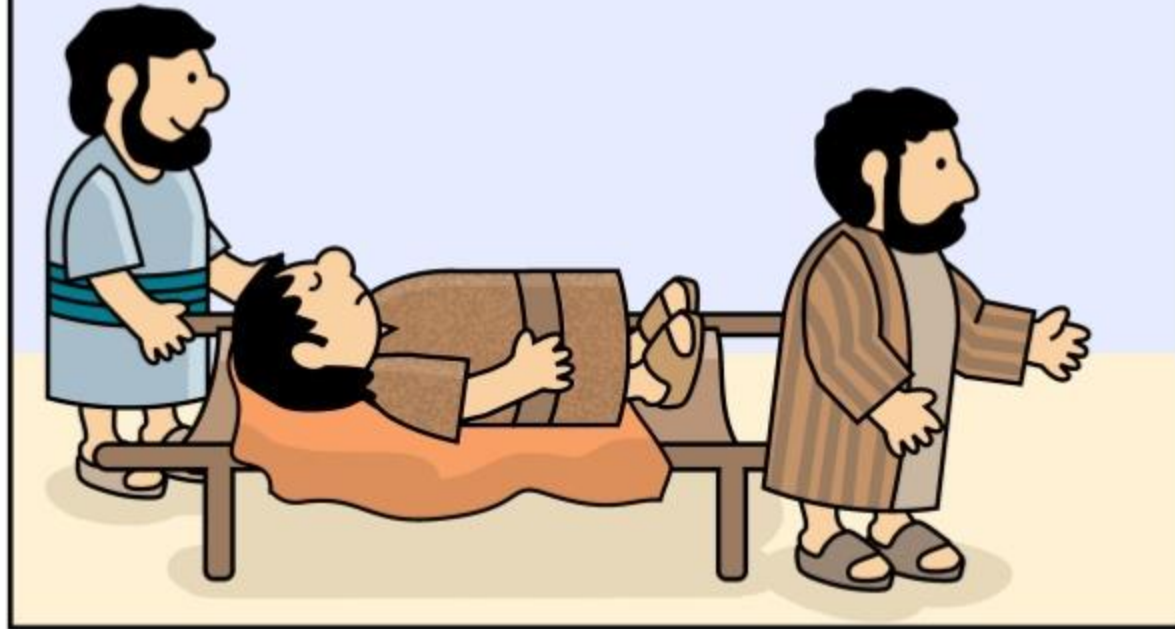


# A Plan to Help a Friend!



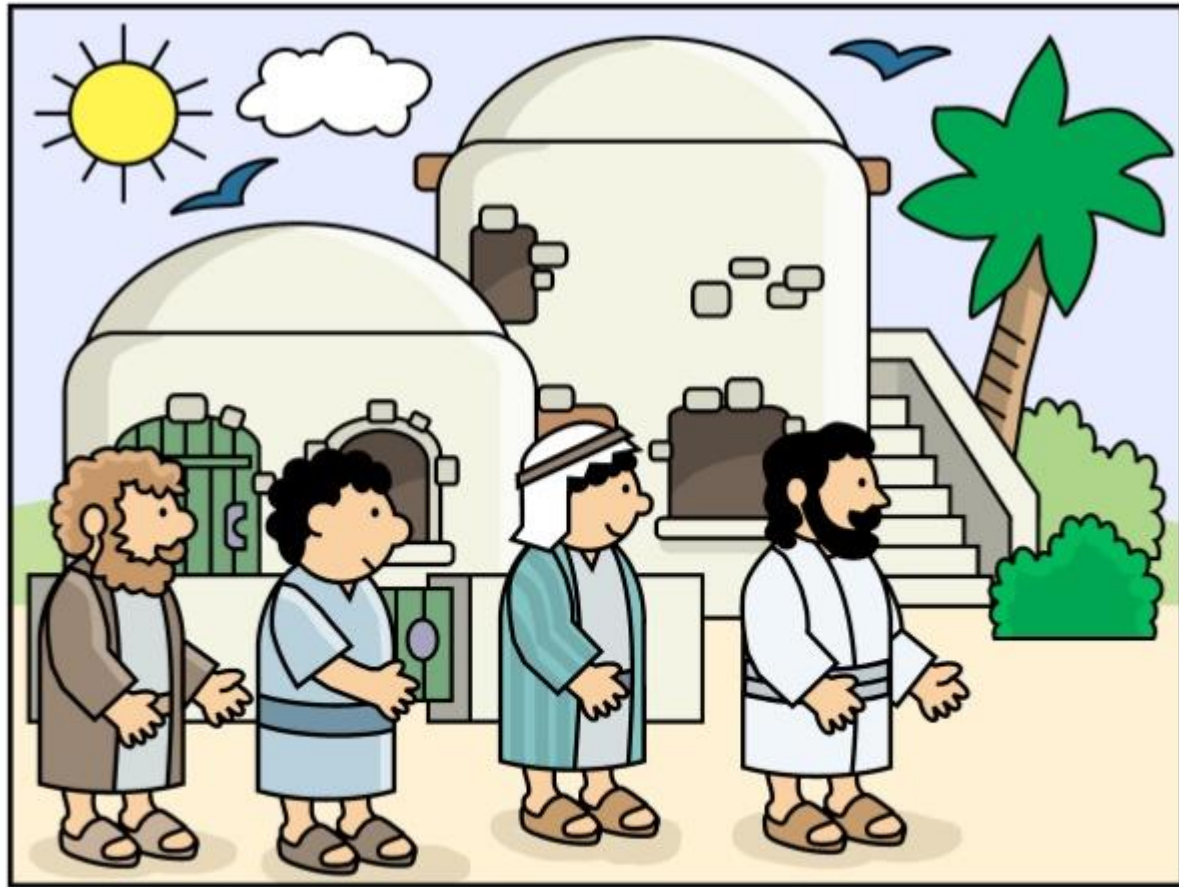
