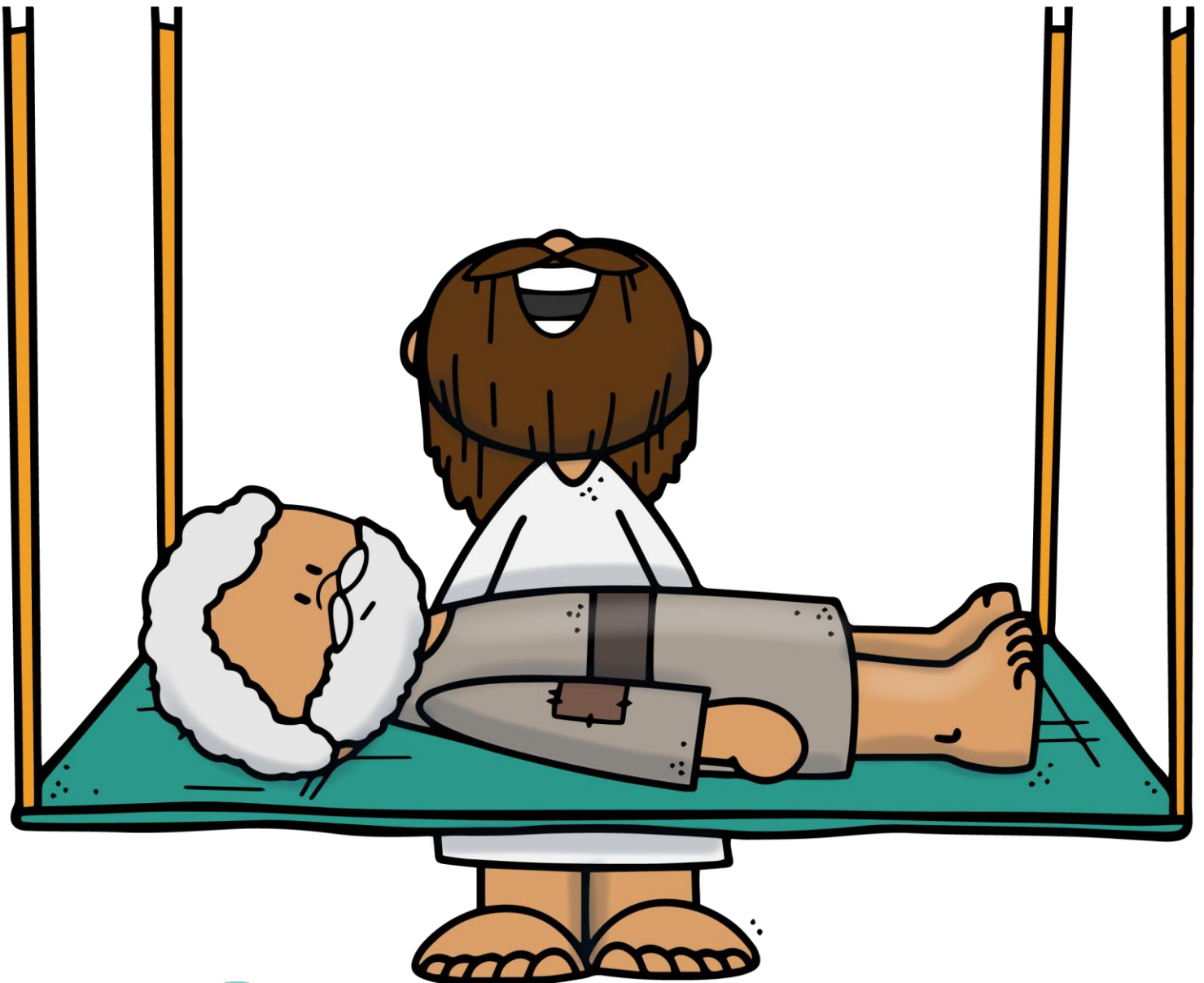
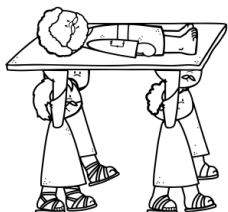


EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS





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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group and read the story of Jesus Healing a Paralyzed Man from your children's Bible.

Would you rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to ensure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

The man in this story was unable to walk. Today, if someone experienced this, they might have a wheelchair or a motorized scooter to help them get around. But this man relied on his friends to help him move from place to place. These were good friends!

