



# Toddler Resource Packet

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ

## Lesson 11 I Can Help (Down Through the Roof)

Scripture

Matthew 9:1-2

Story

Jesus heals the man lowered down through the roof.

Themes

God helps me; I can help others.

Resources

Play-N-Worship

Read and Share Bible

The Beginner's Bible

The Toddlers Bible

TrueWay Kids



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### BIBLE STORY for Younger Toddlers

Read the story of Jesus healing the lame man from a child-friendly Bible or use the Story Picture and words from the Play-N-Worship handout.

Pray-Thank God for loving us and giving us people to help us.

### BIBLE STORY for Older Toddlers

Read the story of Jesus healing the lame man from a child-friendly Bible or use the Story Picture and words from the Beginners Bible handout.

Be sure to point out all the ways someone helped another person in the story.

Pray-Thank God for loving us and giving us people to help us.

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### BIBLE STORY for Younger Toddlers

Say: Jesus loves to help people. When people knew Jesus was in town, they would run to see him.

Ask: Who would you like to come to your house?

Say: Lots of people need Jesus' help. There was one man who was so sick he couldn't walk, He needed to see Jesus. He was very worried that he wouldn't be able to meet Jesus . How could the man see Jesus?

Say: The man had four good friends who carried him to see Jesus.

Ask: What do you think Jesus did when he saw the men helping their friend?

Say: Jesus helped the man walk again. The man's friends helped him get to Jesus. You can help people, too!



## BIBLE STORY for Older Toddlers

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from *The Beginners Bible*

Crowds of people went to see Jesus. They listened to him teach. He even healed the sick people.

One day, Jesus was teaching inside a house. So many people came to see him, that the house was full.

Four men came with their friend. Their friend could not walk. They had to carry him on a little bed. But they could not get to Jesus. The house was too full.

That did not stop them. There were some stairs outside the house. Up the stairs. They went to the roof. They took off some tiles of the roof and made a hole. Then they let their friend down right through the roof, right in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw the man, he said, "Get up and walk." The man stood up. He walked home praising God. Everybody else was amazed. They thanked God, too.

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### ACTIVITIES

Choose from the activities listed below or use your own fun ideas to reinforce the Bible lesson.

#### Pretend Play

As you play with your child, pretend to do household chores such as cooking, cleaning, and putting away. Say: **Jesus wants us to help, just like the friends helped the sick man. We can help at home. Let's think of ways we can help at home.** Help your child think of ways by offering examples, such as picking up, sharing toys, or comforting a sibling.

#### Doll Play

Take turns with your child carrying dolls on a blanket like the friends did with their paralyzed friend. Create a small obstacle course, so your child has to maneuver around items to get to you. When they get to you, say: **Jesus helped the sick man walk-because his friends helped him get to Jesus. What good friends! Just like the sick man's friends helped him, you can help your friends!**

#### Story Fun

Have your child build a small house out of blocks. Place a piece of thin cardboard on top for the roof. Cut a hole in the roof with scissors if desired. Use toy people figures to tell the story.



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#### Songs

Suggested Songs:

Jesus is a Friend, Love is Something If You Give it Away, Jesus Loves Me

#### Art

Let your child scribble color story color sheet. Say: **Jesus helped the man walk again. The man's friends helped him get to Jesus. You can help people, too!**

