

## Matthew 9:1-8, “Thankfulness”

*v1 And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city. <sup>2</sup> And behold, some people brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup> And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” <sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>7</sup> And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.*

### Overview of Passage

To set up the scene in Matthew 9, we have Jesus traveling throughout Galilee performing miracles left and right and then He arrives to His home town in Capernaum and a certain crowd brings a paralytic to Him. Then Jesus, discerning their faith by knowing that they brought Him there to be healed says, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And what happens next is one of Jesus’ greatest defining moments.

#### I. Only God can forgive sins

- Jesus has the \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive sins
- Jesus has the \_\_\_\_\_ to heal paralytics
- Jesus has the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ the thoughts of man
- Jesus is the *Son of Man*
- Jesus is the *Son of God*
- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. What I’m most thankful for

- Jesus told the paralytic to take comfort in his \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_
- Our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ will never bring contentment if our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ is not God
- The gospel should bring comfort to our \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Discussion

1. What are you most thankful for?
2. Why did the Scribes say Jesus was guilty of blasphemy?
3. What did Jesus prove by healing the paralytic?

## Scripture Memorization for November

### Colossians 3:13

*<sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

## Songs to Worship throughout the week

“Good and Gracious King”, by CityAlight

“Yet not I but Christ in me”, by CityAlight

“Death has lost it’s sting”, by Sojourn

“My Jesus I love Thee”, by Selah

*\*You can find these songs on Spotify or Youtube\**

## Kids Catechisms

**Q.** Who can forgive sins?

**A.** Only God