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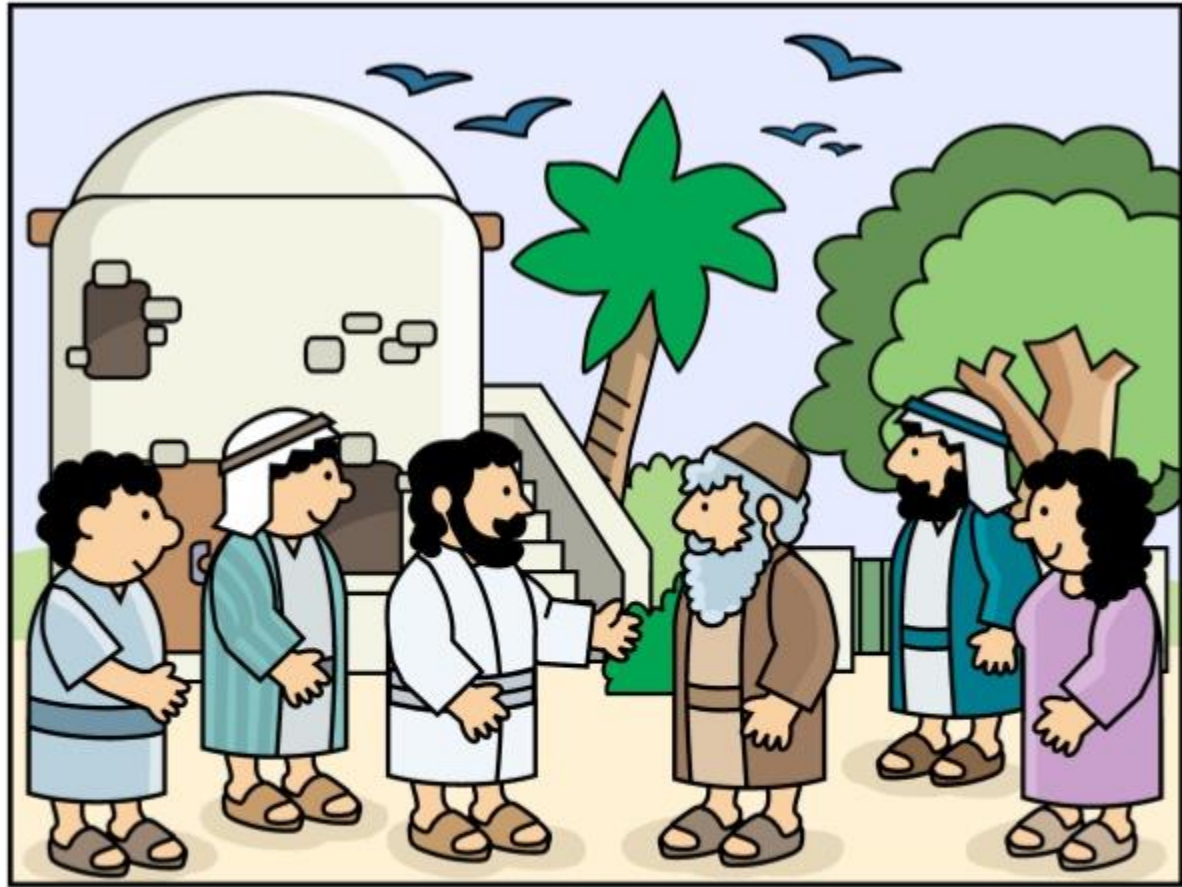
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