





## LESSON 3

REFERENCES: LUKE 5:17-26; THE DESIRE OF AGES, PP. 267-271.

# A Hole in the Roof

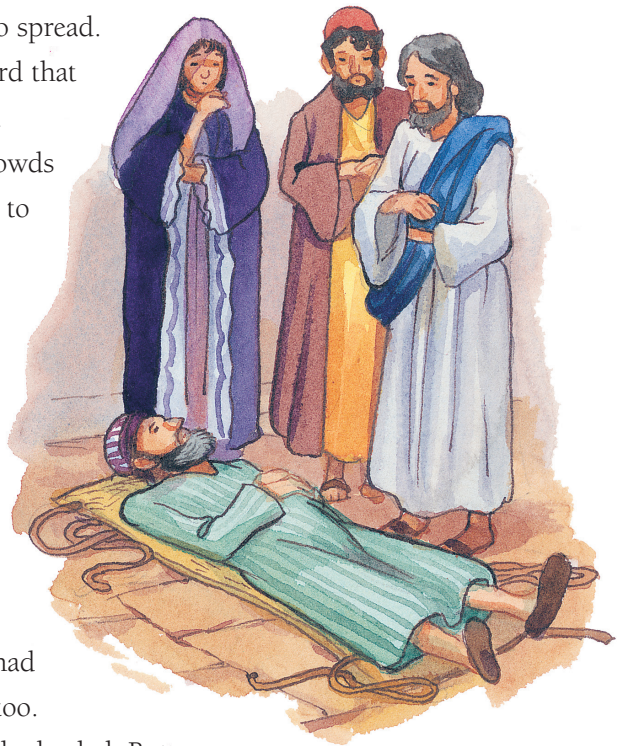
*Some things you just can't do by yourself. And when you need a friend to help you, you're always glad when one is there. But would your friends cut a hole in a roof for you?*

**I**t didn't take long for word to spread. People everywhere soon heard that Jesus could heal sick people. Everywhere He went, big crowds came to hear Him teach and to be made well.

One day Jesus was teaching in a house. A lot of people had come to hear Him. Many of them were important teachers who

had come from all parts of the country. They all crowded very close to Jesus.

Other people had come to see Jesus too. They had come to be healed. But the house was so crowded, they couldn't get in.



### Memory Verse

“There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

PROVERBS 18:24, NIV.

### The Message

We serve God when we help others.

They just couldn't get close enough to Jesus to ask Him for help.

One man was paralyzed. He couldn't walk. He couldn't even move by himself. He was there because he had friends who had carried him on his mat. But so many people were in the house that they couldn't get in! What could they do?

This man's friends were not about to give up. They were determined to get him in to see Jesus, even if the crowd wouldn't let them through. One of them had an idea.

The next thing he knew, the paralyzed man was being lifted up to the flat roof of the house. His friends tied a rope to each corner of the mat he was lying on. Then they began taking the roof apart! Before he knew it, the paralyzed man lying on his mat was being lowered through a hole in the roof! He was coming down in the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

Jesus knew what the man wanted. He wanted to be made well. He knew what the man's friends were thinking. They wanted their friend to be well. They believed Jesus could heal

him. Jesus could tell that the man's friends had worked hard to help him.

The man, who couldn't even sit up by himself, watched Jesus. He didn't even have to ask to be healed. Jesus said to him, "Your sins are forgiven." And then Jesus said to him, "Get up, take your mat, and go home."

At once the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and went home praising God. Soon people everywhere heard that Jesus could make sick people well. Everywhere Jesus went, big crowds came to hear Him teach, and many came to be made well. He helped them all.

Jesus wants you to help others too. He will help you do so. Just ask Him.



# Do and Say

## SABBATH

Each day this week read the lesson story and use the following to review the memory verse.

**There is a friend** . Link arms with child.

**who sticks** . . . . . Press palms together.

**closer than** . . . . . Step closer to each other.

**a brother** . . . . . Point to each other.

**Proverbs 18:24** . . Palms together; then open as if opening a book.

## SUNDAY

Sing this song to the tune of “Three Blind Mice”:

“One sad man, one sad man,  
He couldn’t walk, he couldn’t walk.  
Then Jesus came and healed his legs,  
He jumped for joy. He no longer begs!  
He shared the news of Jesus’ love!  
One happy man, one happy man.”

## MONDAY

Help your child call or write to someone and tell them that they care about them. Pray for that person today.

## TUESDAY

Pretend you have hurt your foot. Show how you would walk with a hurt foot. It is hard for you to walk, but you want to get a drink. Ask your child to help you. Thank him or her for helping.

## WEDNESDAY

Gather some things to give to someone who needs them (toys, clothes, books). Help your child pack a box to take to Community Services or some other helping organization.



## THURSDAY

Play the “Helping Others” game learned in Sabbath School. When you pray, think of some ways you can help someone else and make a plan to do something.

## FRIDAY

At family worship time, help your child act out the story and tell how they helped people this week. Think of other things to do to help. Draw a picture about helping someone. Ask: How can we help others tomorrow?