

## Jesus Heals a Paralytic - Matthew 9:1-8

*Topics:* Authority, Blindness, Faith, Forgiveness, Friendship, Healing, Hypocrisy, Miracles, Power, Praise, Questions, Religion, Worship

### Open It

1. What qualities do you look for in a friend?
2. Why do most people take their physical health for granted?
- \* 3. What people did God use to bring you to Jesus?

### Explore It

4. What means of transportation did Jesus use to get to His own town? (9:1)
5. What was Jesus' destination? (9:1)
- \* 6. Upon His arrival, whom did Jesus encounter? (9:2)
7. What attribute did the men exhibit in coming to Christ? (9:2)
8. What unexpected comment did Jesus make to the disabled person among them? (9:2)
9. Who observed the exchange between the paralytic and Jesus? (9:3)
- \* 10. What did the teachers of the law think about Jesus' declaration? (9:3)
11. What supernatural ability did Jesus use? (9:4)
- \* 12. What did Jesus say about the teachers' opinions? (9:4-6)
13. What was Jesus' argument for His authority to forgive sins? (9:5-6)
14. What did Jesus do to prove His authority to forgive sins? (9:6)
15. What happened to the paralytic? (9:7)
16. What did the paralytic do? (9:7)
17. What was the crowd's reaction to this event? (9:8)

### Get It

18. How can we see a person's faith?
19. What do you think it would be like to be a paraplegic or quadriplegic?
20. How does it make you feel to realize that Jesus knows your every thought?
- \* 21. What experiences led up to you meeting Christ and having your sins forgiven?
22. What emotions did you feel when you realized your sins were forgiven?
- \* 23. How do you typically react when someone else becomes a Christian?

### Apply It

24. What can you do for a hurting friend this week?
- \* 25. How can you show your appreciation to God today for His saving work in your life?