This story takes place in a Capernaum home. Jesus was teaching, and the home was so full that no one could get in. The *largest* homes in Capernaum could only fit about 50 people if they were all standing close together. There were so many people who wanted to see and hear Jesus that the Bible says there was no room left, "not even outside the door."

In Israel, homes often had a flat roof. They were usually made of wooden beams, clay, and straw mats. People would spend time on their rooves hosting guests, sleeping there in the summer, and using the roof as a place to dry food in the sun. So, in this story, the roof was likely easy to access and stand on. It would not have been slanted like many rooves are today.

Jesus does two incredible things in this story. First, he says the man's sins were forgiven. Only God can do this, which made the religious leaders angry! Jesus then healed the man to prove that he was God and did have the authority to forgive sins.

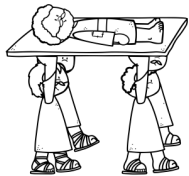
Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man: Quickly map out the three main parts of the Story. (The man's friends lowered him through the roof, Jesus healed the man, the man went home praising God) Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 How did the man in this story get around? What would life have been like for him?	QUESTION #2 How do you think the people in the house reacted to a man being lowered through the roof?

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Step Three: Do the craft/activity.

Before the lesson: Gather various crafting/recycled materials, find a small figurine (lego person, small animal, etc.) for each child.

Suggested materials: String, construction paper, egg cartons, popsicle sticks, glue, toilet paper rolls, tape, etc.

For this activity, students will use common crafting materials to make a small stretcher that can hold a figurine or Lego person.

Lay out the materials in your classroom. Give each student a small figurine.

Give each student a "Create a Stretcher" planning page. Tell students, "Use this page to make a plan for your stretcher. What will it look like? What materials do you think you will use? How can you make it strong enough to hold your figurine?" Allow time to fill this out.

Then, give students time to make the stretcher they have planned.

When everyone is done, try walking around the room with the stretchers. Pretend that you are taking the figurine to go and find Jesus!

Alternate Activity: No time for a STEM challenge? Try the included printable craft. Students will create a scene from the story using the materials provided. Use [the instructions on page 5](#) to see how to assemble this printable version.

CREATE A STRETCHER

Name: _____

SKETCH YOUR IDEAS
In the space below, sketch what you will build?

MATERIALS:
What will you use to build your stretcher?

Did it hold your figurine? ☐ Yes ☐ No



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

There are three versions to choose from!

Choose the one that works best for your class: [a blank version](#) (add your own memory verse and big idea), [a pre-filled NIV version](#), or a [pre-filled KJV version](#).

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

Luke 5:25 (NIV) Immediately, he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home

Big idea suggestion: Jesus is our healer.

CREATING THE CRAFT



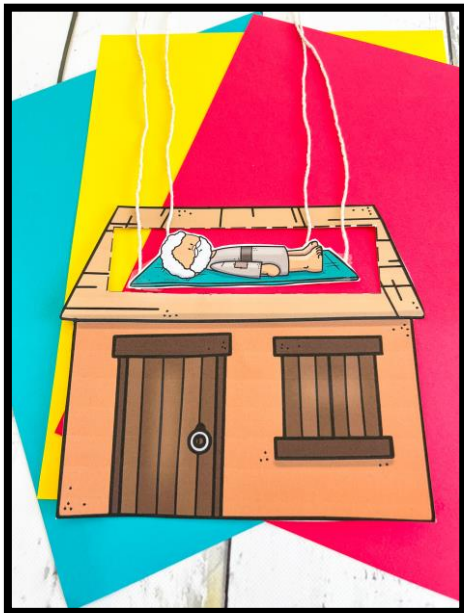
Step One

Cut out the house and the paralyzed man. Color both.



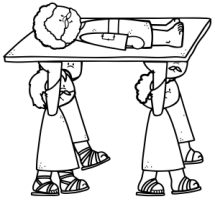
Step Two

Cut out the 'cut here' section on the roof of the house. Add strings to all four sides of the man's stretcher.



Step Three

Using the strings, lower the paralyzed man into the house!



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Name: _____

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

How did the man in this story get around?
What would life have been like for him?

QUESTION #2

How do you think the people in the house reacted to a man being lowered through the roof?

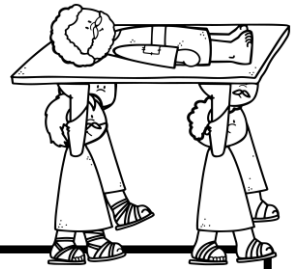
QUESTION #3

How did Jesus show compassion for the man?

