



# The Four Friends

Mark 2:1-12

GOD MADE ME • GOD LOVES ME • JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

**STORYTELLER:** Today we're going to hear about some amazing friends in the Bible. Friends are people who love and help each other.

The friends I read about in my Bible had another friend who was very sick. This man couldn't move his legs (*place hands on legs*) and his friends were sad for him. Show me your sad face. (*Demonstrate.*) So they took him to see Jesus. They knew Jesus could help him.

The friends took a mat, and helped the man lie down on it. Then they each picked up a corner of the mat and carried him all the way to the house where Jesus was.



**STORYTELLER:** When they got to the house to see Jesus, it was so crowded they could not even get in the door. So they picked up the man on his mat and climbed up onto the roof. *(Pretend to climb.)*  
Everyone climb with me. Climb, climb, climb!



**STORYTELLER:** They made a hole in the roof and looked way down into the house (*pretend to look down into the house*). There was Jesus! They knew Jesus would help their friend. So they carefully lowered him down into the house.



**STORYTELLER:** And guess what! Jesus DID help their friend! Jesus told the man to get up and walk, and he did! Jesus was a good friend and helped the man walk. Jesus loved him and was his good friend, just like he is your good friend. **[Big Idea] Jesus is a good friend.** **[Key Question] Who is a good friend?**

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** **[Big Idea] Jesus is a good friend.**

**STORYTELLER:** That's right. **[Big Idea] Jesus is a good friend.** Let's pray and thank God for giving us Jesus to be our good friend.

### **PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus to be our good friend. We love you, God. Amen.

