

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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God Knows What We Need

Part of The Big God Story
Mark 2:1-12
Healing of Man Lowered through Roof

JUST FOR FUN

Before you read this part of The Big God Story, talk with your children about what it means to be paralyzed. See how long they can lie perfectly still without moving. Explain to them that what you're about to read is true and from the Bible. Read **Mark 2:1-12**. Ask your children what stood out to them. Ask them why they think Jesus forgave the man before He healed his body. Pray together, thanking God that because of Jesus, our sins can be forgiven.



Did You Know?

- Jewish doctrine taught that sickness and sin were interconnected.
- Jesus proved His authority and ability to forgive sins when He said the words, "Your sins are forgiven." Immediately after speaking these words to the paralytic man, Jesus told him to get up and walk.
- This action confirmed the deity of Jesus by giving physical proof that He was—and is—able to forgive sins and heal the physical body.

Your child may be becoming more aware of those around him who don't know Jesus, or are in need in general. Talk with him about ways that he can serve friends and family members, and how serving others is a way of sharing God's love. Be sure to model this behavior in your own friendships and relationships.

Teachable Moments

After reading Mark 2:1-12, discuss the following together:

- What do you think Jesus thought when He saw the man being lowered through the roof?
- How do you think the man felt when Jesus healed him?
- How can we thank God for forgiving our sins?

Remember Verse

I have chosen
the way of faithfulness;
I have set my heart on your laws.
Psalm 119:30

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you remember that God knows what you need, and may you go to Him for peace and comfort.