QUESTION #4

What is a miracle?

CREATE A STRETCHER



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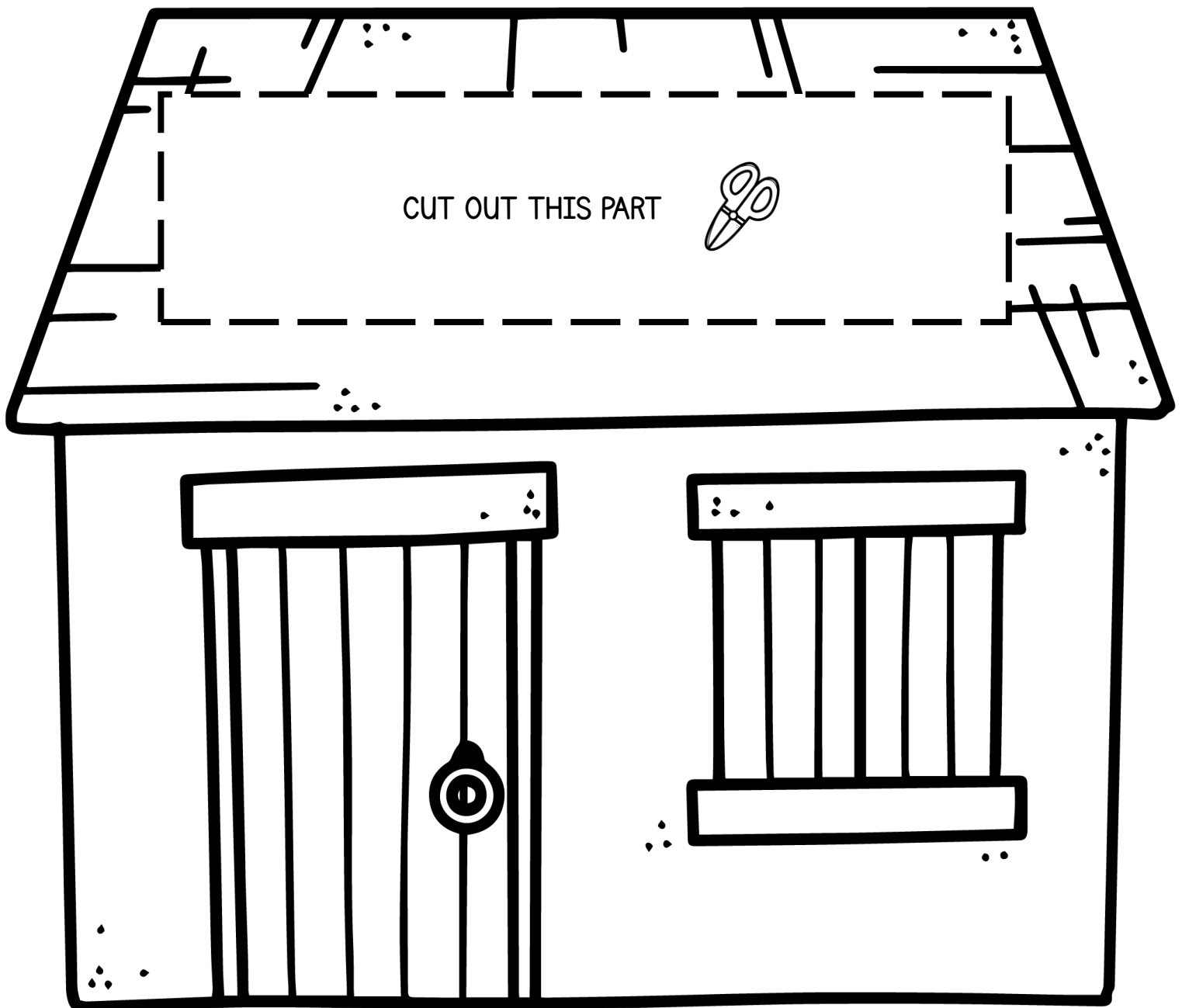
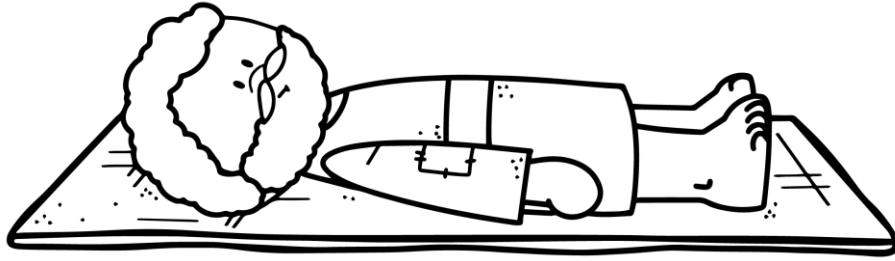