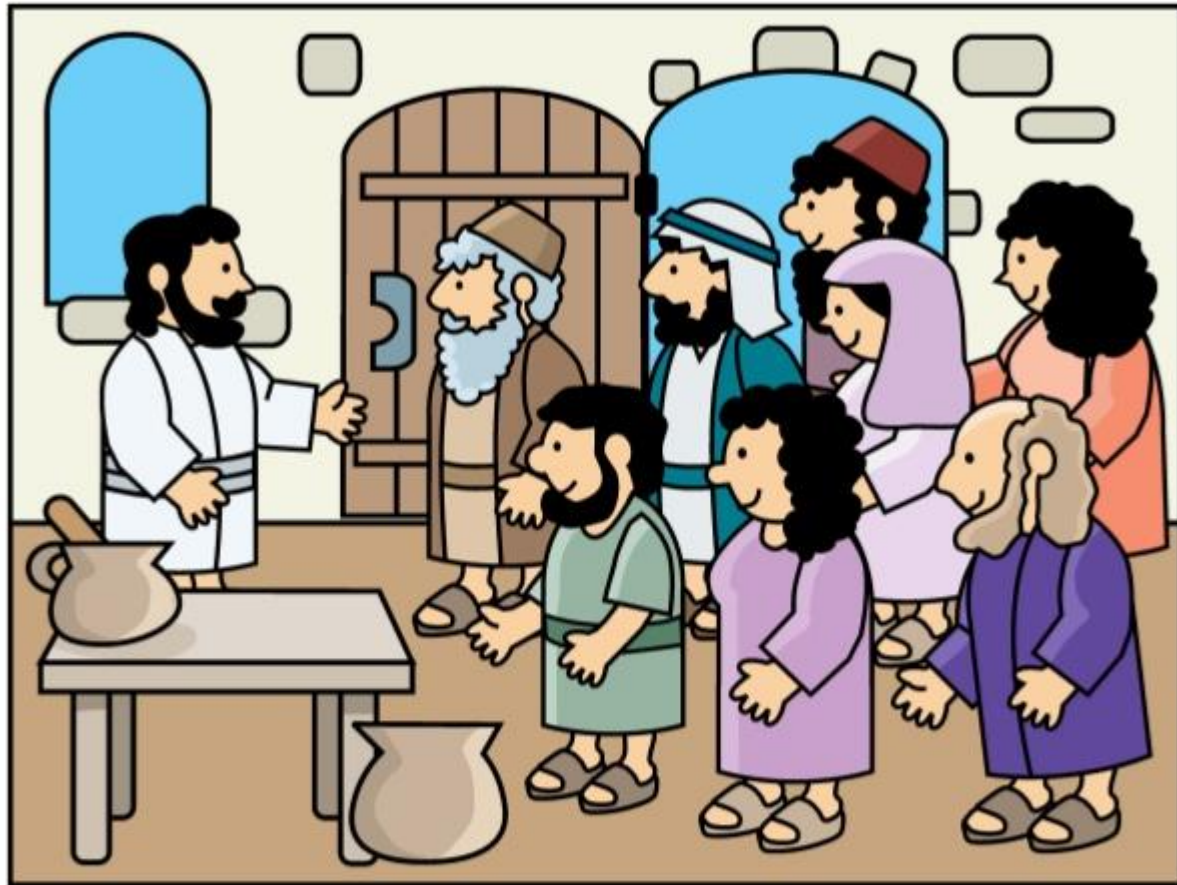
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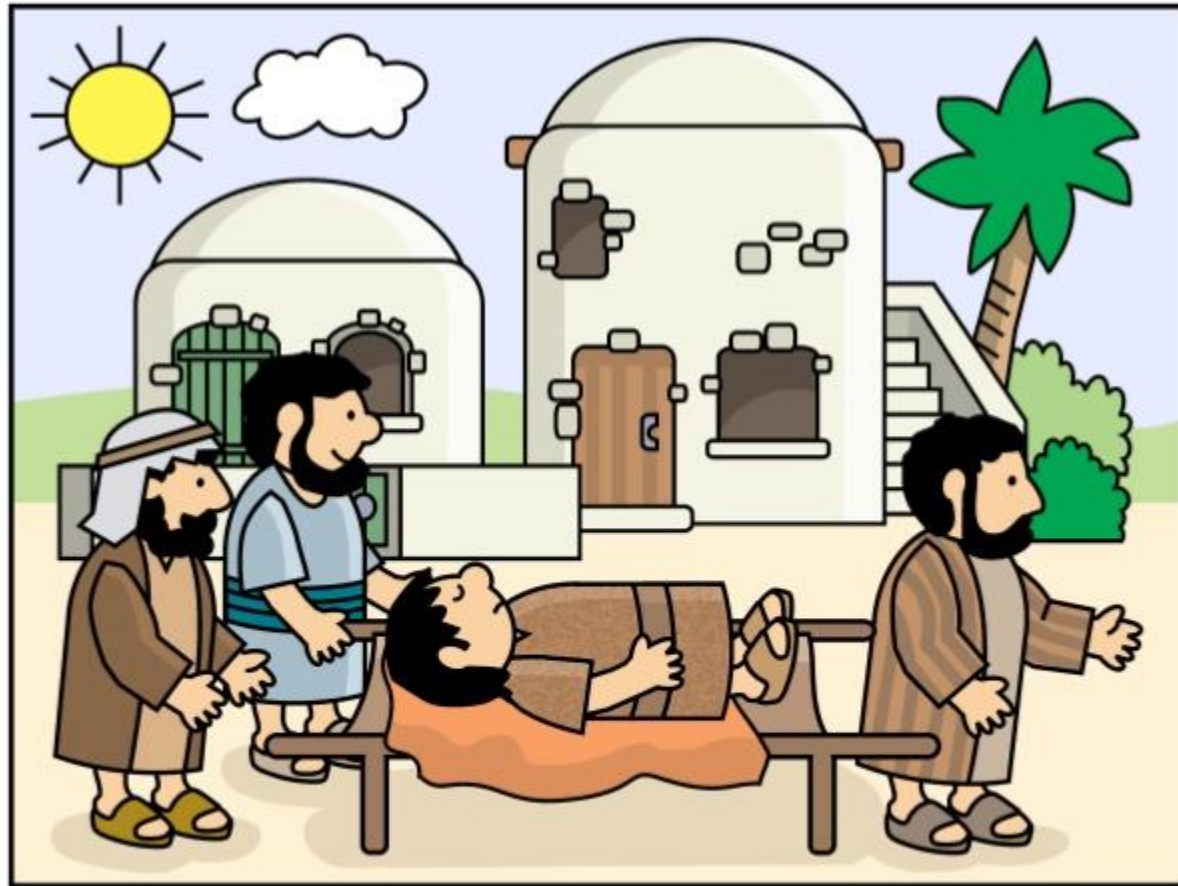