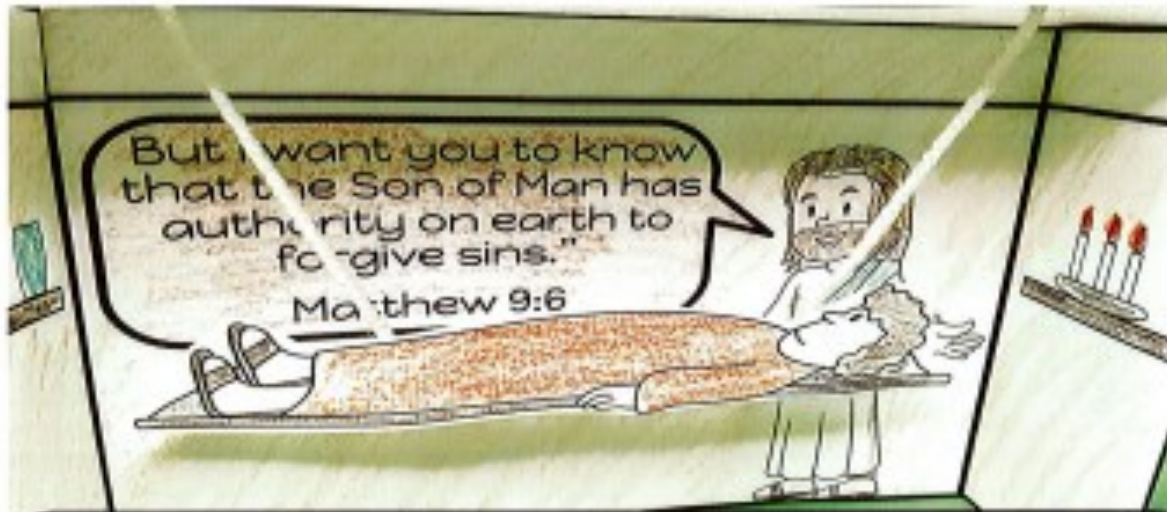
You can also let your child color the pieces of the story craft 3D house. When your child has finished, glue or tape the flaps on the house. Show your child how to lower the sick man down to Jesus.

#### Other

Let your child help make a treat or card for community helpers such as fire fighters, police officers, nurses, doctors, etc. Look for opportunities to point out people you see helping in every day life.

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## Lame man through roof Bible craft



### What you need

Template of house and lame man

Glue or tape

Crayons or colored pencils

Yarn or string

### What to do



Colour in the template pages.



