



# Miracles & Parables Resources

## Paralysed Man

KS1 &  
KS2

Miracles are amazing events in the life of Jesus that teach Christians a little bit about who he was and what he was like.

### Discussion

- What part of the video did you like best?
- Why?



### Reading

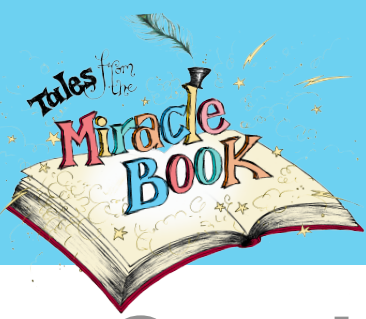
One day Jesus was teaching the people. The Pharisees and teachers of the law were there, too. They had come from every town in Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. The Lord was giving Jesus the power to heal people.



There was a man who was paralysed. Some men were carrying him on a mat. They tried to bring him in and put him down before Jesus. But because there were so many people there, they could not find a way to Jesus. So the men went up on the roof and made a hole in the ceiling. They lowered the mat so that the paralysed man was lying right before Jesus. Jesus saw that these men believed. So he said to the sick man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

The Jewish teachers of the law and the Pharisees thought to themselves, "Who is this man? He is saying things that are against God! Only God can forgive sins." But Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, "Why do you have thoughts like that in your hearts? Which is easier: to tell this paralysed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to tell him, 'Stand up and walk'? But I will prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So Jesus said to the paralysed man, "I tell you, stand up! Take your mat and go home."

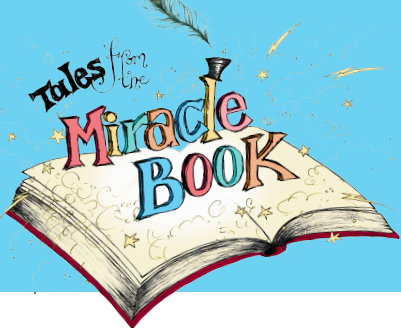
Then the man stood up before the people there. He picked up his mat and went home, praising God. All the people were fully amazed and began to praise God. They were filled with much respect and said, "Today we have seen amazing things!"



# Comic Strip- Paralysed Man

Below are some pictures of the paralysed man. Write what is happening at each part of the story in the box below each picture.





## Jesus was Popular

Everyone wanted to see Jesus. They came from far and wide. They crowded around, all excited to see and hear the things that Jesus would say and do. What do you think they were expecting? What sort of things did they imagine Jesus would do?



Circle the reasons that you think people would come to be near Jesus, from the box below

To see miracles

To be popular

To become famous

To ride a donkey

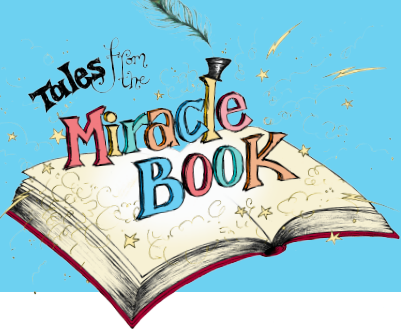
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To solve their problems

To hear stories

To get dressed up

To find out about God



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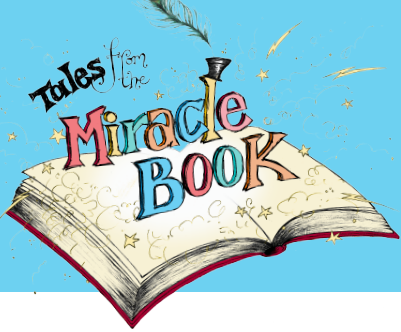


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**DISCUSS** (in pairs or 3s)

Why do you think some people go to church today?



## Keeping Going

The friends had a big problem...It was a problem that they couldn't solve by themselves - in fact nobody at all had been able to help them.

But they believed that Jesus could.

Can you find out out what the word 'paralysed' means?

Write the answer in the box

Paralysed means

So they picked up their friend, on his bed, and took him along to see Jesus...

But then there was another problem- they couldn't get anywhere near him!

There was no way through... Or was there?



**They had to make a choice.**

Either they could give up and go home... Or they could try to find another way through...

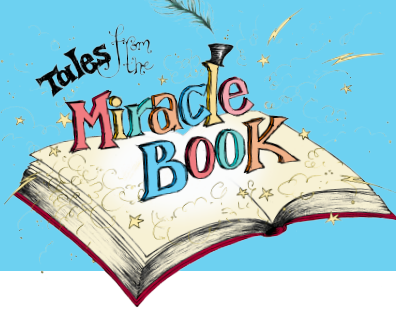
Another word for keeping going and not giving up is perseverance, or to persevere.