People were excited that Jesus had come,  
and they went to hear Him speak.

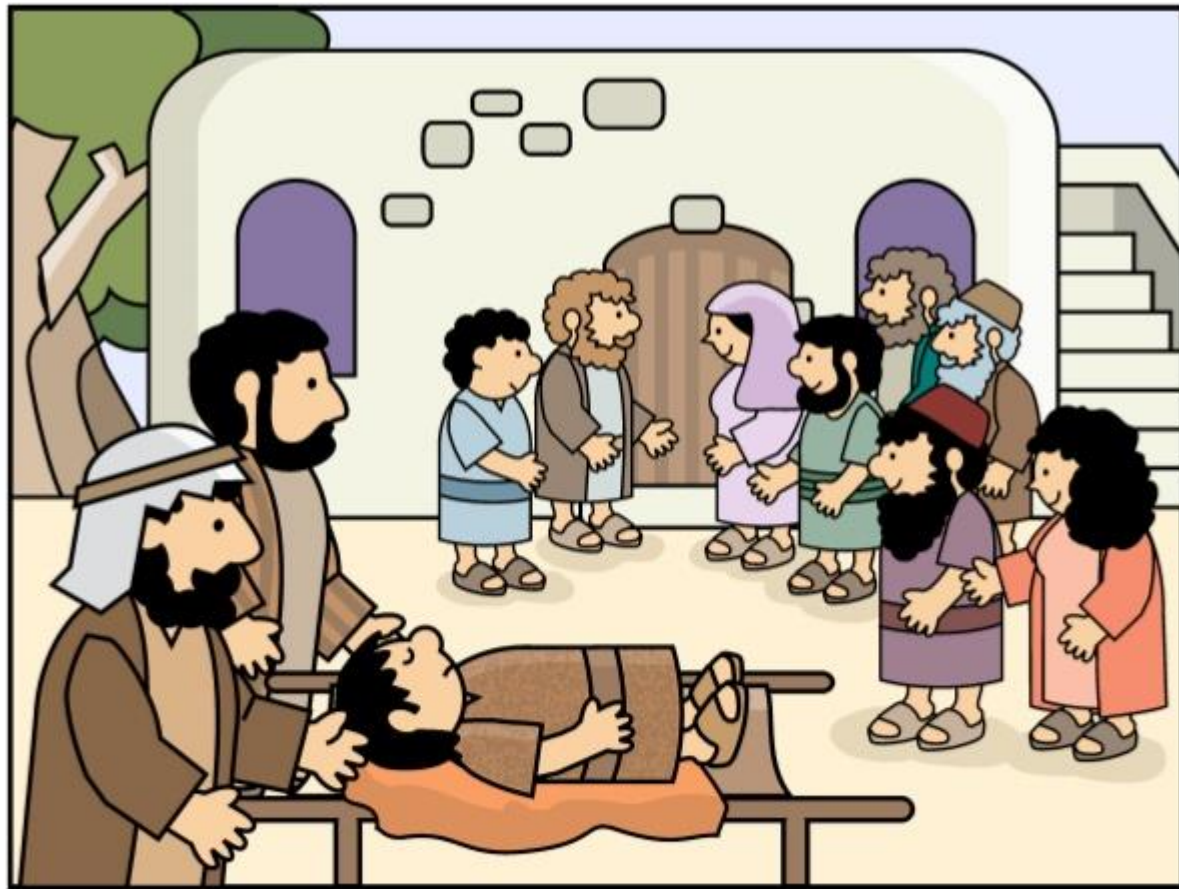


Jesus was inside a house, but it was very crowded.  
There were many people there wanting to see Jesus.

