



## **SUMMER STORIES OF JESUS JR/SR: Jesus Heals a paralyzed man**

**Date:** Sunday August 16, 2026 **Teachers:** Susan D (lead), Heidi E (co-lead), Liam H (co-lead)

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Luke 5 **KEY PASSAGE:** Rev. 21:5

**Props: \*\* bring from home:** sheet (Heidi)

**INTRO BIBLE STORY JR & SR COMBINED: materials:** (whiteboard/marker, paper)

*Susan*

This summer our Stories of Jesus series has been highlighting stories that reflect the character of Jesus. When we look at Jesus we are able to see God. Jesus is God the son.

Jesus shows us what God is like and what the realm of God is like. He is more than just an ambassador though Jesus is God the Son and when we look at Jesus we see God!

**mirror/fingerprint/ambassador:** go through all of the object lessons we've looked at this summer, and how they are examples of knowing something through something else. (**mirror: image, reflects God's character/ fingerprint: Imprint of his nature/ ambassador: representative of another nation (place God's realm)**)

**BIBLE STORY VIDEO: JESUS HEALS A PARALYTIC**

**KEY PASSAGE VERSE**

*Heidi*

**materials: (white board, marker)**

draw an icon or image to represent the underlined words for the kids to decode

**"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. For the old order of things has passed away."** Revelation 21: 4

Everything Jesus did on earth, points to the new heavens and new earth.

**SING A SONG:** "Every move I make /another fun song you wish to lead "

*Susan*

**ACTIVITY 1 "Lower the man" materials:** (sheet)

*Heidi*

**(have kids take turns lying in the sheet and two adults stand on chairs and lower them to the ground)**

Jesus' came and brought his kingdom to earth. He made the sick well, the dead alive, the mean & greedy people generous and the unclean- clean. King Jesus and His power had burst into the earth and we see that in this story like the men that burst into the house through the roof to lower their friend to be healed by Jesus.

**REVIEW BIBLE STORY: (be creative in how the kids answer/give away points)**

*Liam*

What was wrong with the man in the story?(paralyzed)

What did the men do to get their friend to Jesus? (lowered him)

Jesus said what is easier to forgive sin OR (say rise up and walk)

What happened when Jesus said Rise up and walk (the man did)

What does this show us about Jesus? (kids can answer, but encourage them to see that He is God, He is Powerful and loving and He shows us what His kingdom is like).

**OBJECT LESSON: “easy & hard” materials: (whiteboard)**

*Susan*

When Jesus was preaching and the men lowered their friend in through the roof so Jesus could heal them, Jesus said to the man Your sins are forgiven, rise up and walk... and the Pharisees said, who does he think he is?! Only God can forgive sin. Jesus asked, “what is easier to do, forgive, or say rise up and walk?!” And then Jesus did BOTH! He healed this man to show HE has the authority as God to heal all of creation. He can heal bodies, but the most important miracle is that He redeems our life back from death, and the Lord of the dead, and he forgives sin and sets His creation free from its bondage to SIN & death. When healing happens in the Bible it is as a sign that points to the day when there will be no more blindness, sickness or death: NO MORE tears when God’s realm and our realm meet: THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH.

Let’s list the things we are looking forward to in the NHNE:

Kids can list things while you write them and have **a mini dance party for each of them**: no fighting, no tears, no sickness, no homework, no struggle....

**PRAY**: Jesus’ healed people to point to the fact that his kingdom is one of life and wholeness, we can still pray for healing today, but we also know that the world is broken and that the most important healing isn’t one of bodies but of our hearts which are disconnected from our creator, Jesus came and rescued the world to restore our hearts. Let’s pray for people we know who are sick or distressed

**ACTIVITY: “crawl, walk, crab walk relay”**

*Liam*

In our story today we heard about a man who couldn’t walk. Walking was hard - impossible for him. When you were a baby first born, you couldn’t walk, what did you learn first? (crawl) **Have a crawling relay**. Then you learned to stand, then you started to walk (**Have a walking relay**). And of course you learned to run, but we are not going to have a running relay in here, we are going to have a crab walk relay! (**Do a crab walk relay**)

**COLOURING SHEET/ SNACK:**

**BONUS ACTIVITY** (if time after colouring sheet): **“HEY’O ball toss” materials** (use the sheet and a ball) *Heidi*

Kids grab corners of the sheet and try to keep the ball in the air, add more balls to make it complicated saying Hey’O when it lands!