Helping the Paralyzed Man

Materials Needed

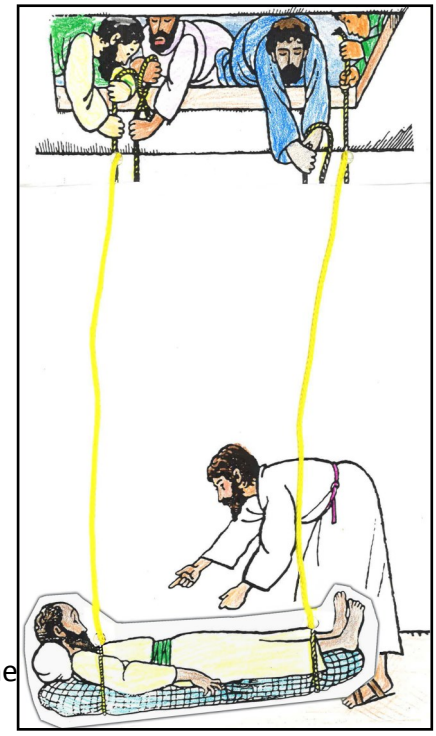
copy of *The Paralyzed Man and Friends* p. 2 *and The Lord Healing the Paralyzed Man* p. 3 printed on stiff paper for each child, 2 pieces of yarn or string about 18" (45 cm) long for each child, crayons or markers, scissors, single hole punch, tape

Prepare in Advance

Print *The Paralyzed Man and Friends* p. 2 *and The Lord Healing the Paralyzed Man* p. 3 onto stiff paper. Cut *The Paralyzed Man and Friends* along the dotted line and hole punch the two black circles. Tape the picture of these friends to the top of *The Lord Healing the Paralyzed Man* page. Depending on the age of your class, you may wish to prepare the figures of the paralyzed man ahead of time as well.

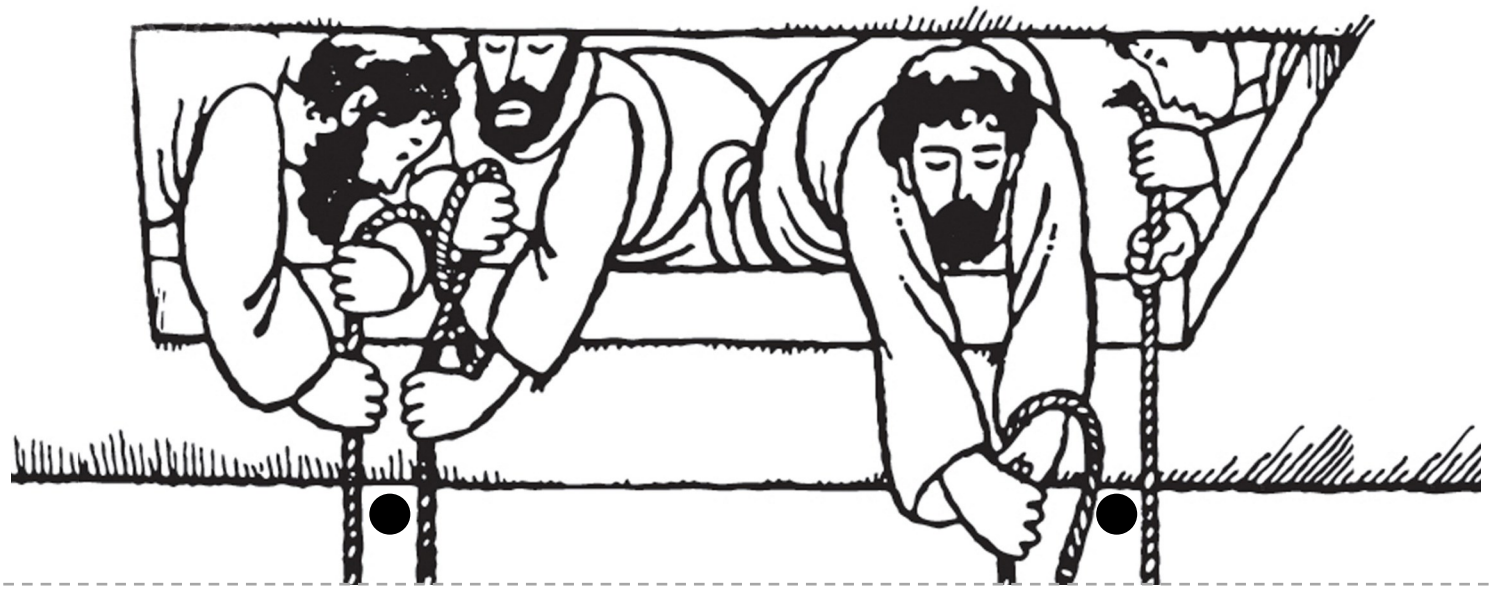
New Church Concept
Love of the Neighbor
Spiritual love to the neighbor begins with the Lord, and goes forth from Him to all who are conjoined to Him by love and faith. See *Heaven and Hell* 558

