

## QUEST 7: JESUS HEALS A MAN WHO CAME THROUGH A ROOF (LUKE 5:17-26)

### KEY AIMS

- To understand that Jesus has the right and ability to forgive sins.
- To see how Jesus responds to those who do or do not have faith in him.

#### What You Need

- +LEGO® or other building bricks and people
- +Activity leaflets
- +Battery powered tea light
- +Optional -Treasure Chest and Treasure Scroll +Optional - Spire of Light
- +Optional - Materials for the craft
- +Optional - Equipment for your chosen game

### THEME SONG

*Option – play the Guardians of Ancora theme song (mp3 or video) to bring everyone together. The video can be found on the Multimedia links document in the Appendix.*

### OPENING ACTIVITY

Using LEGO® or other building bricks and people, create the scene in today's Bible story together. Build the house where Jesus was teaching, fill it with people, then put a roof on top. Make sure everyone in your group is involved in building the house. (In the craft, you can weave a little mat for a man to lie on and add it later.)

### OPENING PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus, that you want us to have our sins forgiven and you have the power to forgive us. Thank you that you know all of our hearts.

### READ - Luke 5:17-26

Read the passage aloud in the way that is suitable for your family members.

*Option – play the Guardians of Ancora video of this story. The video can be found on the Multimedia links document in the Appendix.*

*Option - using the model built earlier, tell the story together, taking the roof off the house at the right moment and lower the man down through the hole.*

### TALK ABOUT IT

Ask everyone how they might have felt to see a man being lowered through a roof on a mat. Why didn't they just stand in line outside the house and wait? Why do they think the man's friends were so desperate to get him to Jesus? Challenge them to remember what Jesus said to the man.

Invite everyone to read Luke 5:20 again and notice the words of Jesus. Invite them to express their first thought on hearing what Jesus says. Doesn't it seem a bit odd that Jesus says this? Why doesn't he just say "you are healed," or "your faith is amazing" like he did in the stories from previous Quests?

### DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

Take time to complete the activity sheets. Talk about what Jesus' words in verse 24 tell us about him. Explain that Jesus is the Son of God. God sent Jesus to earth to forgive sins and help us to rebuild our relationship with him.



## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

You may want to take some time at this point to explore what sin is and how it separates us from God as well as how the work of Jesus on the cross restores this relationship. Explain that Jesus forgives our sins if we ask him, because he loves us very much. The Bible says that everyone sins and everyone needs God to forgive their sins. Invite everyone to share about Jesus forgiving the wrong or bad things we have done. *Option - Write your comments and thoughts on a Treasure Scroll. Then roll it up and place it in the Treasure Chest.*

## PRAY TOGETHER

Turn the tea light on and pass it around to each participant as they pray. Begin by saying 'Thank you, Jesus, that you can forgive sins and heal people's bodies.' As you pass the candle around, encourage everyone to thank Jesus for something from the passage that was important to them today. *Option - after praying you could add the tea light to the Spire of Light.*

## CRAFT

*Option – "Make a woven mat" see below.*

## GAME

*Option – choose a game from the games in the Appendix.*

## THEME SONG

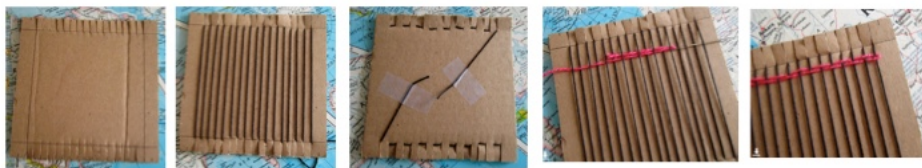
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## CRAFT

### MAKE A WOVEN MAT

#### SUPPLIES

- Weaving cards (available online or from craft shops, or make your own from stiff cardstock)
- Different colored yarn
- Ribbon and strips of cloth
- Scissors and plastic needles (or plastic coffee stirrers)



Photos from  
Instructables Craft

#### DIRECTIONS

Give each participant a weaving card and show them how to weave a piece of yarn in between the yarn fixed on the card. Then invite everyone to choose the colors of yarn they'd like to use and help them to start weaving. If weaving proves too difficult with just the fingers, provide plastic needles for the children to use, or you could use plastic coffee stirrers with an eyehole. (For more detailed instructions and illustrations go to: <https://www.instructables.com/id/how-to-weave-on-a-cardboard-loom/>)

As you work, chat together about the story. Comment that the mats you're weaving will be like mini-versions of what the man in the story had. When complete, you can use one of the mats to re-tell the story.





