

# GRADES 1 - 5

## LESSON 5: SERVICE



### WHAT SHOULD I SEE?

Jesus returned to the city of Capernaum. When the people heard that He had come back to town, they all came to see Him. Soon there was no room in the house where He was speaking. A group of four men wanted Jesus to help their friend who was paralyzed. They cared about their friend so much that they lowered him through a hole in the roof of the crowded house. They wanted Jesus to heal their friend. Jesus was so impressed by this act of friendship and faith that He said, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Some people didn't think Jesus should say this because they didn't believe He was God. Jesus knew that they were thinking this and He wanted them to know of His power. So He said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and walk." The man did this and walked out of the house in front of everyone. The people were amazed. They praised God and said, "We have never seen anything like this!" (Source: Mark 2:1-12)

### WHAT'S THE KEY?

The four men cared so much for their friend that they would do anything to help him – even lower him from a hole in the roof. This showed love and respect for their friend. They served their friend by taking him to be healed by Jesus.

### WHAT'S THAT TO ME?

We might have friends at school that are different from the other kids. The other kids may tease and do sad things to our friends. We can help our friends by serving them. By helping our friends, we are showing respect.

### HOW SHOULD I BE?

When we see friends in need, we can serve them by praying for them and by being kind. If someone is teasing our friends, we can help them by showing that we care. When we pray, we can ask God to show us how to help our friends. Service is showing God and others that we love them.

### MEMORY VERSE

*"Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other."*  
Romans 12:10 GW

### PRACTICE POINT

Learning to share  
is a great way to show that I care.

### QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES

- How can you serve a friend this week?
- What does serving others show?
- Name a time when someone showed you that s/he cares about you.
- Do one chore around the house without being asked. What did you do?
- Recite the Bible verse to a friend this week. To whom did you say it?
- Write down one way you can serve a friend and do it for someone this week.