

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Mark 2:1-12

SESSION SUMMARY

Can you imagine hearing about Jesus's healing miracles and not being able to get to Him to ask Him to heal you? The paralyzed man in this week's passage lived this reality. But his four friends surrounded him, carried him to Jesus, cut a hole in a roof, and lowered him down to Jesus. Not only did Jesus heal the man, but He also forgave the man's sin, and the man got up and walked out of the room just as Jesus commanded. People were amazed by Jesus's authority. In this story, we see that our obedience shows Jesus's power to forgive sin and transform hearts. Here are the main ideas:

- Only Jesus can forgive our sin (Mark 2:1-7).
- Obedience is evidence of transformation (Mark 2:8-12).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When is it most difficult for our family to forgive? What do we do when the person we want to forgive isn't repentant or is harmful?
- What do the paralytic's friends' actions help our family see about faith in Jesus's physical and spiritual healing?
- Who in our lives needs Jesus's healing and/or forgiveness? How can we lead them to Him?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Start a conversation by asking together: Does the way we live line up with what we say about Jesus? If not, consider what might need to change in your hearts and lives to live more fully in Christ. During this time, consider confessing to one another where you're struggling with unforgiveness or struggling to live out your identity in Christ. Pray together that God would strengthen you and give you wisdom to forgive and to live life His way.