

# LESSON 1 JESUS HEALS –

## INTRODUCTION

Today we begin a series of lessons leading up to Easter. Christmas and Easter are the two main festivals in Australia. To understand the importance of these festivals you need to know more about Jesus. Through these lessons you will learn why these festivals are so important and some important vocabulary associated with these special events. This week's lesson is about a famous story where Jesus heals a disabled man.

### HOT TOPICS

1. How are disabled people treated in your country?
2. What are miracles? Do you believe in them? Have you ever experienced a miracle?

### Today's Lesson...

#### JESUS THE HEALER

The story begins when Jesus was around 30 and began to go around teaching and healing many people. Today's story is about a paralysed man who meets Jesus.

Choose 6 people to read out the story: Narrator, Jesus, Lawyer 1, Lawyer 2, Lawyer 3, and Person.

#### Vocabulary

**Paralysed:** cannot move

**Faith:** believing without proof; to trust

**Forgive:** to decide not to be angry with someone or not to punish them for something they have done.

**Sin:** breaking the law of God; wrongdoing.

**Blasphemy:** words or acts that dishonour God; making fun

**Law:** God's rules for living.

**Picked up:** to lift up, to carry.

**Amazed:** surprised.

#### Luke 5:17 – 26 (CEV)

**Narrator:** One day some Pharisees and experts of the Law sat listening to Jesus teach. God had given Jesus the power to heal the sick, and some people came carrying a paralysed man on a mat. They tried to take him inside the house and put him in front of Jesus. But because of the crowd, they couldn't get him to Jesus. So they went up on the roof, where they removed some tiles and let the mat down into the middle of the room.

When Jesus saw how much faith they had, he said to the paralysed man:

**Jesus:** "My friend, your sins are forgiven."

**Narrator:** Some teachers of the Law who were sitting there began arguing,

**Lawyer 1:** "Jesus must think he is God!"

**Lawyer 2:** This is blasphemy!

**Lawyer 3:** Only God can forgive sins!"

**Narrator:** Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he said to them,

**Jesus:** Why are you thinking that? Is it easier for me to tell this paralysed man that his sins are forgiven or to tell him to get up and walk? But now you will see that the Son of Man has the right to forgive sins here on earth. "I tell you, get up, pick up your mat and go home!"

**Narrator:** Jesus then said to the man:

**Jesus:** Get up! Pick up your mat and walk home.

**Narrator:** At once, the man stood up in front of everyone. He picked up his mat and went home, giving thanks to God. Everyone was amazed and praised God, saying

**Person:** We have seen a great miracle today!

### Discussion

1. What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man?
2. What did the teachers of the Law think?
3. What does it mean that Jesus can forgive sins?
4. What do we learn about Jesus in this story?
5. Have you ever forgiven someone or been forgiven by someone?

