

As the primary spiritual nurturer of your home, this resource is designed to inspire, equip, and support you as you share God's Word with your child.

God Statement: Jesus is Healer

Memory Verse: So do not fear, for I am with you. Isaiah 41:10a

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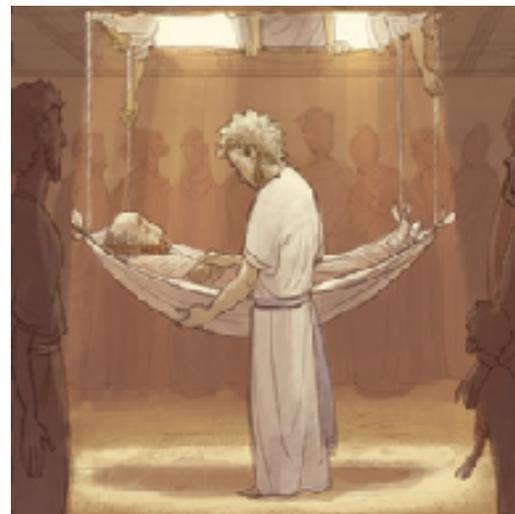
Mark 2:1-12

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Then, they lowered their friend through the roof. It wasn't long before he was lying before the Lord. Jesus looked at the man and saw that he needed to be forgiven of his sins before his body needed to be healed. Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven and to get up, take his mat, and go home. The man did just as Jesus said. The friends were amazed. Jesus is Healer!



1. Point to the picture of the men digging a hole in the roof. Why did the men carry their friend up to the roof?
2. Point to the picture of Jesus healing the man. How do you think the man felt after Jesus healed him?



Repetition is an important part of your child's development and growth. Enjoy re-reading the story and declaring Jesus is Healer throughout the day. Use the extra activities below to connect with God's Word this week.

PRAY

Read Mark 2:1-12. You may even find this story in a children's Bible. Grab a towel or blanket to lie on while you read the story. Have your child close his eyes as you read.

Talk about ways Jesus has healed your family. Take time to thank God for healing you—from sin and anything physically.

EXPERIENCE

We come to know God more when we're willing to open our hearts and listen to His Holy Spirit through the words we memorize.

Practice learning the memory verse throughout the day with your child. Say it loud and soft. Come up with a fun tune to sing it! What are other ways you can practice the verse to hide God's Word in your hearts?

BLESS

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in *HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource* @ HomeFrontMag.com.

Child's name, may you always believe that Jesus is Healer. May you always go to Him for peace and comfort.

