

Jesus' Healing is Amazing The Four Friends

Today's Bible Story: Jesus' healing is amazing.

The Four Friends • *Mark 2:1-12*

Memory Verse: "Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47, NIV

Key Question: Who is amazing?

Bottom Line: Jesus is amazing.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

1. Roof Building

Made to Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning

What You Need: Blocks and cardboard

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the blocks and cardboard in your activity area.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to build a house with the blocks. Once the walls are built, they can use the cardboard to build the roof. Children can build, carefully knock down, and build again as time and interest allow.

After the Activity: Have the children help you stack the blocks for clean-up. Move the cardboard out of reach of children.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come over here with me! Let's build some houses. You can use the blocks for the walls then create the roof with these pieces of cardboard. Once you've built the walls, just lay these pieces across the top for the roof."

After the Activity: "You are awesome builders! Today in our Bible story, you'll hear about four friends who went on a roof. Let's go find out why!"

2. We're Going on a Jesus Hunt

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: "We're Going on a Jesus Hunt" Activity Page and paper

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy of "We're Going on a Jesus Hunt" Activity Page on paper (print pages 3 & 4).

During the Activity: Lead the children in saying the words and doing the motions on the "We're Going on a Jesus Hunt" Activity Page.

After the Activity: Talk about how the four friends took their friend who couldn't walk to Jesus because they heard He could do amazing things. Jesus can do amazing things because **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. We heard another amazing story from the Bible about Jesus. Stand up! Let's tell the story again together."

During the Activity: (Use the "Going on a Jesus Hunt" Activity Page to lead the children in retelling the story.)

After the Activity: "The four friends took their friend to Jesus because they heard that He could do amazing things. Making their friend's legs all better so he could walk would be amazing, for sure! When they got there, Jesus made their friend better, and he did walk! Jesus really is amazing! **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

We're Going on a Jesus Hunt!

We're going on a Jesus hunt.
Our friend needs His help.
What an exciting day!
We can't wait!

Slowly walk around the room

Pump hands in the air

Uh-oh!
People!
Lots and lots of people!
We can't go over them.
We can't go under them.
We've got to go through them!
Excuse me! Excuse me! Coming through!

Freeze

Pretend you are walking through people

We're going on a Jesus hunt.
Our friend needs His help.
What an exciting day!
We can't wait!

Slowly walk around the room

Pump hands in the air

Uh-oh!
A roof!
We're on top of a roof!
We can't go over it
We can't go under it.
We've got to go through it!
Dig, dig, dig! Dig, dig, dig!

Freeze

Look around

Pretend you are digging with your hands



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Copy on copy paper. One per activity.

We're Going on a Jesus Hunt!

We're going on a Jesus hunt.
Our friend needs His help.
What an exciting day!
We can't wait!
Uh-oh!
No steps to Jesus!
And it's a long way down!
We can't go over it.
We can't go under it.
We've got to lower our friend down.
Down, down, down. Down, down, down.

Slowly walk around the room

Pump hands in the air

Freeze

Look down

Bend over, look down and pretend you are lowering a rope

WHO'S THAT!
A big friendly smile.
Lots and lots of love.
The power to do anything.
IT'S JESUS!

Make excited face with hands holding face, smile, hug yourself, show your muscles, pump hands in the air.

Hooray! Hooray!
Jesus is amazing!
He made the man all better.
HE COULD WALK!

Jump up and down, pump hands in the air

Hooray! Hooray!
Jesus is amazing!

Jump up and down, pump hands in the air



3. Carry

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Large towels or blankets and medium-sized plush friends

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the towels or blankets on the floor and place a stuffed friend in the middle of each one.

During the Activity: Invite four children to each pick up a corner of the towel and carry the plush friend around the room.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today in our Bible story, we heard about four friends who helped their friend who couldn't walk see Jesus! They carried him! WOW! What sweet friends they were!"

During the Activity: "Let's pretend that we're in our Bible story. Let's carry our stuffed friends just like the four friends did!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "You are all sweet friends, too! Jesus helped the man walk again! The friends knew that Jesus could help him, and He did! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

Prayer

Parent: "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He loves us and wants to help us. We know Jesus has the power to heal us and make us better. We trust that Jesus will always help us do hard things. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."