Cut out the house and man on mat



Glue flaps on house to make 3D



Adult: Make two small holes in the roof



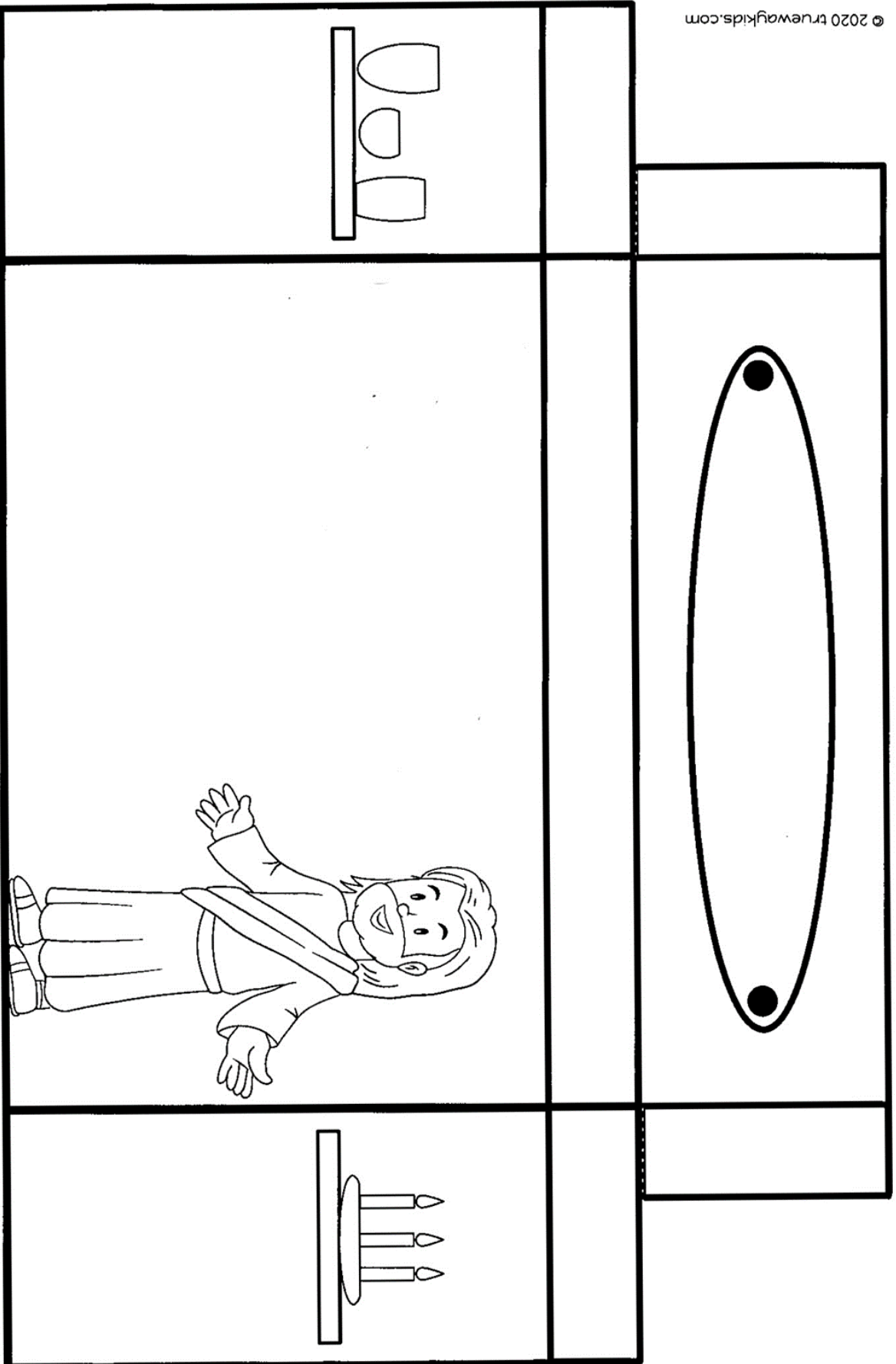
Tape 2 strips of wool on back of man



Thread wool through holes in roof and tie. Allow enough wool so the man can be lowered.

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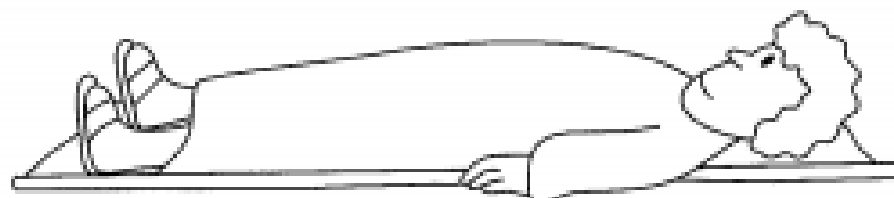
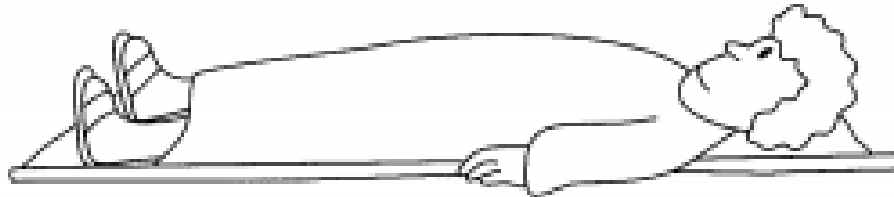
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# Lesson 11 I Can Help (Down Through the Roof)

Only one man needed per craft



# Lesson 11 I Can Help (Down Through the Roof) color sheet



Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

**Jesus Heals a Man Who Couldn't Walk**

Big Book of Coloring Pages  
with Bible Stories for Kids of All Ages

**Lesson 11 I Can Help (Down Through the Roof) story picture**

