

Gospel of Luke / Lesson 10
Through The Roof

Luke 5:17-26

For Servants,

- Please review the introduction to the Book of Luke and pick some information to focus on.
- It is advisable to have the children take turns in reading the verses so that they get engaged and pay attention. Upon the servant prep. Servant may elect to summarize some verses into a story instead of reading verse by verse.

MEMORY VERSE

LUKE 5:24

“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

LESSON TIME!

Lesson Goal: We walk by faith, not by sight

Today we will look at a man who had some pretty good friends. Do any of you have friends? What do you like most or appreciate most in those friends? We will meet a man today who came to appreciate his friends very deeply. He was in a tough spot, but they were determined to help him out. Let's read about what they did for him.

We walk by faith, not by sight.

Luke 5:17-19

17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. 18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. 19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

The crowds gathered around Jesus always to hear His teaching and be healed of their sicknesses; that crowd had grown too large to properly control. Luke 5:15 tells us that. He then came back to the city and went to a friend's home. The people heard He was back in town and they longed to hear Him teach.

Jesus draws people to Himself through His truth and love. When we have Jesus in our lives, we resemble Him; He is the Light of the world and us too are the Light of the world as He said, He will draw people to Himself through our lives.

Can you think of someone [friend or family] who you feel drawn to? Someone you love to be around? You always want to be near them. It could be that it is Jesus in them that you long to be nearby

Magnetic Personalities [Visual aid]

Bring a magnet and a plate with paper clips to class.

Draw the magnet closely over the paper clips so that they cling to the magnet. Allow some of the children to try this also.

Illustrate that the love of Christ is like this magnetic force. When it passes over a life, that life is drawn to Christ.

So many people came to the house to see Jesus; from all the towns of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem; that means that those people thirty for the word of God they traveled long distances to come see and hear Jesus and that explains why that they did not all fit inside. There was so much crowding outside that people could not even get in the door. Jesus was in there preaching the Word of God. The Word of God is the most exciting book, the Bible. It is alive and active.

Picture this: four friends come carrying a stretcher, one man at each corner. They cannot even get in the front door, let alone anywhere near Jesus. They had one goal in mind...get their friend to Jesus. If they could just get their friend to Jesus, they knew that everything would be OK. They knew that Jesus was the only one who could help him. Not doctors or books or medicine or exercise or wishes or trying hard or anything else could heal him; only Jesus could help their friend. They were desperate for Jesus' help, and they were determined to get it.

These friends must have had great faith in Jesus. They believed in His love and willingness to help. They had heard about Him and His message. Everything may have looked impossible and impassable, but they did not pay attention to how things looked; they knew that they must walk by faith. **We walk by faith, not by sight.**

They did not get discouraged, and they did not give up. They had absolute confidence, complete faith in Jesus. **We walk by faith, not by sight**

Application:

How can we be good friends to others? [Allow Children to answer] then deliver the answer below:

By bringing them to Jesus. When we know someone who is going through a hard time, we can tell them about Jesus' love and His power to help them. We can pray with them and point them to Jesus. **We walk by faith, not by sight.**

This week to train ourselves; how about each one of you would call a church friend and check on them and make sure they are coming to church next week

What does paralytic mean?

Look at the man in our Bible reading. He is a paralytic. That means he could not move his arms or legs. He could not walk or sit, feed himself or brush his own hair. He could not swim or play with his friends, dance or climb or swing; all he could do was lay still. He was completely unable to help himself. He could not get to Jesus on his own. But he did have one very important thing going for him. He had determined friends who were walking by faith. **We walk by faith, not by sight.**

Application:

One more thing that we need to learn from those friends; each one of them was a good faithful friend; they did not mock him, bully him or refuse a person that does not look like them; they befriended him, they helped him and stood by him, they wanted him to get well.

The paralytic man on his own, he was in a hopeless condition, absolutely helpless. He needed Jesus desperately. He wanted to get to Jesus. So, the four friends and the one paralyzed man found a way. And what a way it was! They climbed up on the roof of the house and tore a big hole through it.

Everyone in the house must have wondered what was happening, as bits of debris and dust came down and the sun slowly began to shine through the ceiling. Everything probably stopped, and the four friends let down the bed their friend laid on right in front of Jesus. Wow! The moment had come! Their friend was now face-to-face with Jesus, the Savior, the Healer, the Great One who changes lives. **What would Jesus do?**

"He Isn't Heavy, He's My Brother" [Optional activity]

Bring a stretcher (a blanket or a large beach blanket) to class.

Ask for a volunteer to lie down on the stretcher, and allow a number of the children in the class to have a turn carrying the volunteer around.

Keep the rides brief, and give many children an opportunity to ride as possible. Make certain you have enough carriers to hold the child being carried without dropping him or her.

Luke 5:20-23

20 When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?"

What an interesting verse. Jesus is so remarkable. Jesus saw the man lowered down slowly in front of His eyes. What did He see? He saw much more than anyone else did or you or I could have. He looked right through the man's crippled body and into his heart. He also looked up and saw the man's four friends and their hearts.

