

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### Four Friends

from Luke 5:17-26

#### Jesus heals, forgives and loves.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Roof
- Jesus
- Friends
- Paralyzed

Jesus was often in trouble with the religious authorities when he did healings because he healed on the Sabbath, ignored cultural rules and customs, and interpreted scripture in new ways.

### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 348-353

*Spark Bible* pages 1135-1136

### Family Prayer

**Thank you, Jesus, for your love, forgiveness, and healing. Keep us mindful of all who do not know of your love. Give us opportunity to share the good news of the wholeness you bring to life. AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 What do you like to do with your friends?
- 2 What do you like best about one of your closest friends?
- 3 Whom do we know who needs healing? What can we do to help them?
- 4 Healing does not always come in fantastic ways like in this story. Sometimes healing means finding wholeness and goodness in the midst of a disease. What is your vision of wholeness and goodness? What does that look like in a life?



### Eye Spark

Next time you see your good friends, remember this story of the Four Friends and Jesus.



### Ear Spark

In worship, when you hear the words "your sins are forgiven," remember this story of Jesus healing, loving, and forgiving.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Take a family walk in your neighborhood noticing the roofs around you. At each building or home, say a little prayer for the people inside. You might pray that they know Jesus' love, feel God's forgiveness, or experience the healing that they need.

### For younger kids

Make a model scene of this story using blocks and dolls. Act it out - give everyone in your family a part!

### For older kids

Can you find any Christian games online? Are there any that go with this story? If you were going to create a game that went with this story, what would it be like?