

OOEY GOOEY - The Mess of Sin



THE MESS OF SIN

Key Passage: Mark 2:1-12, Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

Lesson: Four friends help a paralyzed man meet Jesus in the hopes that He would heal him. Jesus went above and beyond, not only healing but also forgiving the sins of this man, something no ordinary man has the right to do.

Objective: Kids will learn “Jesus can forgive the mess of our sins.”

Video: Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4>

INTRO:

What OOEY GOOEY things have been your favorite mess so far? Raise your hand and share what mess has been your favorite. We’ve done spaghetti tossing, whipped cream pies, slimy messes, and even a sock drawer mess. No matter what messes we have got ourselves into, Jesus is the answer to our mess. Jesus cleans up the mess of sin in our lives. He forgives us and He redeems us!

Today we are going to read about how Jesus heals the paralyzed man...but he takes it a step further. Let’s listen to what happens.

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READ MARK 2:1-12

MAIN POINT

What a cool story! Jesus was more concerned with this man's eternal life than he was with his physical challenge. Jesus healed the man, but first he addressed what was most important, "You are forgiven for your sins." Wow! Jesus knew that this man needed saving from his physical problem but also his real mess...sin. JESUS CAN FORGIVE THE MESS OF OUR SINS TOO! He cares for us and if we ask Him to forgive us for our sins, He will! This is what is most important to God because it is what separates us from Him. We need God, because we were created to be in a relationship with Him and each other.

Can you imagine what it must have been like to be carried by four of your friends to be face to face with Jesus? This man was really motivated to get healed. They couldn't make it through the dense crowd, so they went through the roof of the house. That is determination if I ever heard of it! But isn't it interesting that as determined as this man was to get physically healed, this was actually not the most important thing. He asked for physical healing and God gave Him even more than He could ever ask or imagine. He gave him forgiveness from his sins and a promise of heaven! Wow. This reminds me of the verse in the Bible that says, "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us." Ephesians 3:20

DRIVE IT HOME

You can pray and ask God for things too. He is a good God who will give us blessings that we can not even imagine! He loves us so much. When we choose to follow Him, trust Him, and live for Him, He will show up in ways that we couldn't even think to ask for! Praise God for being such a good God for His children!

Today you can ask Jesus to forgive you for your sins. He is waiting to forgive you because He loves you. He is inviting you to no longer be separated from God, but to be reunited with Him in a close relationship. The only way to have this close relationship is by admitting your sin and asking for forgiveness. Then our sins will be washed away and we will be made clean before God! We will no longer look messy in God's eyes. What a beautiful promise from Him!

Let's say it together, "Jesus can forgive the mess of our sins." JESUS CAN FORGIVE THE MESS OF OUR SINS! Let's pray and thank Him!

Parent/Child Chat: K - 2nd grade

Read Mark 2:1-12

How many men did it take to carry the paralyzed man to Jesus?

Did Jesus heal the man? What else did He do?

What are some prayers you have for God? Does it make you happy to know that He knows what is best for you and can give you more than you could even ask or imagine?

Parent/Child Chat: 3rd - 8th grade

Read Mark 2:17

Why was it so hard for the paralyzed man to get to Jesus?

What was even more important to Jesus than healing the man's physical body?

Did Jesus heal the man?

What are some prayers you have for God? Does it make you happy to know that He knows what is best for you and can give you more than you could even ask or imagine?

Parent Time

What you need to know:

Jesus loves us and cares about our physical needs. Even more than this, Jesus cares about our spiritual needs, because these are the ones that last. Jesus came to this world to sacrifice Himself for our sins. He has the authority to forgive us for our messy sins. We can confidently go to Jesus with any mess because there is no mess too great for Him!

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CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED:

Cross for each child. (Small wooden cross or one long and one short popsicle stick hot glued together ahead of time to create a cross shape.) Paint, brushes, paper plates or bowls to hold paint, and any other paint supplies.

INSTRUCTIONS

Ask your child(ren) to paint a cross. Tell them that, "Jesus can forgive the mess of our sins and He did that on the cross. Next week we'll be learning how Jesus saved us from our mess on the cross."