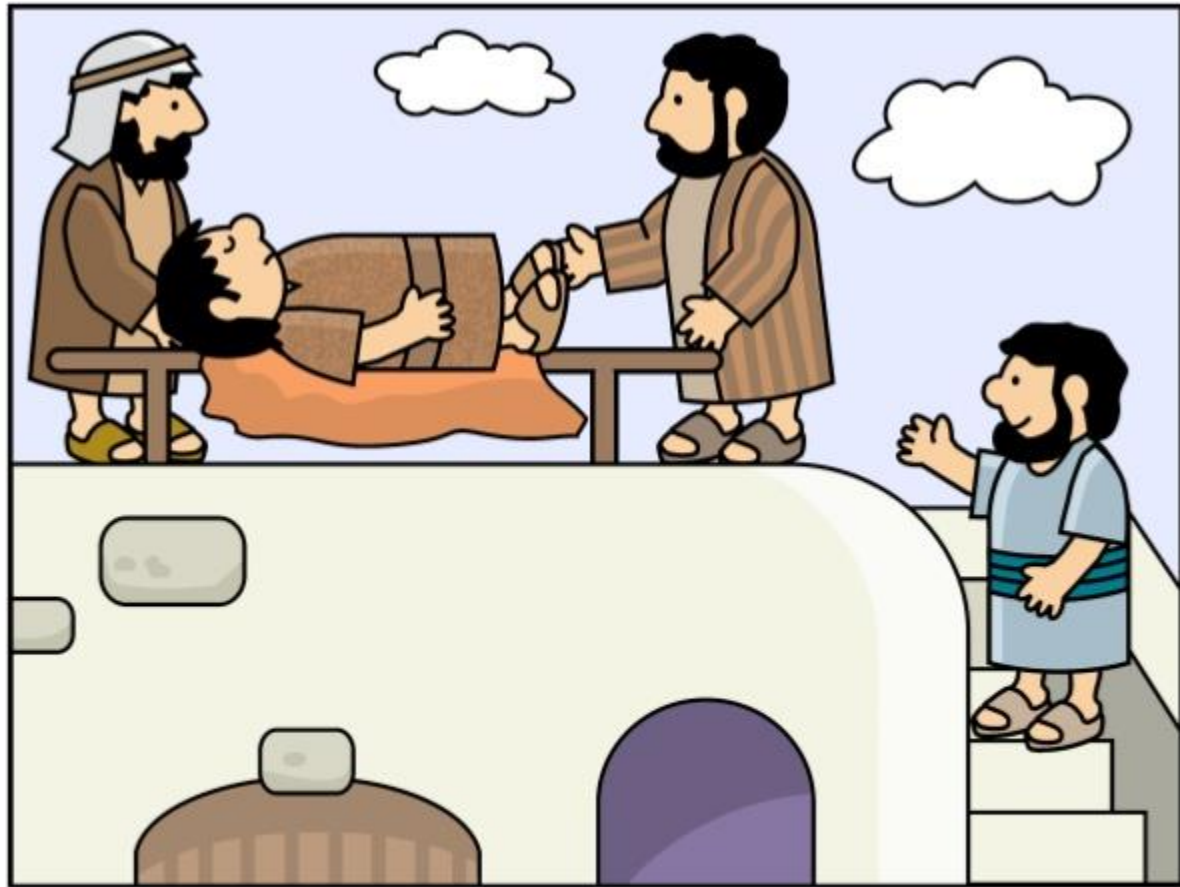




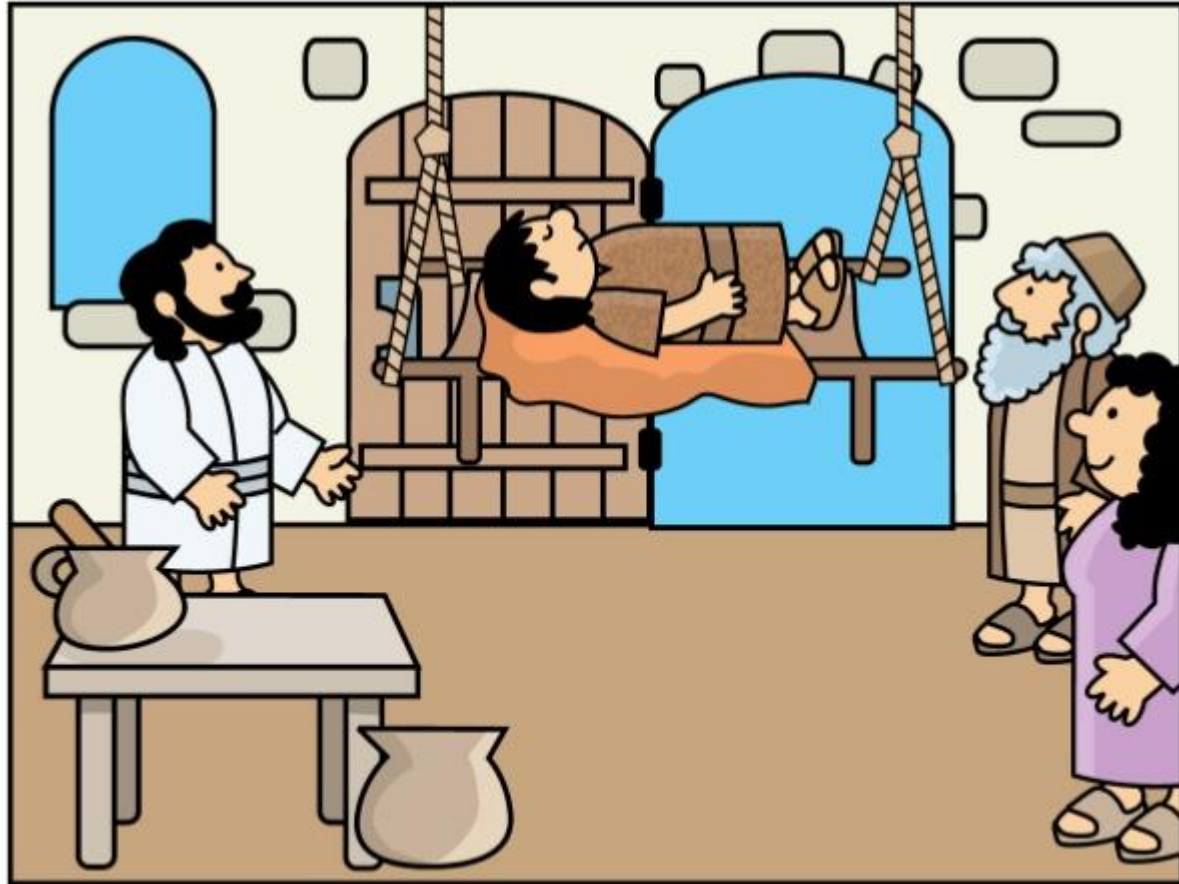
Some men had a friend who was sick.  
He couldn't move, and had to lie in bed all the time.