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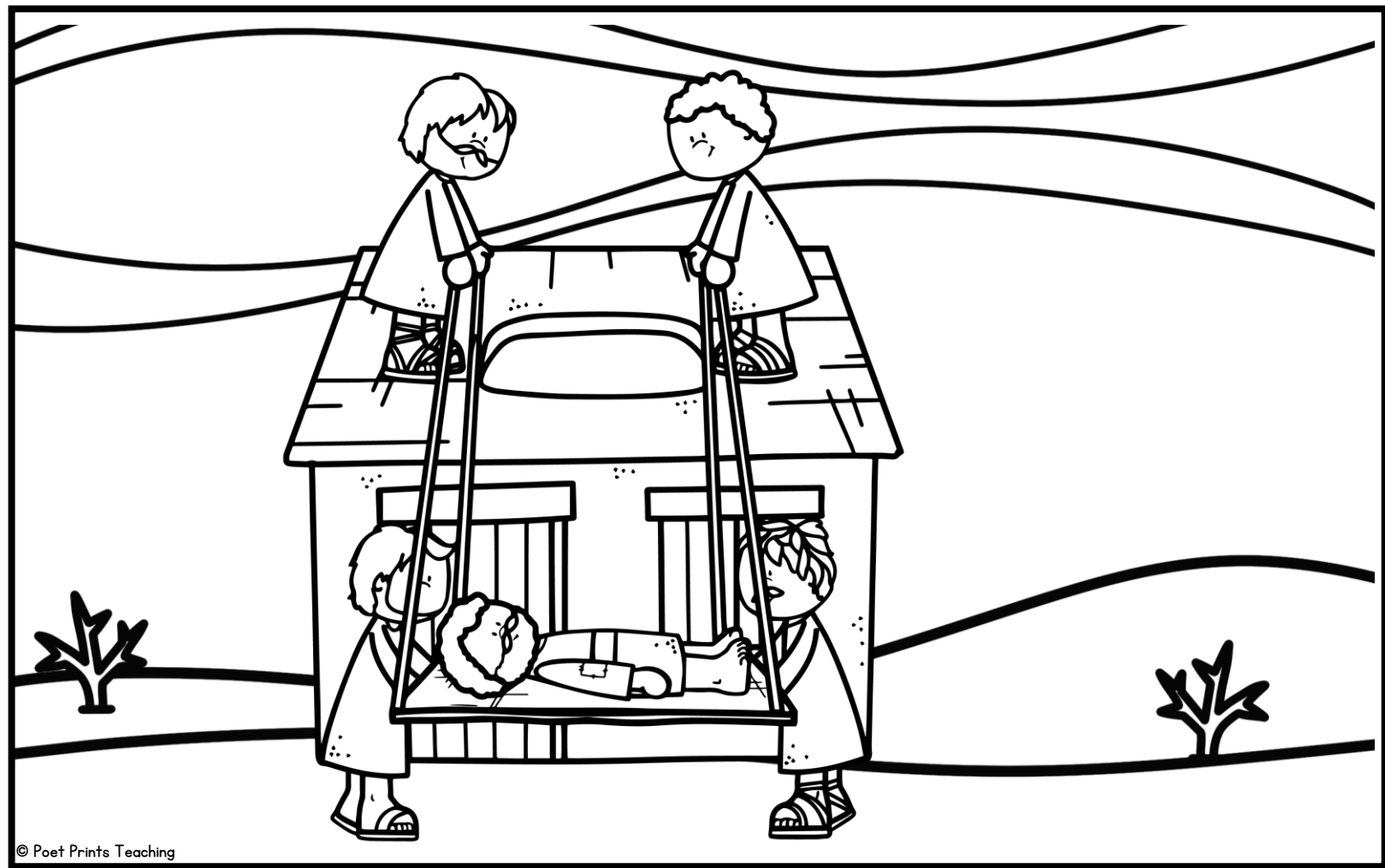
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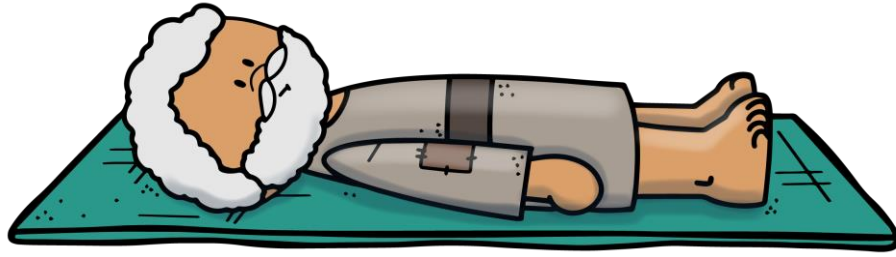


