

# What the Disciples Saw

Can you imagine what it would have been like to be one of the twelve disciples? Imagine what you would have seen as you traveled with Jesus. Think about all the things you would have learned as you listened to Him teach.

Thankfully we have many stories and teachings from Jesus recorded in the Bible. Even though we didn't walk beside Him, like the disciples did, we can still learn so much from His life here on earth.

This month we're going to explore four incredible events from Jesus' life, imagining we're walking right beside Him as we experience and learn from the miracles He did!



## Parent Guide:

I'm so glad you and your family are joining us this month! Here are a few tips to make your lessons go as smoothly as possible.

- Every study includes four parts to “RAMP up” learning – Read, Apply, Make it Stick, and Prayer. See [comesojourn.com/resources](http://comesojourn.com/resources) for more information on this method.
- I encourage you to preview the lessons before doing them with your family so you are familiar with the material. You know your children best and looking ahead gives you a chance to anticipate areas where they might need more (or less) time and focus for the best understanding.
- The lessons often build upon one another, so it is ideal to do them in order without skipping any.
- Before starting, check out the “Make it Stick” sections where materials for each activity are listed. I try to keep the crafts and activities simple, using things you may already have at home, but take a look in case you need to stock up on anything.
- I recommend printing the verses (last page), cutting them, and posting each verse in a place your children will frequently see it. We like to use the bathroom mirror – memorizing and brushing teeth at the same time!

Thanks again for joining us. I pray God blesses your family as you draw near to Him together!

# Lesson 1: Forgiven and Healed



**Read:** Mark 2:1-12

Try to picture yourself, squeezed shoulder to shoulder in a house full of people, listening to Jesus. All of a sudden you hear the sound of footsteps on the flat top roof. There are voices up above, then something is scraping at the clay! A ray of light shines into the house as an opening appears and you see four men peeking down. Gently they lower a bed right into the house, in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw the paralyzed man, He didn't heal him right away. First, Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven. Only afterwards did He tell him to get up and walk.

Jesus healed many people during His time on earth, but I imagine the disciples never got tired of seeing it happen! More importantly, Jesus showed His disciples, the crowds, and all of us who read His Word today, that spiritual healing – the forgiveness of sins – was even more important than physical healing.



**Apply:** How do you think the disciples felt when they watched Jesus heal the paralyzed man? How do you think they felt when they heard Jesus forgive his sins? We should never forget that Jesus has power to heal and forgive!



**Make it Stick:** Build a Scene

Build a scene with Legos or other similar toys to illustrate the story of Jesus healing the paralytic.

Materials:

- Legos/Lincoln Logs/any similar building toy

Instructions:

Using Legos, or similar building toy, make a house with an opening on the roof to recreate the story of the paralytic who was lowered inside. Let your kids be as creative with this as they want, adding a pallet and people and even acting it out!

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**Pray:** Thank God for His wonderful power to heal and forgive.

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**Verse:** Mark 2:5

# Lesson 2: More than Enough



**Read:** Matthew 14:14-21

Have you ever been out somewhere when you suddenly realized you were really hungry but didn't pack any food?

Jesus had had a long day and was surrounded by a huge crowd. I imagine the disciples were trying to be helpful when they realized it was getting late and all the people would need to eat! They suggested that Jesus send the crowds home, but Jesus had a different plan. Five loaves, two fish, five thousand men plus women and children to feed... and after everyone was served there were twelve baskets of leftovers!

Jesus did an amazing miracle and took care of what the people needed. Jesus continues to take care of our needs as well. His plans might look different than ours, but we can trust Him to provide.

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**Apply:** Can you think of a way Jesus takes care of you? Have you ever seen how Jesus provided in your life in a way you didn't expect?

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**Make it Stick:** Crockpot Bread

Make this loaf of homemade bread in your crockpot together. Easy and delicious, it's a great reminder of Jesus' miraculous provision.

This recipe is from Delish: <https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a54771/slow-cooker-bread-recipe/>

### Ingredients:

- 1 envelope active dry yeast
- 1 TBS sugar
- 1 1/2 cups luke-warm water
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 TBS extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp kosher salt

### Instructions:

- Mix yeast, sugar, and water in a bowl. Stir to mix, then let sit (about 5 minutes) while prepping other ingredients.
- Add flour, salt, and olive oil to the bowl. Stir until combined.
- On a floured surface, knead dough until soft and smooth. Form into a ball.
- Line crockpot with a sheet of parchment paper. Place dough in crockpot. Cook on high for 2 hours.
- If desired you can crisp the crust in the oven after bread has cooked. Broil for about 2 minutes.

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**Pray:** Thank God that He provides for our needs.

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**Verse:** Matthew 14:20



Craft option: For less TP usage (and less mess!) take an empty toilet paper roll and decorate it to look like a man (Lazarus) using crayons or markers. Then, using a small amount of toilet paper, wrap your Lazarus up in burial wrappings. Let your kids free Lazarus to symbolize Jesus raising him from the dead.

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**Pray:** Thank God that He uses all things for His glory.

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**Verse:** John 11:40



Instructions: Set your little builders to work, experimenting with different materials to try to build a boat that will stay afloat! Test it out in the tub and, if the boat is sturdy enough, try adding some stormy waves to put it to the test even further!

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**Pray:** Thank God for His power which is greater than anything on earth and ask Him to grow your faith to trust Him always.

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**Verse:** Matthew 8:26

**Verses:** Cut out the verses to post each week

And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”  
Mark 2:5

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And they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the  
broken pieces, twelve full baskets. Matthew 14:20

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Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of  
God?” John 11:40

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He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and  
rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. Matthew 8:26