

# KIDZONE

## SPY REPORTS ON JESUS 4

The Pharisees looked grim as they barked orders at their spies: "Go to Capernaum and investigate a new travelling teacher named Jesus from Nazareth. We've heard that he's saying and doing some terrible things. Don't waste time! Bring back a full report."

"Yes, Sirs," the spies replied.

**Pretend you're one of these spies. Investigate Jesus for yourself.**

### A CROWDED HOUSE

In Capernaum the spies secretly squeezed into a crowded house.

"Yes, Jesus from Nazareth is here," they noted.

And there were many others pushing and shoving to get inside. They all wanted to see Jesus heal someone.

Suddenly there were hammering noises above. Bits of the roof started to fall on their heads. Someone was making a hole in the ceiling. People looked up and got dust and bits of the roof in their eyes.

"Look out! Stand back," someone shouted.

A bag of something was being lowered down through the hole. But at first no one could see what was in it.

"It's a mat and there's a man lying on it," a woman said.

Now they could see four men peering down through the hole. They each had a rope in their hands, tied to a corner of the mat. They were lowering their friend to get him to Jesus. The man on the mat couldn't move any part of his body. He was a quadriplegic – totally paralysed. The people backed off to make room for him.

His four friends had tried to carry the paralysed man to Jesus but they couldn't get in through the doors or windows because of the crowd. So they had climbed the outside steps, dragging him onto the flat roof. Nothing was going to stop them.

Jesus saw that the four friends believed he could heal the man lying on the mat.



The first thing he said to the man shocked everyone: "Your sins are forgiven."

The spies thought: "The Pharisees won't like that. Who does this Jesus think he is? Only God can forgive people's sins. How do we know he can?"

Jesus knew what they were thinking.

"This will show that I have authority to forgive sins," he said, as he looked at the

man. "Get up, pick up your mat and go home."

And that's what he did! Everyone squashed back to the walls to make room as he jumped up, rolled up his mat and walked quickly out the door.

Back in Jerusalem the spies told the Pharisees what they saw.

"Only God can forgive sins," the Pharisees said angrily.

"Did he really tell the man his sins were forgiven?"

"Yes, and then he showed he had the authority to forgive him by healing the man. One minute he was paralysed and the next he was walking, jumping and carrying things."

"Humph!" said the Pharisees. But that's all they could say. Someone who can heal a quadriplegic must have the authority to forgive sins.

this report is filed in Mark 2:1-12. Look it up!