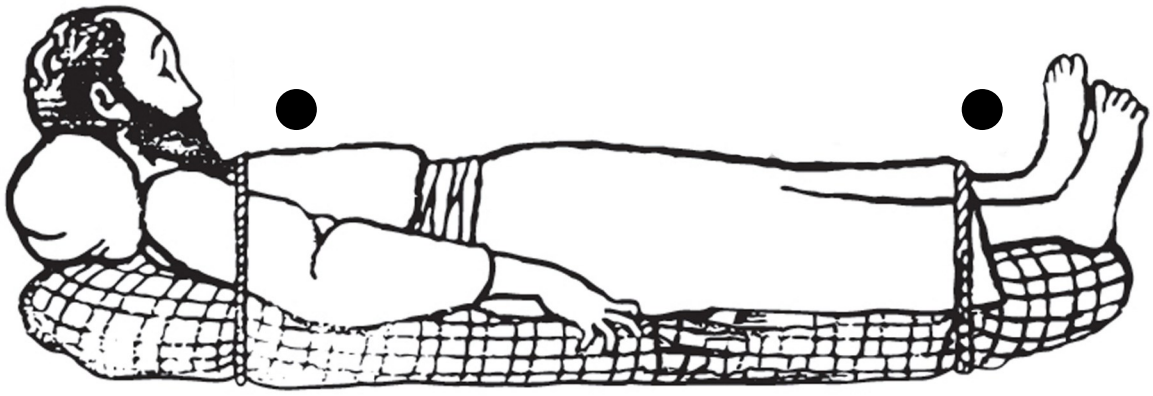
Children create a moving picture to show how 4 men let down a paralyzed man through a roof to reach the Lord. When the Lord saw their faith, He told the Paralyzed Man that his sins were forgiven. A few minutes later, He told the man to take up his bed and go to his house.



1. Give each child a picture of the *Paralyzed Man* (from p. 2) and ask them to color him. Talk about what it would be like to not be able to move.
2. Give children copies of *The Lord Healing the Paralyzed Man* (p. 3) with the picture of the 4 men on the roof taped to the the Lord and the men.
3. While the children color, circulate to help them cut out around their copies of the paralyzed man (as shown in the picture above) and punch holes over the black circles.
4. Give each child two pieces of yarn or string about 18" (45cm) long. Starting from the front of the pictures, help them thread one end of each piece through the holes on the picture of the paralyzed man. Tape the ends of the string to the back of the picture.
5. Thread the other ends of the yarn or string through the holes at the top of the other picture with the four men and the Lord. Tie the two pieces of yarn together behind the picture.
6. Children can now show how the four men let the Paralyzed Man down from the roof into the room where the Lord was.
7. It was kind of these 4 men to help the paralyzed man, wasn't it? When the Lord saw what they had done and that they believed the Lord could help their friend, He healed the man so he could get up, pick up his bed, and walk home himself!

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The Paralyzed Man and Friends

The Lord Healing the Paralyzed Man

