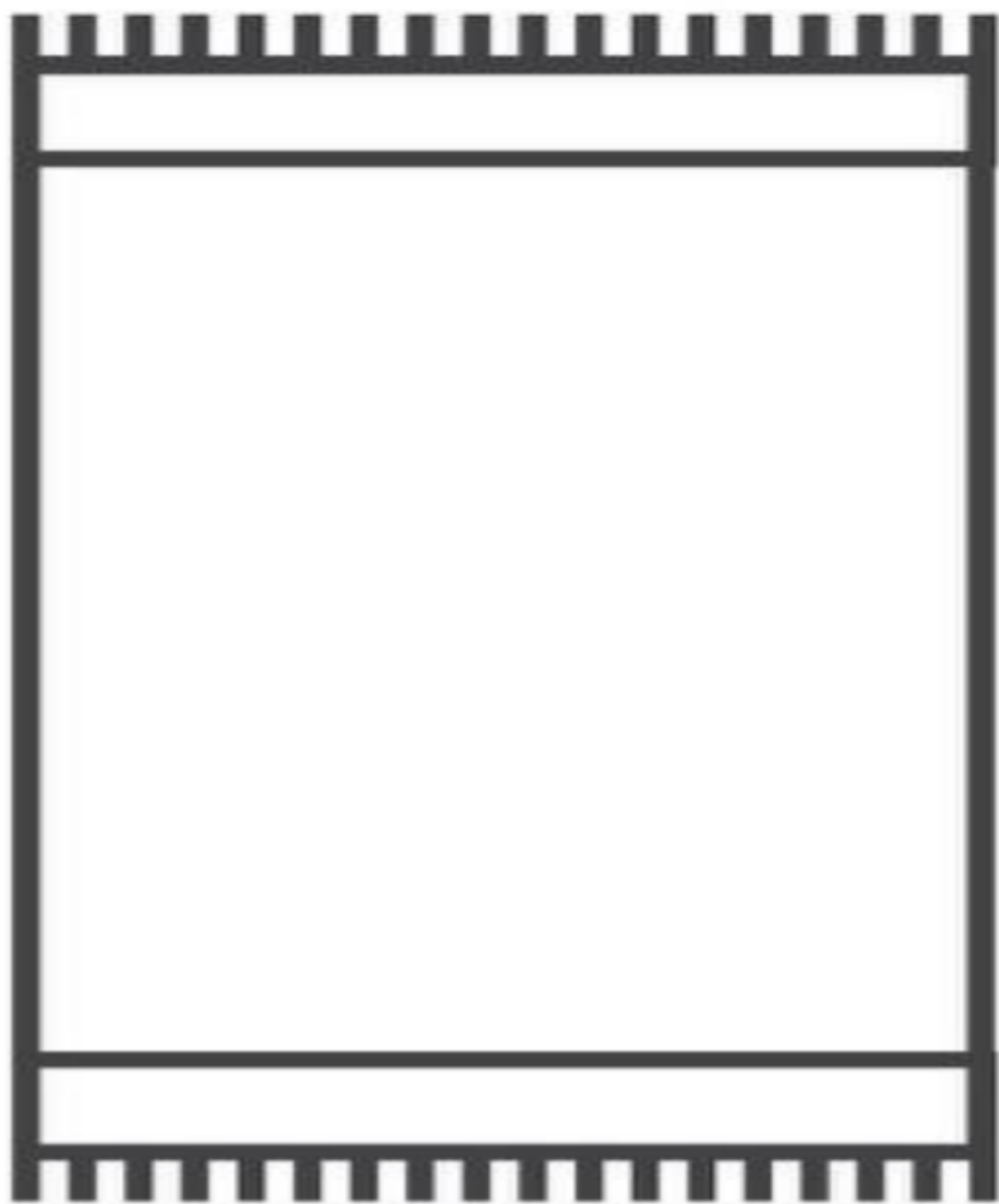
4. Activities

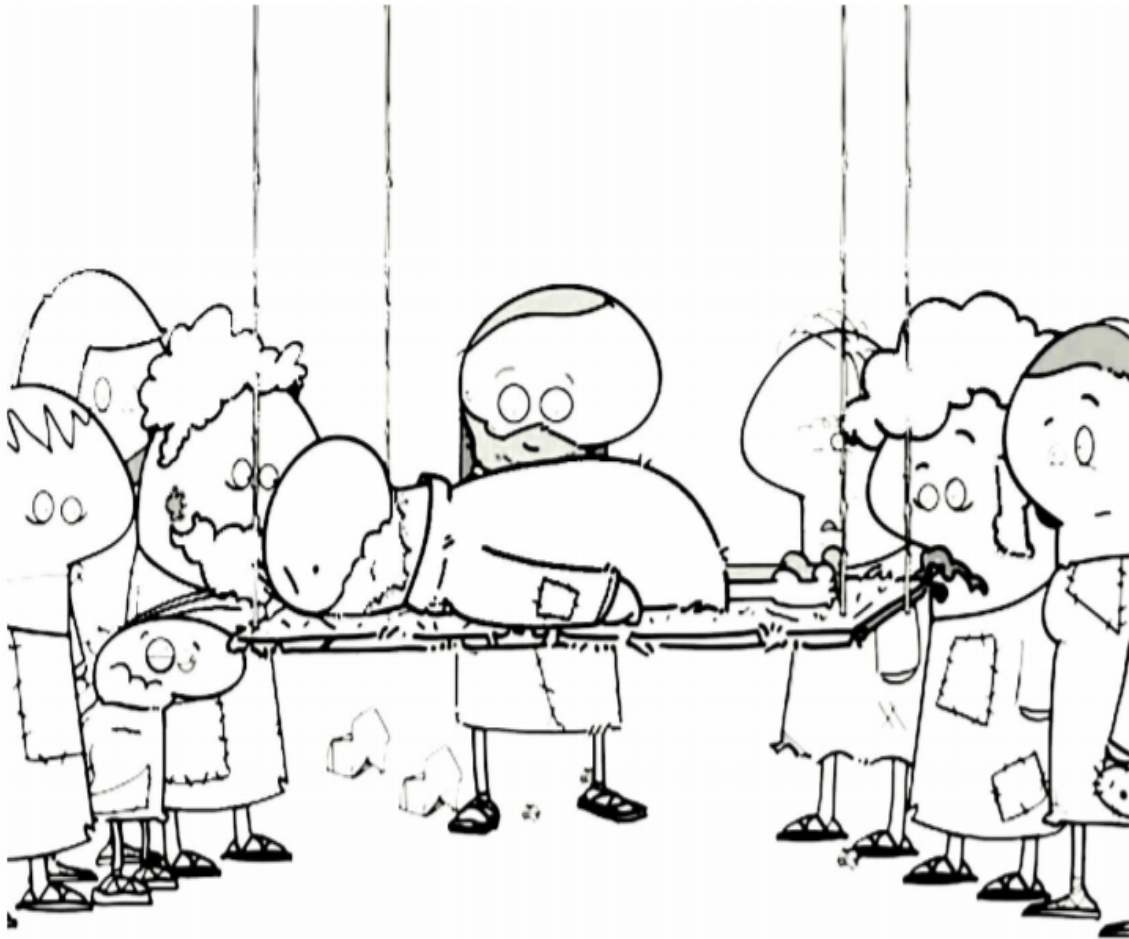
1. Print the coloring page for kids to color
2. Weave mats out of construction paper. <https://laughingkidslearn.com/how-to-make-paper-weaving-placemats/>
3. An option is to use card stock or construction paper, make a copy of the mat pictured below mat, attach 4 pieces of string or yarn and craft sticks/popsicle sticks.
4. Game idea: See how quickly you can carry something (action figures, toys, dolls, etc.) on your paper mat (or a blanket/sheet with a group of people and carry one of the children) from one end of the room to the other without dropping it! If there are multiple kids, they can work together or race each other.

Activities for the Whole Family:

1. Act out the Bible story, giving everyone in the family a part. If you're feeling adventurous, record it and post to the OneLife FB or Mama Musings page 😊

STEM Activity: Free download <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Bible-STEM-Healing-the-Paralytic-Edition-Lower-the-Sick-Man-through-the-Roof-4099086>





Tell me about the man Jesus healed.

How can we introduce our friends to Jesus?

Read more about this week's story in the book of Luke 5: 17-26.