

Be Faithful

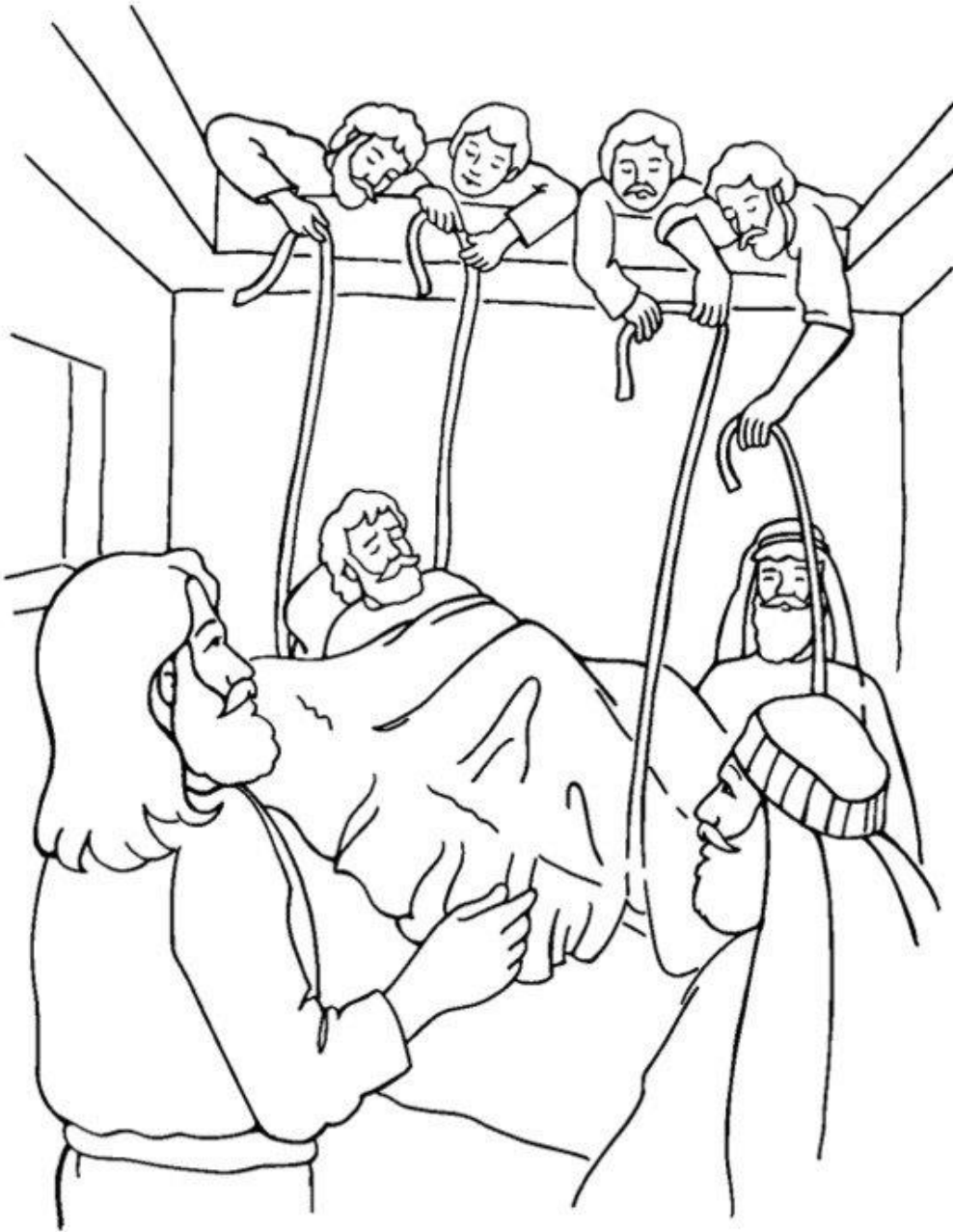


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You can colour this picture if you want to.



From the Bible

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Man Who Could Not Walk

One day Jesus was teaching. Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. They heard that the Lord had given Jesus the power to heal the sick. So some men came carrying a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. They tried to take him into the house to place him in front of Jesus. They could not find a way to do this because of the crowd. So they went up on the roof. Then they lowered the man on his mat through the opening in the roof tiles. They lowered him into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw that they had faith, he spoke to the man. He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to think, “Who is this fellow who says such an evil thing? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Is it easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven’? Or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he spoke to the man who could not walk. “I tell you,” he said, “get up. Take your mat and go home.” Right away, the man stood up in front of them. He took his mat and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with wonder. They said, “We have seen unusual things today.”

Luke, chapter 5, verses 17-26, New International Reader's Version

? To think about

Which character in the story is most like you?

I wonder if you've ever wanted to help but found your way blocked?

I wonder why the friends and the man believed and had faith in Jesus?



Cooking

Edible story

You will need:

- 2 bread sticks
- 1 fruit rollup
- 5 Jelly Babies

Unwind the fruit rollup and use it to make a stretcher with the bread sticks. Lay one jelly baby on the stretcher and then balance it on the shoulders of the other four jelly babies. How long will it balance before it gets eaten?

