

Today we're having a break from our time in Genesis and we're going to be hearing

from the book of Mark, in the

New Testament, which was written to answer two big questions:

1. Who was Jesus?

2. Why did Jesus come?

Our story today helps us see the answers to both these questions by showing us two things.

Jesus knows everyone's biggest

need.

A man who can't

walk is brought to Jesus, but

instead of healing him, Jesus tells him something surprising. He says "your sins

are forgiven". This

is because Jesus knows that this man's

biggest problem is his sin. That

means putting himself in God's place. It is

the same for us too. Our sin

stops

us being friends with

a holy God.

So that's why our next point is so important:

Jesus is God

and he has authority to forgive sin.

In the Old Testament, only God can forgive sins. But Jesus is saying "I have the same

power

". In other words "I

am God." But Jesus doesn't just say it, he shows it by making the man be able to walk again.

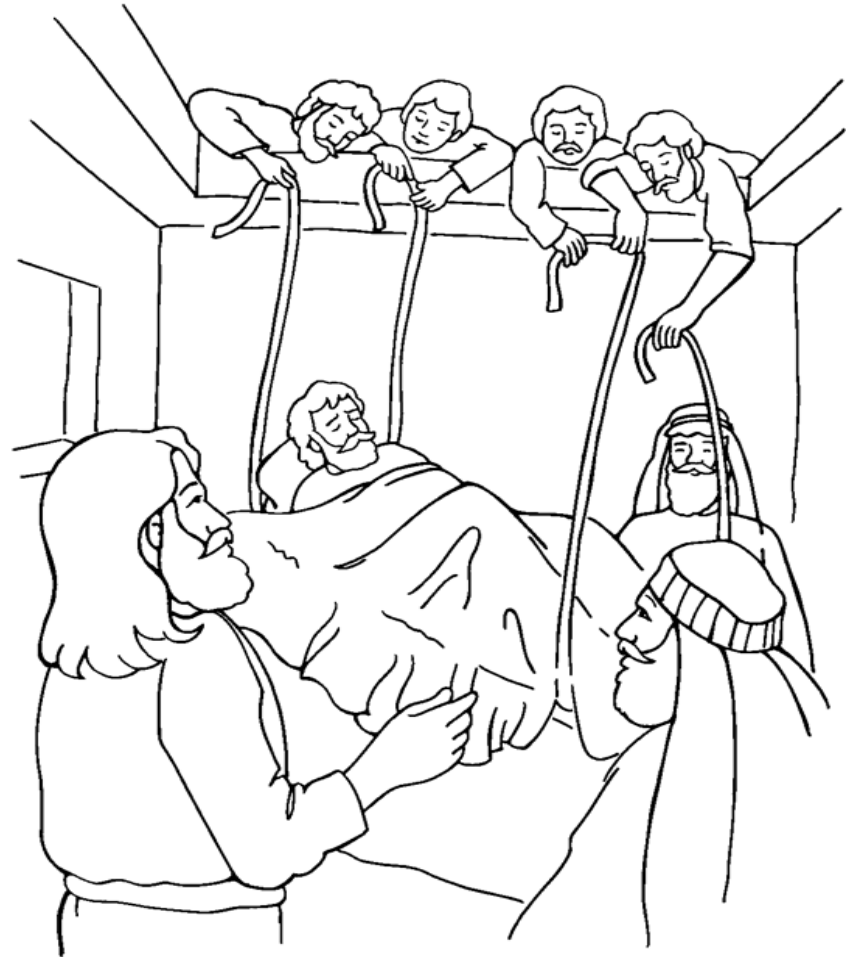
So, what about us?

We should praise God for sending Jesus to die so that we can have our sins forgiven.

We should tell others about sin and that we all need Jesus' forgiveness.

Say a Thank you prayer with your grown-up and also pray for a friend who doesn't know about Jesus' forgiveness yet.

Colour the picture to remind you of the story.



**Jesus**  
**deals with**  
**Sin**