



GOD FORGIVES

(HEALING OF THE PARALYZED MAN)

3.3

PICNIC BLANKET COMPETITION

SUPPLIES

- Picnic blankets (2)

SET UP

Spread the picnic blankets on the ground.

RELATE

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Four men carried their paralyzed friend to see Jesus, but they couldn't get inside because of the crowd. Read Mark 2:4 aloud. **What did they do?** Pause for answers. **Yes! They dug through the roof of the house and lowered their friend down! When Jesus saw their faith, He not only forgave the man of his sins but also healed him. When the man was healed, everyone there saw that Jesus also had the authority to forgive people's sins. That day, Jesus showed the people that He is God.**

Invite your kids to play a game during which they'll try to fit as many people as they can into a small space: the area covered by a picnic blanket. To play, divide your group into two teams, and have each team stand on a blanket. Then have the children step off of their blankets, fold them in half, and try to get everyone to fit on them again. Next, have the kids fold the blankets in half again and try to fit on them once more. Continue until one team can't fit every team member on its blanket. The remaining team wins.



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