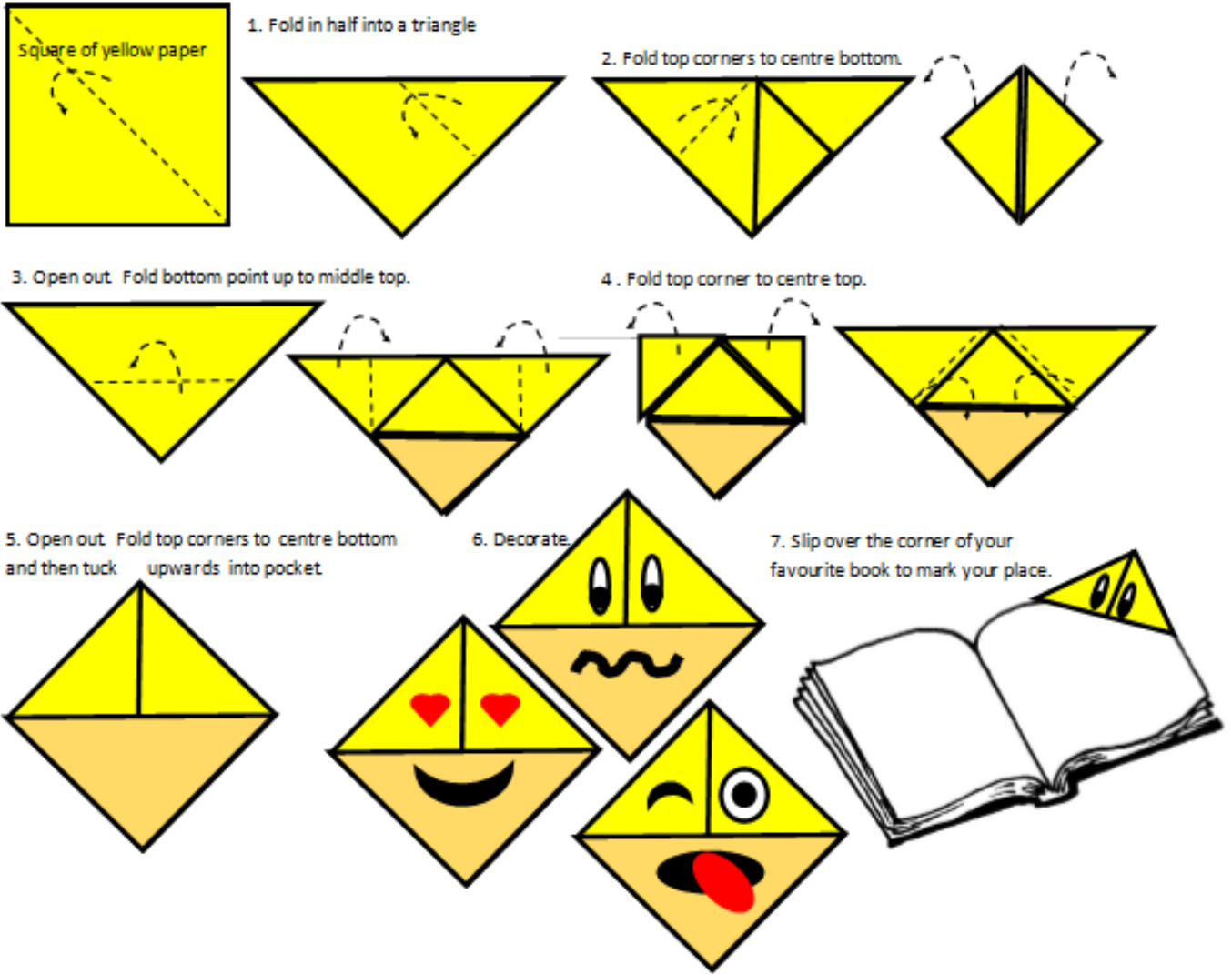


Craft Activity

Emoji corner bookmarks

You will need:

- Yellow Paper
- Pens, stickers to decorate



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Which emoji could you put onto your bookmarks to show the emotions of the people in the Bible story today?

Which emoji would show how you feel?



Building Challenge

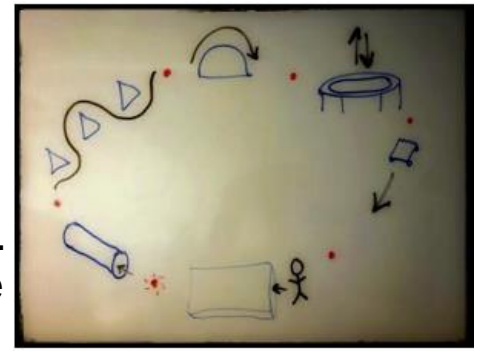
Can you build a house like the one in the story, you could use building blocks or recycled boxes? Have fun breaking a hole in the roof!



Outdoor Activity Suggestions

Obstacle course

Use things in your garden or at the park to make an obstacle course. You could time each other going round or see which person makes the least mistakes. Maybe you could carry a toy round the course like the friends carried the man to Jesus.



From messychurch.org.uk



Song

I'm gunna jump up and down

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you sing along to this song on the computer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88sMclwWqdl&list=PL8Q8PGsETCz6udhOISjMI9SQ33Jyg-x1-&index=17> (with Makaton)

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1srGiXEypEM>



Prayer

Amazing God,
Thank you that you are there for us
even when there seems to be obstacles in the way.
Give us strength to keep going!
Amen
(Amen just means 'I agree' in the language that Jesus spoke.)



Puzzle

Can you unscramble these words from the story?

HFIAT	AWKL	OROF
EHUOS	HCREESTA	IEROFVGN
RWODC	ORDWELE	LIEBVEE

Puzzle from: www.education.com/