

Week 35 Parent Sheet: A Hole in the Roof

Mark 2:1-12 NIV

Most important is having God's forgiveness through Jesus! Do you have it? Are you sure?

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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Many Events of Jesus' Life in Chronological Order:

- Born (5 BC)
- Named – when 8 days old
- Presented at the Temple – when 40 days old
- Visited by Wise Men – when 2-4 months old
- Fled to Egypt – when 2 months old
- Returned to live in Nazareth – when 1 year old
- His parents thought He was lost – when 12 years old
- Baptized by John – when 30 years old
- Some important events of His three-year ministry:
 - ✦ Tempted in the wilderness
 - ✦ Moved from Nazareth to Capernaum
 - ✦ Called His disciples
 - ✦ Preached the Sermon on the Mount
 - ✦ **Performed many miracles**
 - ✦ Sent out His disciples to heal and teach
 - ✦ Warned about persecution
 - ✦ Told many parables
 - ✦ Heard of the death of John the Baptist
 - ✦ More miracles and teaching
 - ✦ Transfigured, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him
 - ✦ More miracles and teaching
 - ✦ Welcomed into Jerusalem – on Palm Sunday
 - ✦ Taught many things – on Holy Tuesday
 - ✦ Instituted the Lord's Supper – on Holy Thursday
 - ✦ Arrested, tried, crucified, and died – on Good Friday
 - ✦ Raised to life – on the third day, Easter Sunday
 - ✦ Ascended into heaven – 40 days after Easter

Background:

1. During Jesus' life and ministry He fulfilled many OT prophecies, taught with authority, and did many mighty miracles; all such things prove that He is the Son of God, the Promised Savior of the world!
2. In today's true story, Jesus proves His words to be true by doing a mighty miracle!

A Hole in the Roof:

1. Many gather: Jesus had recently been in Capernaum – preaching, healing, and casting out demons; now He is back and many are excited to see Jesus and hear him preach: ¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left,

not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

2. A paralyzed man and his determined friends: They knew Jesus had the power to heal, so they carried their friend to Jesus. When they could not get to Jesus through the door, because of the crowd, they took radical action: ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.
3. Jesus does the most important first: ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." It would be bad to be paralyzed, *but far worse to be apart from God and His blessings forever and ever!* So let each of us ask: Are my sins forgiven? Also, how do I know they are? What is the source of my assurance?
4. Jesus is a mind-reader: ⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts... *Jesus also knows our thoughts as well!*
5. Jesus proved His ability to forgive sins: ...and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?" ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.
6. They were amazed and praised: This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Thoughts:

1. No one is saved by *knowing things about Jesus and believing them to be true*; see James 2:19.
2. God saves by *making people sorry for their sins and giving them faith to trust in Jesus as their Savior!*