MEMORIZE THIS:

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

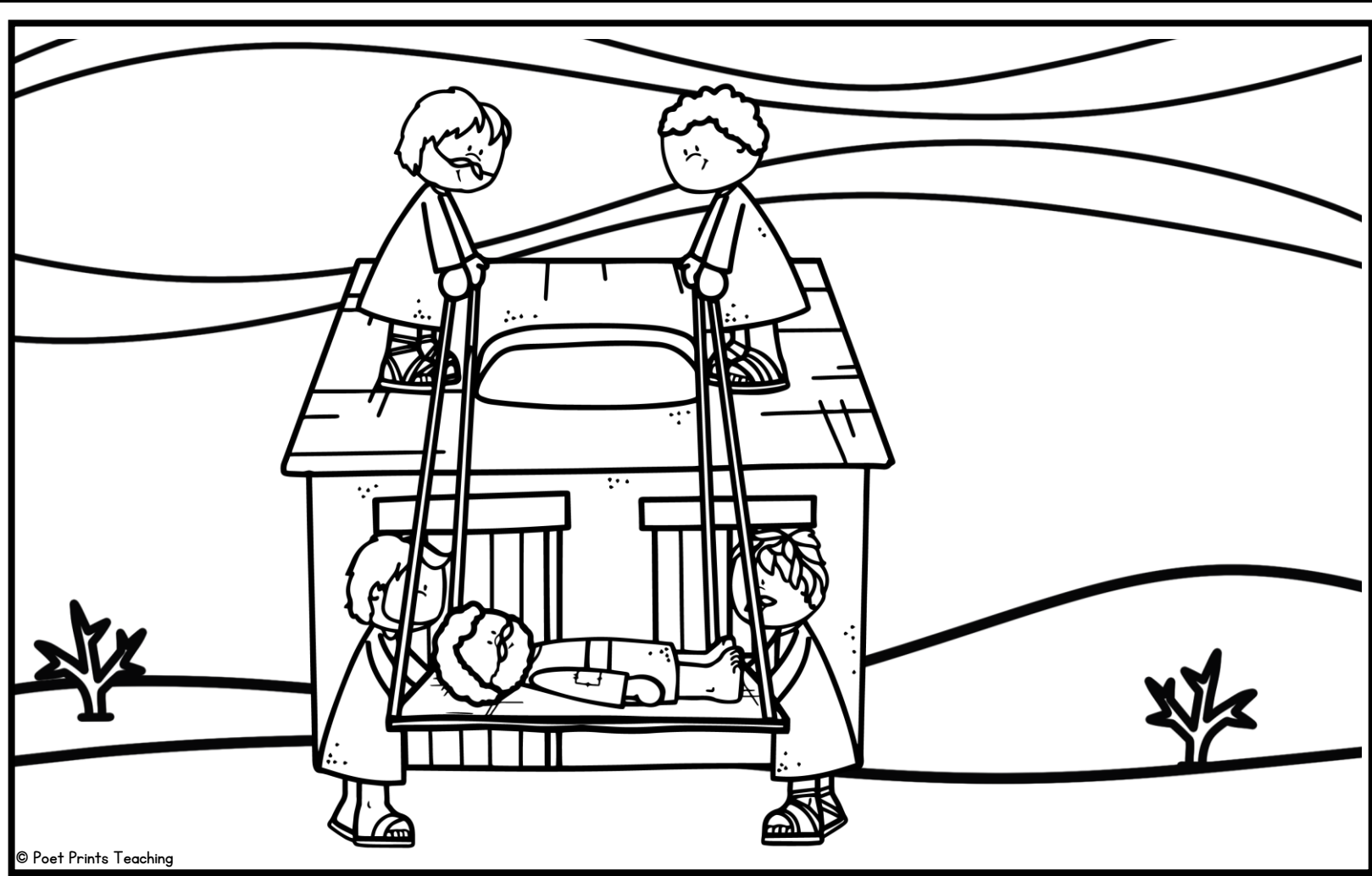
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CUT OUT THIS PART



