



SPARK

Week 15 - Jesus Heals a Paralytic

Week of Jan. 25 Focus:

Jesus said to him, "Son, your sins are forgiven.." Mark 2:5

After this time together your child will be able to do/know (one or all depending on their age):

- Understand the man could not walk & his friends brought him to Jesus.
- The friends did not let the crowds keep them from Jesus.
- Jesus heals the man physically & spiritually.

Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 15 preparation video at saint-max.org/spark
- Watch: God's Story: Jesus Heals a Man (3:30)



Opening Prayer

+ Holy God, we love you! We thank you for our beautiful world. Help us to be caring friends. Help us to find people to bring to you especially _____. Please heal _____. Amen. +

PRAY

Family Connection

This week share about what you have done in your life to get close to Jesus? Maybe there was time when you weren't close but something/someone brought you closer again. Or, perhaps you have experienced Jesus' healing power. Share that with you child. Or share when you were the friend who brought someone to Jesus.

SHARE



Saint Spotlight - St John(Don) Bosco 1815-1888 (Click his name to learn more!)

John's father died when he was 2 and he was raised by his mother; he had a dream about helping young boys that shaped his life. He taught himself magic tricks learned from a passing circus. He used these tricks to capture an audience and then preached the gospel. He became a priest who helped young, poor boys by housing them & finding work. At one point he & his mother lodged 800 boys. His mother is on her way to Sainthood! **Venerable Margherita "Margaret" Occhiena** (Click for her story) Can you imagine mother and child both saints?! A great goal for ALL of us!

Patron Saint of: Schoolchildren, magicians, juvenile delinquents **Feast day:** Jan 31

Starting this week we are going to be looking at Scripture through four different lenses. Be sure to read the article in Dig Deeper & we will discuss each of the facets in our upcoming lessons. An ancient & fascinating way of reading Scripture!

LEARN



Read the Bible Story

This story can be found in Mark 2:1-12 (Page 54 in Picture Bible Stories)

- I wonder how long this man had been paralyzed? (*The Bible doesn't say*)
- I wonder why his friends carried him to Jesus? (*Because he can't get there alone; they care for him and want healing for him*)
- I wonder how they felt when they got to the house and it was so crowded?
- What would you have done?
- It's curious what Jesus said, "Son, your sins are forgiven?" (*Jesus often heals both the outside and the inside. He is most concerned with our hearts. We are his family.*)
- Is there someone you would like to carry to Jesus?

Wondering Questions: I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? (*Jesus loves us and cares about our needs. We should care about other people and bring them to Jesus. OUR faith can bring THEM blessings.*)

If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:

Paralyzed man, four friends & Jesus Creative way to tell the story with 4 white strips!

How to use the Four Senses in Bible Study A simple picture chart) - Scroll to the end of the article to find the picture chart with 4 basic questions to ask in studying Scripture!

LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family



1. How do we bring (invite) people to Jesus? (Invite them to Mass, activities at church, Bible study, offer to pray for people, etc)
2. How do people encounter Jesus through your family? (Helping neighbors or grandparents, offering kindness to strangers in stores, etc)
3. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

PRAY

+ Healing God, You are the divine physician. You can heal our hearts. Thank you for sending us Jesus to teach us how to be good friends. We pray especially for _____. Amen +

Dig Deeper!

A Man & His Friends A very short read on this gospel explained

Youcat for Kids (p. 141) on the Sacraments of Healing

Catechism #1420 Sacraments of Healing

Four Senses of Scripture - A short article on how to read & understand Scriptures



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