



The Kind Friends Story



Read the story and ask the ‘I wonder...’ questions giving time for the pupils to think and then share some of their ideas after each question.

This is a story of something amazing that Jesus did to help a paralysed man.

But it’s also a story of some very kind friends.

Being paralysed means that the man couldn’t walk or use his legs. He had to sit or lie down all the time.



I wonder how the paralysed man felt?

Jesus was going from town to town telling people about God and doing amazing things. Everyone wanted to see him!

When Jesus arrived in a town called Capernaum, everyone rushed to see him. There were so many people squashed inside the house that lots more were waiting outside hoping to catch a glimpse of Jesus.

The friends knew this was their chance to try and help their paralysed friend! So, they picked him up on his mat and carried him to the house where Jesus was.

“Oh no!” they thought, when they saw the crowd of people, “how are we going to get our friend to Jesus?”



I wonder how the friends felt at this moment?

I wonder what you would have done?

Then they had an idea! To take their friend up onto the roof of the house!

That might sound impossible but houses were built differently then. Most houses had staircases outside to get to the flat roof made from a type of clay.

The friends carried the man up onto the roof and started to dig. They dug until they had made a hole in the roof big enough to lower the man down into the house.



I wonder what the people inside the house thought?

When Jesus saw the man he said, “your sins are forgiven”.

Sins are the wrong things that we do.

Some people were angry that Jesus said this. They began thinking, "How dare this man forgive sins, only God can do that."

Jesus knew what they were thinking and he said to them “I can forgive sins on earth”. He wanted them to know that he was the son of God.

And to prove it, Jesus said to the paralysed man “get up, pick up your mat and walk”.



I wonder what happened next?

The man did just that; he got up, picked up his mat and walked!

Wow!



I wonder how the man’s friends felt?

The crowd was very amazed and they praised God saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

What an incredible story! What Jesus did was amazing, and the man’s friends showed great kindness in how much they were willing to do to try to help him.



I wonder how you have been kind to your friends?