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Mark 2:1-12 Power to Change Our Life

Campaigners Help Sheet

CAMPAIGNER TIPS

Affirm kids constantly

Model vulnerability

Answer questions with questions

Mark 2:1-12

1A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. 5When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." He said to the paralytic, 11"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

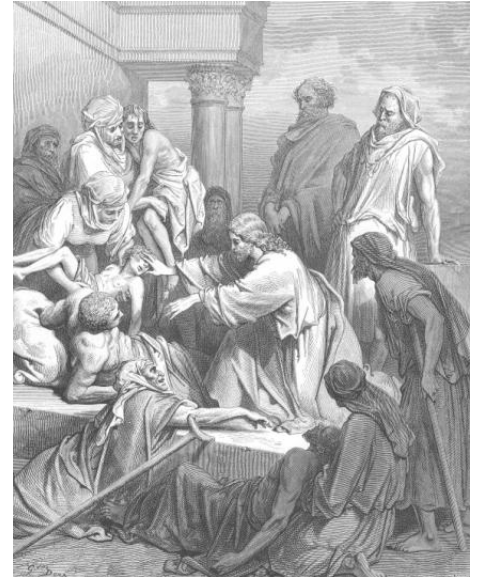
Intro questions:

- What is something crazy/amazing/impossible that you have seen in your life?
- What is a quick story about an amazing thing your friend has done for you?
- Any stories or times when you were completely at the mercy of your friends or family for help?

Read Mark 1:9-11

Questions about the scripture

- Jesus seems to put an emphasis on Faith. What do you think that might mean/look like in your life?
- Why did Jesus say, "Son your Sins are forgiven," when he was lowered in? Do you think



that was why his buddies brought him to the house in the first place?

- Why do you think that there was always a crowd around Jesus?
- What would the paralyzed guy have been saying to his friends when they told him the plan?
- What would the paralyzed man have been feeling when he was lowered down in front of Jesus and all of those people? Would he have been disappointed when Jesus said he forgave the man's sins?
- How was this man's life changed by his encounter with Jesus? What would he have done differently after this encounter?
- What would have happened to his friends' faith after they watched this?
- What do you think the rest of the crowd thought about this?

Questions for application

- Where in your life do you feel paralyzed and need Jesus to heal you?
- Are you the kind of friend that takes your friends to the feet of Jesus?

- What can you do to get your friends in front of Jesus like the paralyzed man's friends did?
- It was the friends' faith that moved Jesus into action. What does that say about how we should be with our friends? Give practical examples.
- What was the most memorable thing we discussed today?