

The Early Life of Jesus

Day 3: Jesus Forgives Sins and Picks the 12 Disciples Mark 2:1-12

Note: When you see typing in “**CAPS**” like this, make sure you are drawing on the sketchboard as you teach

Introduction: If Jesus came to your house tonight and you could ask him some questions, what kind of questions would you ask him?

What if you couldn't walk, and no doctor could help you out? Then if Jesus asked that same question, then what would you ask Him?

Today, we are going to meet a man who encountered Jesus and had his life changed by Him. This man had some of the same questions you have, but He got to meet Jesus and Jesus did some amazing things for him. Let's find out what those were...

I. Jesus Shows His Deity

By this time Jesus had gained lots of attention. He was speaking about God, claiming to be the way to God and the promised Messiah; the one came to save people from their sins. One day people came to a house where Jesus was teaching. It was so packed, the house was full and people were even outside wanting to get in....

A). Draw in the **HEADS** of the crowd inside of the house.

Tell the story in your own words from Mark 2:1-12

B). Draw in the **HEAD** and **ARMS** of Jesus

As Jesus was teaching, there was noise on top of roof. What was it? All of sudden you could see daylight... people were on top of the roof, and actually made a hole in order to see Jesus.

C). Draw in the **HOLE** of the ceiling

D). Draw in the **MEN'S HEADS** on the side of the hole.

Why do you think these men were so interested in hearing and seeing Jesus?

Tell the story in your own words...

E). Draw in the **ROPES** and the **MAN** on the **MAT**.

- 1). Everyone was watching to see what Jesus would do.
- 2). The religious leaders were there, watching Jesus' every move.
- 3). The man lowered from the ceiling had a worse problem than being paralyzed.
- 4). He had a problem that we all have, and no one can fix it but Jesus.

F). Draw over the word **SIN** in partial letters.

- 1). Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven against God.
- 2). No one was expecting an answer like that.
- 3). What sins could of this man possibly committed?
 - Sins in heart: coveting, lust, pride, hate,
 - Sins of the mouth: lying, unkind words
- 4). What sins have you committed? Start to go over the Ten Commandments with the children (this is the ideal spot in the five day series to really teach on the seriousness of sin).

The religious men who heard were very offended, and thought in their minds, "Who does Jesus think He is? He is just a man. Only God can forgive sins.

- 5). Jesus knew their thoughts and told them what they were thinking
- 6). This proves Jesus is God.

So, what Jesus did to prove He was God, and could forgive sins, he said....
Verses 10-12. (The point is, you can't see sins forgiven, but since Jesus made the crippled man walk (in which you can see, which takes the power of God), if Jesus can do the miracle of making a crippled man walk in which you can see, then, Jesus can even forgives sins against God in which you can't see. You will need to meditate on this a while so it comes out clearly for kids).

People were amazed. Another miracle!

G). Fill in the title: **JESUS FORGIVES**

- 1). Has Jesus forgiven you of the sins you committed, just like He forgave the crippled man?

II. Jesus picks Matthew a sinner to be his disciple

Sometime later, Jesus was in the process of picking men who would be on his team to help him in His ministry. Along time ago, some people worked for government called Rome. And Rome demanded that people pay Rome money called taxes. People hated giving their hard earned money away. Especially to Rome, because was often not too nice to people. And, the people that collected taxes, called tax collectors were often thieves and stole people's money, and everyone knew it. So, tax collectors were known liars and thieves. Really bad dudes.

One of the tax collectors for Rome was named Matthew.

F). Draw in **MATTHEW** at his desk.

- 1). Jesus walked by Matthew one day lying and cheating people out of money (Mark 2:13-17).

G). Draw in **JESUS** talking with Matthew.

- 1). What do you think Jesus talked to Matthew about?
- 2). Surprisingly, Jesus picked him to be on his team, one of his disciples. Jesus said, **FOLLOW ME** (Mark 2:14). Paint over in wax
- 3). Matthew was excited! He invited Jesus to his house for dinner with his tax collector friends.
- 4). The religious people heard about this and were offended again at Jesus. Why is Jesus hanging around bad people who were liars and cheats?
- 5). The religious people (The Pharisees) thought they were good, and didn't have any sin or problem with God.
- 6). Are you more like the tax collectors or the Pharisees?
- 7). Jesus' reply was Mark 2:17

III. Jesus picks the Disciples

Well, it came time for Jesus to pick His team. He chose 12 men to be on His team.

H). Paint in the number **12**

- 1). What kind of men do you think he chose? Good men, or sinful men?
- 2). There are no good men in God's eyes. All men and women, boys and girls are sinful and have broken God's commandments. We need to believe what God says (Romans 3:23).
- 3). The 12 men to be on his team are called **DISCIPLES**

I). Draw in the **HEADS** on the 12 disciples

Jesus chose sinful men to follow him, to be on his team, and train them in the Word of God. The reason why Jesus chose sinful men to follow him is because everyone is sinful. There are no good or holy people. All are sinners. It is only up to people like you and I to admit that we are sinful and need God's forgiveness.

Jesus then is going to take these 12 men and teach them about who He is, and how to get to heaven.

Conclusion: Kids, what is the most important thing we need from God?

Answer: forgiveness of our sins.