Perseverance means

**Discuss: (in pairs or threes)**

Have you ever had a problem? Have you ever faced a challenge that you felt was too big? Or a situation you couldn't change?

What helped you keep going? What helped you to persevere?



# Challenges and Perseverance

## Good Things Can Sometimes Be Hard Work

It must have been difficult to get their paralysed friend and the bed up onto the roof . It would have been tricky to make a hole big enough to get him through. Everyone was probably looking up at them doing something that seemed odd and different to everyone else. But they got him there in the end and for their friend this perseverance was life-changing.

There are many things in your life that involve keeping going and not giving up. Perhaps your school work when you find things challenging and difficult. Or maybe if you learn a musical instrument or a sport.

There are a three jobs written below that need lots of perseverance. What **challenges** might the person doing them face to reach their goal? Fill in the boxes below.

**Musician**  
*e.g. lots of practice needed*

**Athlete**

**Surgeon**

Now write in these boxes the **rewards** of reaching their goal?

**Musician**

**Athlete**

**Surgeon**

Do you think it's worthwhile? If so, why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# Personal Goals

The paralysed man's friends kept going because they wanted their friend to move again, so they were prepared to work hard to get him to Jesus.

Now think about yourself and your life. Is there anything that you can think of that you would really like to achieve? Have a go at completing the boxes below.



## My Goal

I really want to...

Lined writing area for 'My Goal'.

## My Challenges

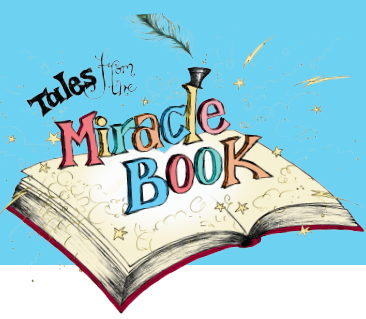
The challenges I might face are...

Lined writing area for 'My Challenges'.

## Results

When I get there the rewards could be...

Lined writing area for 'Results' with a vertical red margin line on the left.



# Inside and Out!

In the story of the paralysed man, Jesus admires the faith of the paralysed man's friends. But then says something a little unexpected. He says "your sins are forgiven". He wasn't talking about the man being paralysed- the bit that everyone could see- Jesus instead was talking about what was going on in the man's heart. Jesus knew that sometimes we need healing on the inside as well as the outside.

Often we can make sure everything is okay on the surface or on the outside, but inside problems can sometimes be hidden away.

How can things be okay on the outside but not so good on the inside?

Can you think of an example? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Inside things aren't easy to see - they could be a worry or a fear- and they are just as important as things on the outside. In the story Jesus wanted to help the man with both of them.

Below are a list of things that are inside and outside difficulties. Draw a line to match up each phrase with the correct picture.

## Inside



**Fear of the dark**

**A cough**

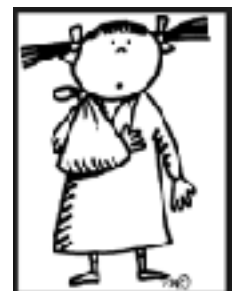
**A broken arm**

**Worry about school**

**Feeling lonely**

**Hay-fever**

## Outside







## Faith Link

The paralysed man's friends knew that Jesus had the answer - and they were going to find him no matter what obstacles got in the way.

Christians believe that Jesus can still help them with their problems and troubles today. Even though Jesus lived on earth two thousand years ago Christians believe that Jesus came back to life, and so they pray and talk with him today. Many Christians tell Jesus their worries and problems and believe that he can help them.



When someone is follower of Jesus this can make them seem different to others around them. They might talk or act differently. Some people might not like it and it might be hard. But they often know it is worthwhile.

In some countries, it is not allowed for Christians to meet together, so they have to meet in secret- even though they know could get into trouble - because they believe it is worth it.

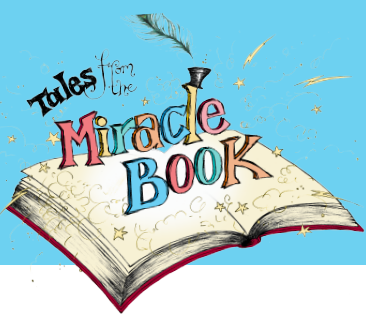
In the book of Matthew in the Bible Jesus tells another story about a precious jewel called a pearl...

“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.  
When he found one of great value,  
he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

New International Version Matthew 13: 45-46



This pearl story is a parable about faith and how precious it is. Jesus talked about how having faith is worth more than anything else in the world.



## Assessment Recording Sheet

I like this miracle because \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My favourite part of the story is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The message from this story is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This miracle tells us that Christians believe \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The story is still relevant today because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

After thinking about this story and it's teaching I will \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Illustrate this story with a picture below.