

Mark Chapter 2 — Jesus heals, calls disciples and teaches

In Chapter 2 of Mark's Gospel, Jesus shows us how much God loves and cares for everyone. Some friends bring a man who cannot walk to see Jesus. Because the house is so crowded, they make an opening in the roof and lower their friend down to Jesus. Jesus forgives the man's sins and heals him so he can walk again! Jesus also invites a tax collector named Levi to follow him, even though many people do not like tax collectors. Jesus eats with people whom others judge or leave out. He teaches that he came to help people who need God's love, just as a doctor helps people who are sick. Jesus reminds us that God wants us to forgive others, welcome everyone, and show kindness to people who may feel left out.

Talk about these questions together as a family. Take turns sharing your thoughts, listen to one another, and discover how Jesus' teachings can help your family grow in faith and show God's love in everyday life.

1. The man's friends worked hard to bring him to Jesus. How can we be good friends and help people who need us?

2. How do you think the man felt when Jesus healed him and he could walk again?

3. Jesus invited Levi to follow him, even though other people judged him as being a bad person. How can we welcome someone whom others leave out?

4. Why do you think it is important to forgive others when they hurt our feelings?

5. What is one thing our family can do this week to show God's love to someone who needs a friend?