



## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- Jesus forgave and healed the man who was paralyzed. How does Jesus have the power to forgive sins and heal us?
- God doesn't always heal our sicknesses and injuries right away. What can we do in those moments?
- The man who was paralyzed had wonderful friends who were willing to help him. How can our family help someone who is sick or injured this week?



## INTERACTIVE PRAYER

### Mark 2 Prayer Stations

Lead your family on an interactive prayer walk through your home. Identify (and perhaps label) various things mentioned in this week's story in Mark 2:1–12, such as the front door, the roof/ceiling, an area where people could gather, and friends (or photos of friends). You could even lay a mat or sleeping bag on the floor to represent the mat the man laid on before Jesus healed him.

Then walk through your home, pausing at each spot to pray together. You might thank God for friends and faith community when you see a photo of friends, thank Him for a place to live when you see the front door, and thank Him for His compassion when you see the mat or sleeping bag. Invite each family member to share prayer requests, which might include praying for people you know who are sick, injured, or need to hear about Jesus' power to forgive sins.

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## LIFE CONNECTION

### Humans Can Do/Only God Can Do

Play a game called "Humans Can Do/Only God Can Do." Create two lists—what humans can do and what only God can do. Cut out the items on each list to form paper slips. The list of human abilities can include things like flying planes, creating art, competing in sports, playing music, etc. The list of God's abilities can include things like creating the universe, keeping the earth spinning, seeing everything in the world at once, healing the sick, forgiving sin, etc. One by one, show each item to your child and ask her if this is something humans can do or something that only God can do. If you have multiple kids, have them write down their answers, and tally the correct answers at the end. (Or let them work together to answer each one as a team!)

To prompt a discussion on ways that God made us in His image, include some items where "both" is the answer, such as loving others, teaching people, showing creativity, etc.

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