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MEMORIZE THIS:

Immediately, he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

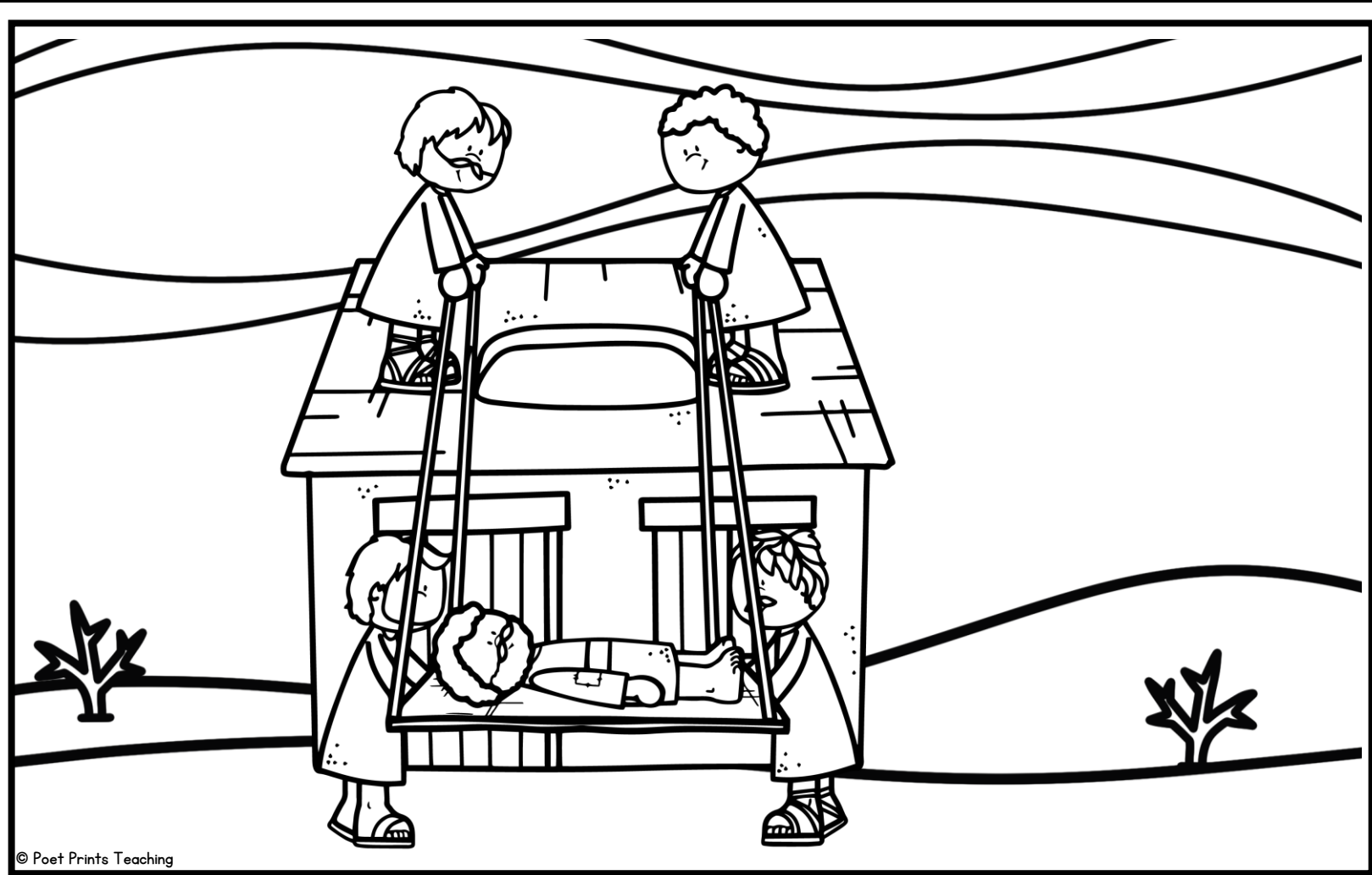
Luke 5:25 NIV

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

Jesus can
heal.

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MEMORIZE THIS:

And immediately he
rose up before them,
and took up that
whereon he lay, and
departed to his own
house, glorifying God.

Luke 5:25 KJV

THE BIG IDEA

What does this story teach us about God?

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heal.