

#### MAIN POINT:

**Jesus is God** As Jesus taught in a crowded house, four men arrived with a paralyzed man on a mat. They could not get their friend to Jesus so they went onto the roof, made a hole and lowered him down near Jesus. Jesus first healed the man spiritually by forgiving him of his sins, then healed him physically. The religious leaders did not like that Jesus declared to be God and forgave people's sins. They just didn't understand who Jesus is. But Jesus IS God.

Here are some points about this passage. God is infinite and cannot be fully understood by humanity. Jesus is God and is part of the trinity. Jesus has authority.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION:

- 1. Where is the most crowded place you have ever been?**  
*(school, football game, Stampede)*
- 2. How do you think the man Jesus healed felt after his sins were forgiven and his paralysis was gone? What would you do that first day you were healed?**  
*(Shocked, amazed, joy.)*
- 3. What typically bothers you more: something like a sore foot or unresolved sin in your life? Why do you think we pay more attention to our physical condition than how we are doing spiritually?**  
*(It's easier to push aside thoughts than physical pain; We can make excuses to help relieve any guilt we feel.)*
- 4. What are you usually tempted to do with your sins (ex – hide them, work them off with good deeds, ignore them etc.)? What do you hear Jesus calling you to do today?**  
*(Listen to responses.)*

#### FAMILY PRAYER:

Ask your child how you can pray for them.

- What is their biggest concern this week?
- Where do they see God working in their life?

Pray with and for your child.

- (Student's name), our Heavenly Father loves you. May you sense His still small voice and conviction in your life through the Holy Spirit. May you be empowered by the Holy Spirit and have courage to obey what He is asking you to do. May you submit to Jesus and trust Him as your Lord and Saviour. May you experience God, who is three in one, the Great I AM, in a new way this week. He is with you. He is for you. And He is going ahead of you.

- “May the Lord make your love grow. May it be like a rising flood. May your love for one another increase. May it also increase for everyone else. May it be just like our love for you. May the Lord give you strength in your hearts. Then you will be holy and without blame in the sight of our God and Father. May that be true when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.”  
1 Thessalonians 3:12