Jesus saw something in all five of their hearts that pleased Him and still pleases Him when He sees it in our hearts. Verse 20 tells us that He "saw their faith." When He saw they had absolute confidence in Him, it pleased Him. They trusted Him just because of who He was, and they brought their need to Him. They did not come with gifts or money or promises, they just came with their need and trusted Jesus would take care of it. How we need to bring our needs to Jesus! **We walk by faith, not by sight.**

The first thing that Jesus said to the man may not have been what he or his friends wanted to hear, but Jesus knew the man had a greater need than just being able to move his body. It is the great need of all of our lives; we need to have our sins forgiven. Our sins make us utterly helpless and spiritually paralyzed. Jesus saw the man's faith in Him and forgave him his sin. Jesus took care of the greatest need first--sin. **But why?**

Worse than being paralyzed, sin is death. Jesus chose to heal the man's soul before healing his body. Sure, his body was paralyzed but that was not as awful as his soul being dead in sin. Jesus always knows where to start. We may want Him to fix something we are desperate about, but first He fixes our sin situation so we can be made alive in Him. Then He begins to fix other areas.

Jesus is God and He knew their thoughts without them saying anything; He explained that it is easy for God to heal the man, but God also will forgive his sins.

Only God can forgive sin. Jesus was able to forgive this man's sin because Jesus is God. He knows the best place to start His work in our lives. He is pleased when we put our faith in Him and honors that faith with His forgiveness.

Share a Personal Experience [Optional] Servants; You may elect not to proceed with that:

Tell the children about a time in your life, or the life of someone you know, that the Lord answered your prayer in an unexpected way. Perhaps you were seeking him for something, and He led you in a direction completely different than you expected. Explain to the children how God was faithful in that situation.

Allow one or two of the children to express similar experiences.

Not only were there people in the house who loved Jesus and desired to be taught by Him, but there were also enemies of Jesus in the room. Jesus' enemies never take Him by surprise. He knows who they are, where they are, what they think, and what scheme they may have to try to harm Him. Enemies do not fluster Jesus. He knew exactly what these scribes were thinking.

They must have been shocked when He said, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?" They had not said a word, but He knew what they were thinking and asked them about it. Only God could do that! You would think they would realize that, but the very thing that should have been obvious was the thing that made them mad! In forgiving the man's sins, Jesus was communicating that He is God. Then He let them know that the invisible miracle of forgiven sin is greater than the visible miracle of a healed body. To demonstrate that He had the power to forgive sins, He showed them that He has the power to heal.

Luke 5:24-26

24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. 26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

Jesus starts His command to the paralyzed man with four very important words. He said, "I say to you..." **The key** to all of this was that Jesus said it. Only Jesus is able to heal, and we receive His healing when **We walk by faith, not by sight.**

The man immediately got up. He did not stop and stammer and make excuses, saying, "But, Jesus, how can I get up, I'm paralyzed?" Instead, he walked by faith. It was his complete trust in Jesus that allowed him to obey without questioning! **We walk by faith, not by sight.**

The "Simon Says" Game

Have the class stand up and play a round of "Simon Says."

When the children respond to a command that begins with the phrase "Simon Says," they remain in the game. If they respond to a command without the command "Simon Says," they are eliminated and must sit down.

When the game is over, explain to the class that we need to respond to the Lord's commands with instant obedience. Even though we do not always understand why Jesus tells us to do certain things, when we obey, we show our faith in Him.

As we obey and trust Jesus, we will see Him working in our lives. Just like the paralyzed man was in desperate need of help, we are all sinners, in desperate need of Jesus to forgive our sins and give us strength to live for Him. He is the answer to all of our questions and the solution to all of our problems. He is the God of the universe and worthy of all our trust. Let us trust Him with all our hearts as **we walk by faith, not by sight.**

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer asking Jesus to help us all to walk by faith, not by sight.

PS: In this Chapter also there was the story of the Leper man [Luke 5:12-16] you may want to show the video of it as in the below and mention it quickly if there is time.

Email to Parents

Dear Parents,

In the lesson this week, we learned about the four friends who lowered the paralytic man through the roof to be healed by Jesus (Luke 5:17-26). We encourage you to review these scriptures with your child. The theme was "we walk by faith, not by sight." Sin is like a sickness in our life. Just like the paralyzed man, we can have our sickness (sin) healed or forgiven by putting our trust in Christ and asking Him to forgive us. It's exciting to know that God sent His Son to die on the cross to forgive us of our sins. Trusting and putting our faith in Christ will fill our life with peace. Great News!!! We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

Activities:

Please note that the below Activity is taken from Mark; same story; please use what is applicable:

<https://calvarycurriculum.com/pdf/Curriculum/Original/Curriculum/CURR180.PDF>

Videos:

The paralytic man:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aee4eF4FolI>

Jesus heals the leper man:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obFahHowi94>