The men wanted Jesus to heal their friend, but there were so many people that they couldn't get close to Jesus.

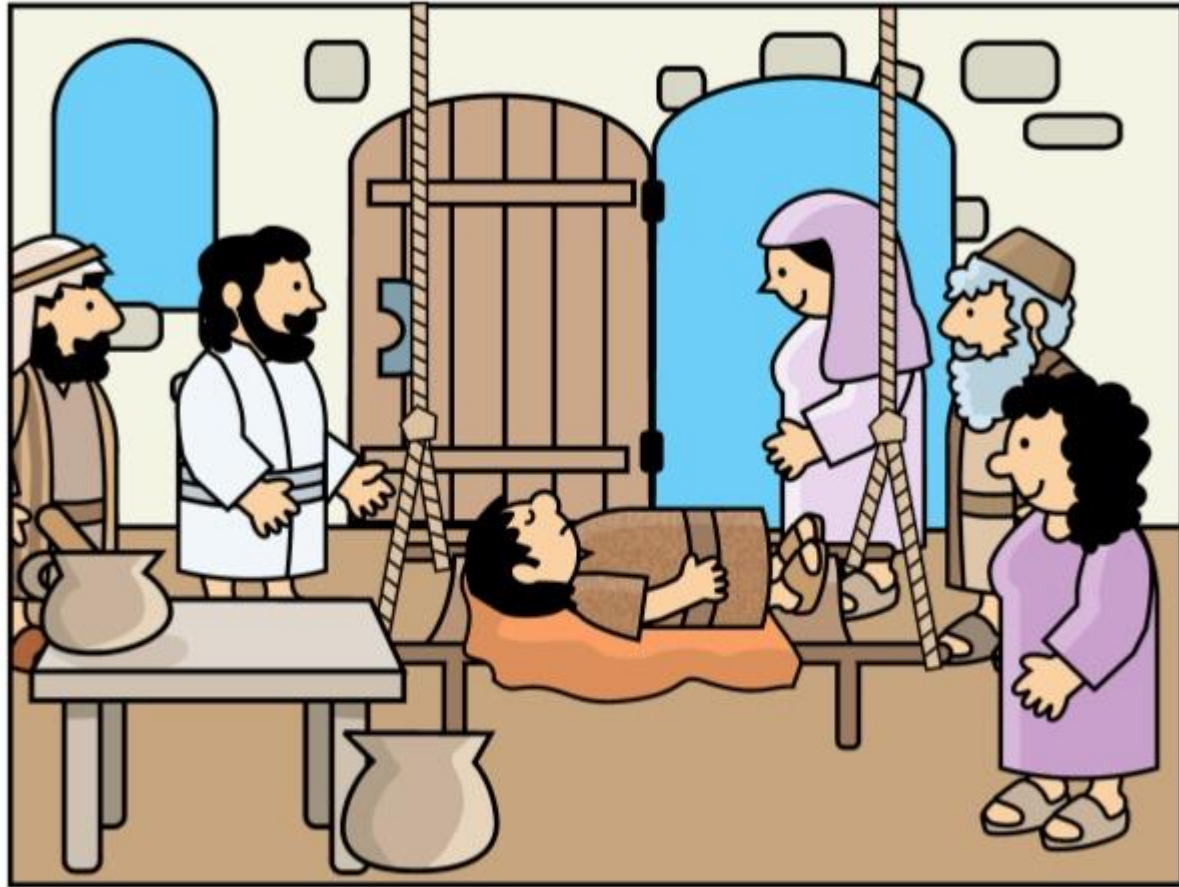


Suddenly, one of the men had an idea. Ever so carefully they carried the sick man up to the roof of the house.

