

## 2-3 Year Olds

**Bible Story:** Jesus Helps a Sick Man, pp. 290-293

**Topic:** Four Men Lower a Lame Man thru the Roof

**Memory Verse:** "Jesus . . . went about doing good," Acts 10:38

**Group Activity:** Act out the story by letting four children at a time carry a doll on a blanket around the room.

**Songs:**

**Special Snack Idea:** NONE

<b>Art:</b> Black construction paper Dr. Bags Band-Aids Cotton Balls Smarties "medicine" "Tongue Depressors" (lg. craft stick)	Children glue items inside the construction paper "Dr. Bag" to make their own Dr. Bag  Give each child a pack of "smarties" to take home
<b>Blocks:</b> One small blanket	Children see how many blocks they can carry in a blanket
<b>Home Living:</b> Toy Doctor's Kit Small Pillow Small Blanket	Children pretend to take care of a sick friend by using the toy doctor's kit
<b>Puzzles/Games:</b> Doctor/Nurse Puzzles Matching Band-Aids Game Mr. Potato Head Bible Story Puzzle	Teachers help children play with puzzles and games
<b>Nature/Science:</b> 1 Cucumber 1 Potato 1 Carrot 1 Apple 2 Vegetable Scrub Brushes 1 "Washing Bin/Bowl"	Children wash fruits and vegetables with a scrub brush and bowl of water. Remind children to take good care of their bodies by eating healthy snacks.
<b>Books:</b> <u>A Visit to the Doctor</u> <u>Jesus Walks on Water</u> <u>When I Grow Up</u>	Teacher and children read the story books

# Jesus Helps a Sick Man

Children's Discovery Bible

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Four men took their sick friend to see Jesus. The man could not walk so his friends carried him on a bed mat. They wanted the man to see Jesus because they believed Jesus could help him walk.

Jesus was teaching in a house. Many people were listening to Him. The four men took their friend to the house, but the house was so full the four men could not even get their friend inside the door. "I know what we can do," said one man. "Let's go up on the roof. We can make a hole in it and lower our friend down into the house to see Jesus."

So the men carried their friend to the roof. They made a hole that could be fixed later. Then they tied ropes to the bed mat and slowly and carefully lowered their friend through the hole.

Jesus saw the man coming down on the mat. He saw the man's friends up on the roof. He was glad that they believed in Him. Jesus smiled at the man on the mat. "Your sins are forgiven," He said. Some of the people in the house grew angry. "Only God can forgive sins," They said. They didn't believe Jesus was God's Son.

Jesus wanted them to know who He was. He wanted them to know what He could do. The people could not see if the Man's sins were forgiven. But they could see Jesus' Special power if He healed the man. "Stand up," Jesus said to the man. "Pick up your bed and walk." Right away the man got up and rolled up his bed mat. And then he began to walk!

"Thank You, Jesus," said the man. And all the way home, the man thanked God. How surprised all the people were! Everyone thanked God. They knew Jesus had special power. He could forgive sins and make people well. He could do it because He is God's Son.

Bible story from Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26