Jesus was teaching the crowds.



The paralyzed man couldn't get to Jesus.

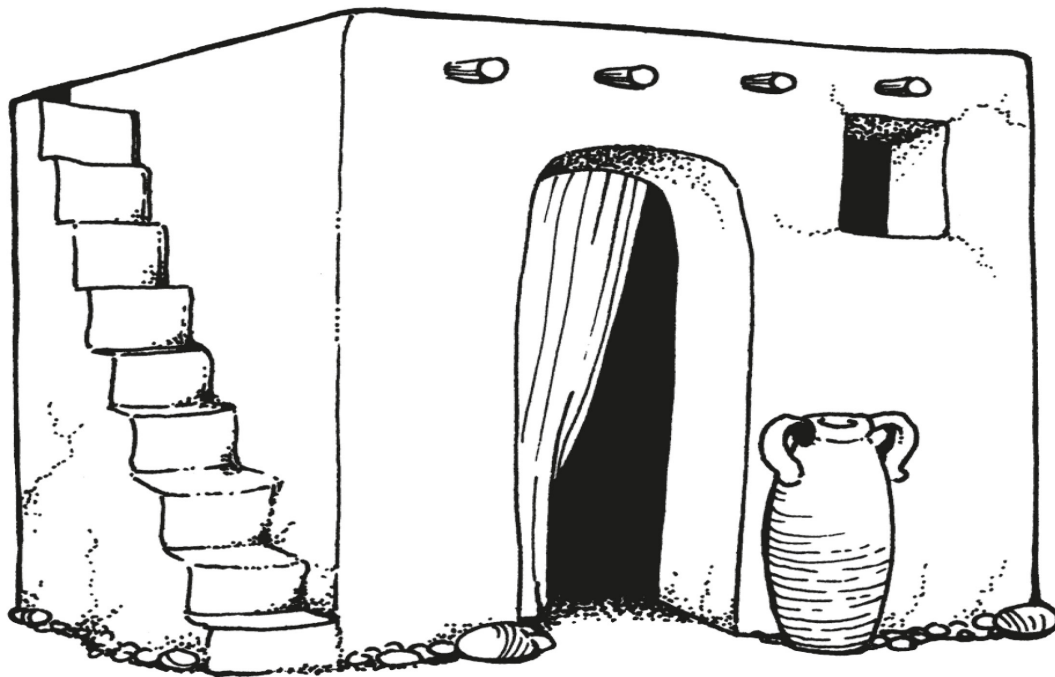


The man's friends helped him get to Jesus.



Jesus made him well!

**Use these pictures to re-tell the story.**



**Draw the man on the roof with his friends.  
Draw Jesus by the door.**

# JESUS HEALS A MAN WHO CAME THROUGH A ROOF!

The man in today's story needed to be friends with God again and he couldn't do that unless his sins were forgiven.

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x	f	o	r	g	i	v	e
z	s	i	n	s	x	z	x
h	e	r	e	x	z	o	n
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Color in the squares with "x" and "z" to discover why Jesus could help him.



## QUEST SUMMARY

A paralyzed man is brought to Jesus, but because there is no space for the men carrying him to get through the crowds they climbed onto the roof of the building where Jesus was teaching and lowered the man through the ceiling. On seeing the faith of these men, Jesus heals the paralyzed man.

# TREASURE SCROLL

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Times you forgive us when we do the wrong thing.