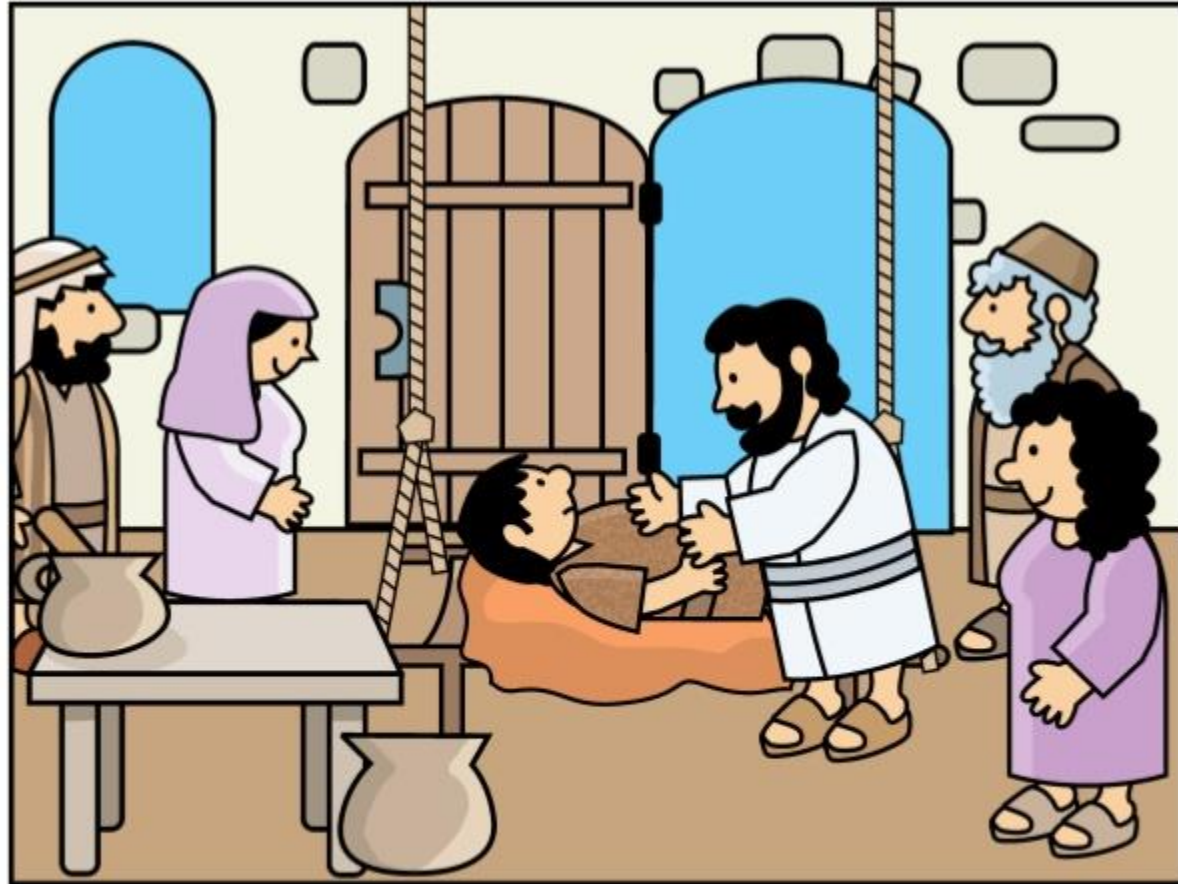


They made a hole in the roof, big enough to lower the sick man and his bed into the house.

