



AUGUST 2020 • WEEK 4

K-3 PARENT GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

Four Friends Who
Helped
Mark 2:1-12

MEMORY VERSE

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You are really worthy
of praise. No one can
completely understand
how great you are.
Psalm 145:3 (NirV)*

LIFE APP

Creativity—
Imagining what you
could do because
you're made in God's
image

BOTTOM LINE

God created you to
work with others.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others
the way I want to be
treated.

ACTIVITY: TOGETHER

WHAT YOU NEED: Hand towels, balls, baskets or boxes

WHAT YOU DO:

Have everyone in your house partner up. Give each set of partners a ball and a towel. Guide the teams to work together to use the towel to carry the ball to the basket or box, gently lower the ball into the basket, then go back to start. *The catch: they can't touch the ball with their hands!*

If your house allows, create an obstacle course. Lead the teams to maneuver the course as they move the ball to the basket.

WHAT YOU SAY:

You guys did a great job working together to get those balls into the basket. Do you think it was hard or easy for the four friends to get their friend to Jesus? *(Pause.)* Why? *(Pause.)* Just like the four men worked together to get their friend to Jesus, you worked together to get the balls to the basket! **[Bottom Line]** God created you to work with others.

[Make it Personal] *(Tell kids a way that you've worked with others, especially if it showed others more about God.)*

What are some ways that you can work with others? *(allow kids to share their own ideas)* Great ideas! Just like the four men worked together to help their friend, you can work with your friends to help others, too. So, remember, **[Bottom Line]** God created you to work with others.





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GOSPEL MOMENT

The four men in the story worked together to get their friend to Jesus. They didn't let anything stop them, because they knew Jesus could help.

We can work together, just like they did. God can do big things through us when we join with others and use our creativity. You see . . .

[Bottom Line] "God created you to work with others."

After all, God made us in His image. He made us to do His work in this world and show love to the people around us. With His help, we can join forces and find ways to lend a hand.

So, the next time your teacher asks for help cleaning up, jump in with everyone else to help. If your big brother or sister is cleaning the dishes after dinner, ask if you can dry them. Maybe, one of your classmates is sick. You and your friends could work together and draw some pictures to cheer her up.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When the four men arrived with their hurting friend, they couldn't see Jesus. How did they work together to solve that problem? (*They lowered their friend through the roof.*)
- That's a pretty creative strategy, isn't it? Then what happened? (*Jesus healed their friend.*)
- Just like we discovered in our activity today, sometimes we don't have the skills to do certain things on our own. Have you ever worked together with a friend to do something? How did it feel?

PRAYER

God, You are great! There is no limit to Your creativity! You made us in Your image to reflect You and Your creativity to the people around us. Just like the four friends in our story today, we can do so much more together than we could do by ourselves. God, You created us to work with others. Our church is a great example of what we can do when we work with others. Thank You, God, for all the people who worked together to help us learn about You! In Your name, Amen.