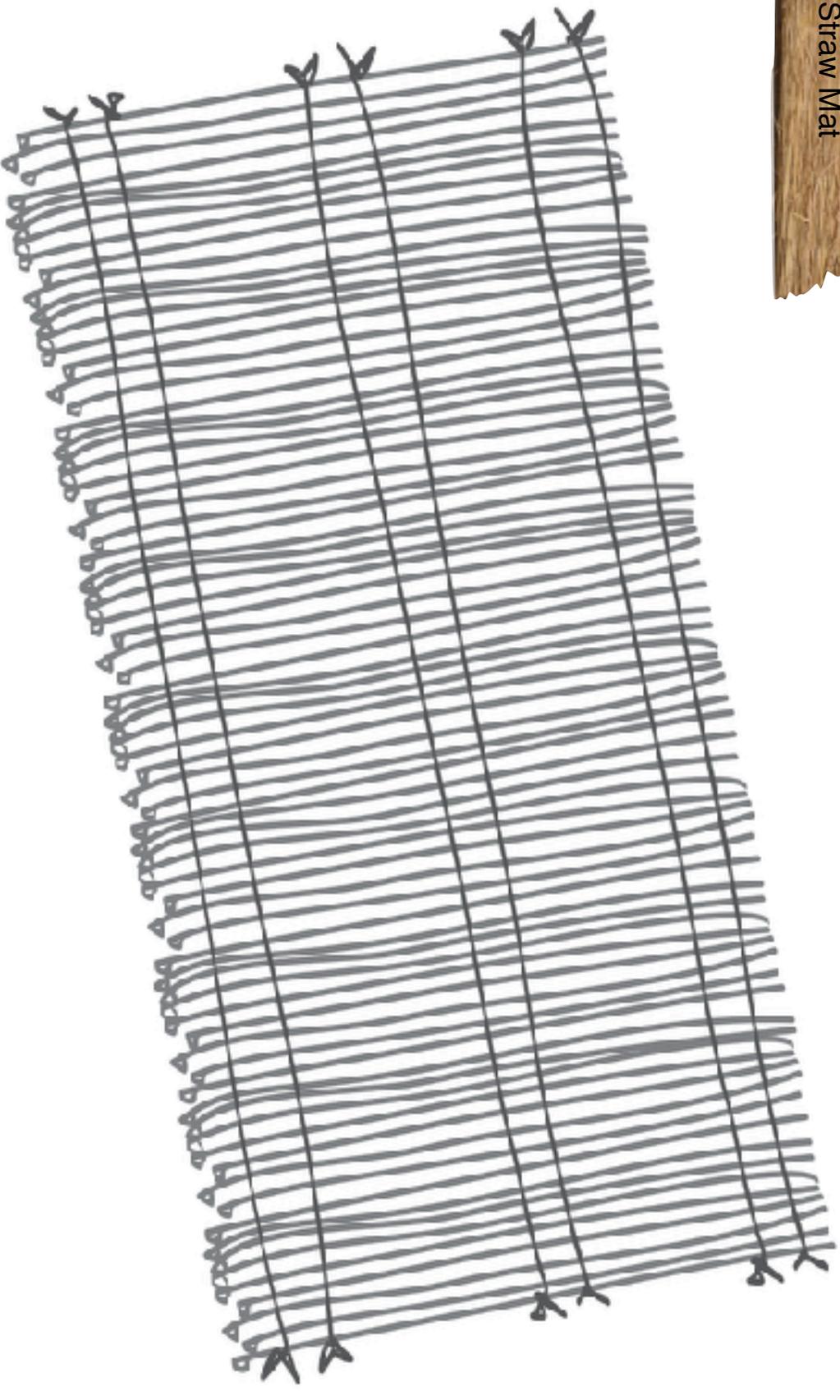


Straw Mat



We Bee-lieve...**Jesus is Healer!**

I wonder how it would feel to lie on a straw mat? Would it be soft or prickly? What are some things around your house that are soft? How about prickly? Color the mat with all of your favorite colors.



Nursery | MAY | Week 1

Mark 2:1-12

God Statement :: Jesus is Healer

Memory Verse :: *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

MAY | Week 1

Healing the Paralyzed Man

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Discover

- Jewish doctrine taught that sickness and sin were interconnected.
- Jesus proved His authority and ability to forgive sins when He said the words, "Your sins are forgiven." Immediately after speaking these words to the paralytic man, Jesus told him to get up and walk.
- This action confirmed the deity of Jesus by giving physical proof that He was—and is—able to forgive sins and heal the physical body.

Experience

Before you read this part of The Big God Story, talk with your children about what it means to be paralyzed. See how long they can lie perfectly still without moving. Explain to them that what you're about to read is true and from the Bible. Read **Mark 2:1–12**. Ask your children what stood out to them. Ask them why they think Jesus forgave the man before He healed his body. Pray together, thanking God that because of Jesus, our sins can be forgiven.

Follow

After reading through **Mark 2:1-12**, discuss these questions together:

- What are some ways Jesus heals today?
- How do you think the man felt when Jesus healed him?
- How can you ask Jesus for healing in your life?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to have conversations about how Jesus is Healer in your everyday life.

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A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's Name), **may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know that Jesus is Healer. May you continue to lean in to God's presence and discover who our Big God is on a deeper level.**

If you were taking your friend to see Jesus, what would your mat look like? Design your own mat below.



Jesus is Healer