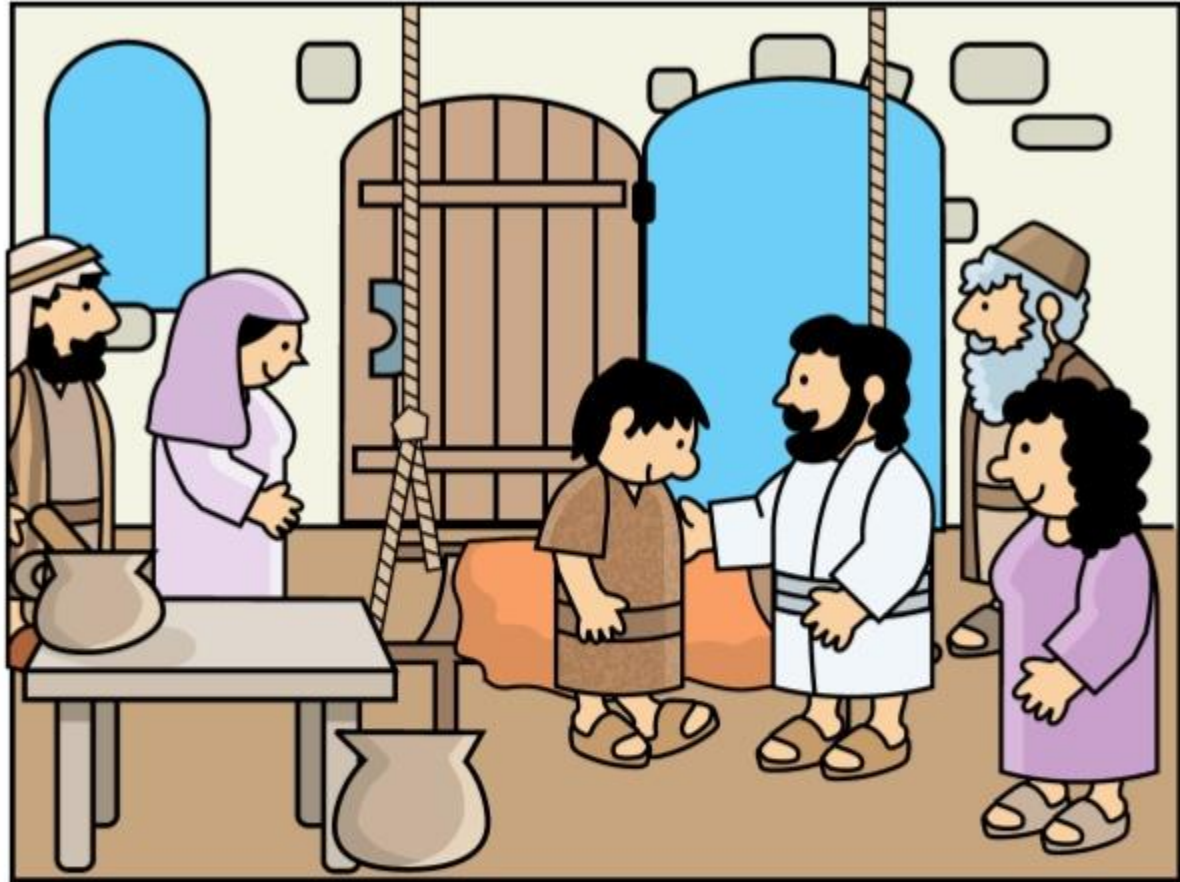




They lowered their sick friend all the way down to where Jesus was standing.



Jesus was happy that the sick man's friends had faith that He could heal their friend. "Stand up and walk," Jesus told the sick man.

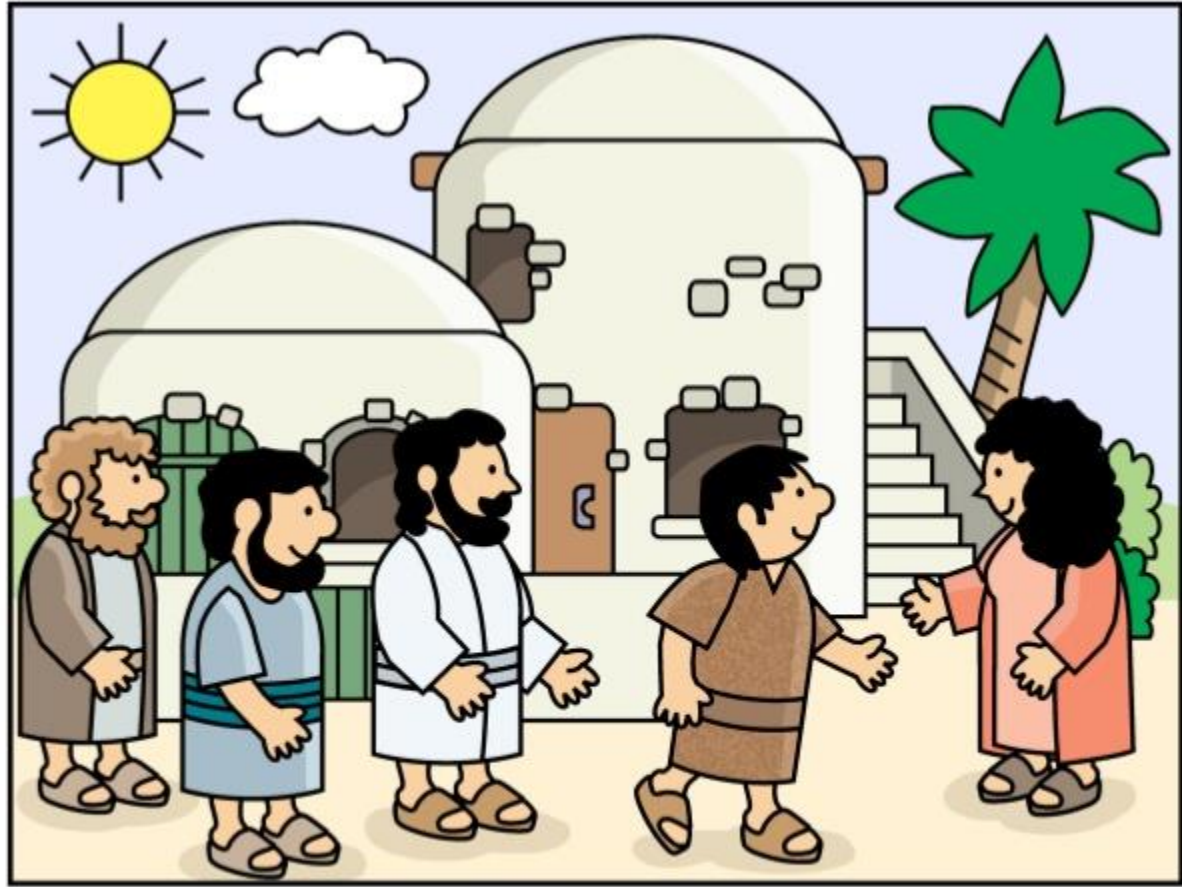


And immediately the man stood up.



Jesus had healed him. Now he could move.  
He could stand. He could even jump!





The man went running back to his home praising and thanking God for healing him.

**What have you done to help your friends or family? Ask God to help you think of things you can do!**