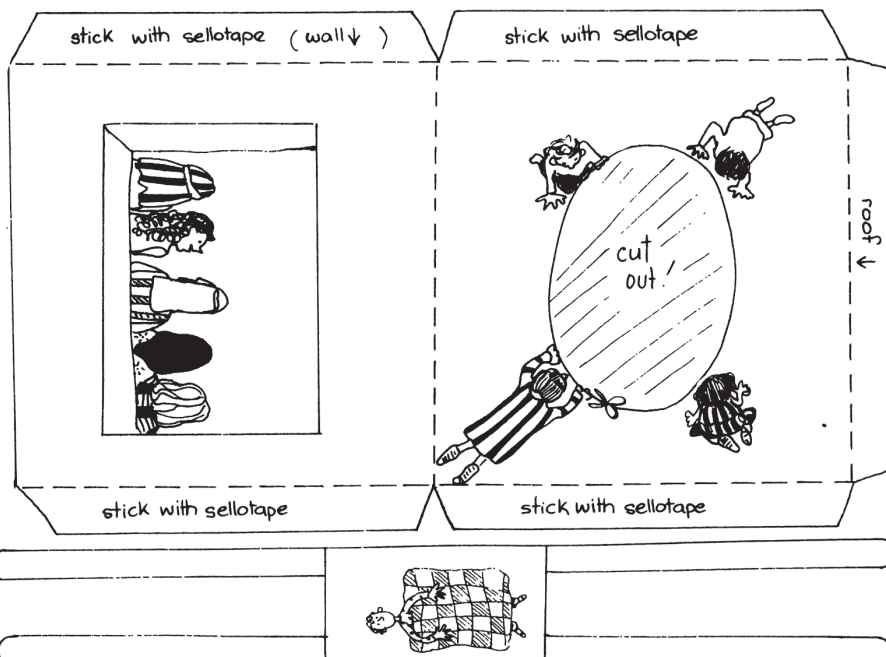
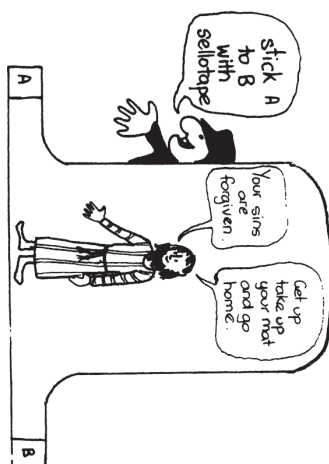
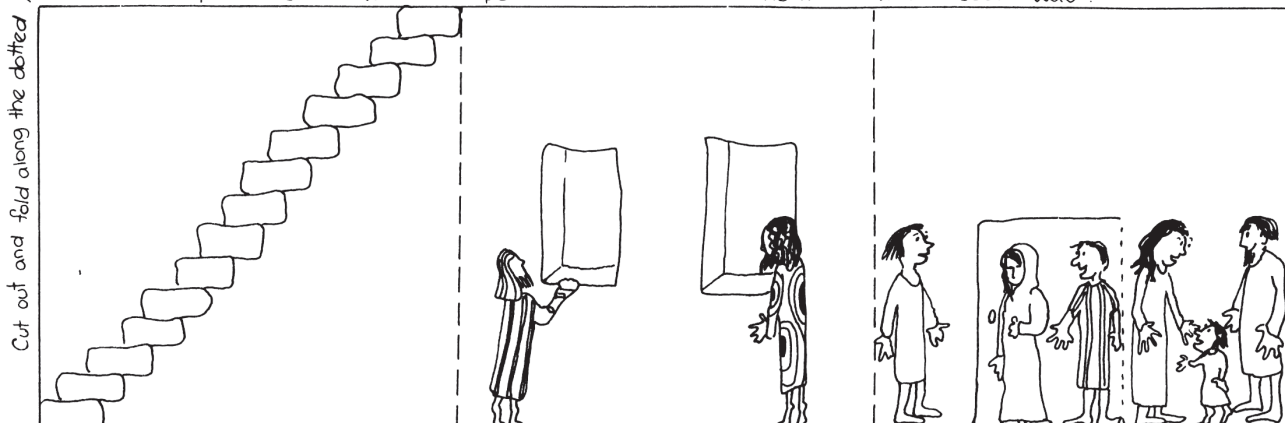


## RECONSTRUCT THE SCENE

### Be a Spy!

Print this page and cut out the four bits. Follow the instructions to make a 3D model of the scene.

Stick the parts together with sellotape and make a model of the house where Jesus was!



### A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I sometimes do wrong things. Please forgive me. Thank you that you have the authority to forgive my sins. Amen.

### TOP SECRET VERSE

#### Be a Spy!

Can you decode this verse? Here is a clue: use a mirror.

Mark 5:10  
to forgive sins.  
authority on earth  
The Son of Man has

Now copy it into your Top Secret Notebook or Computer File and memorise it. It is something important that Jesus said and he used his Top Secret name for himself: "Son of Man".

### TOP SECRET SUMMARY:

#### Be a Spy!

Fill in the gaps and copy the answers into your Top Secret Notebook or Computer File:

The town the spies went to:

C \_\_\_\_\_

Where Jesus was:

In a h \_\_\_\_\_

The number of friends who brought the paralysed man:

F \_\_\_\_\_

How they got the man in:

Through a h \_\_\_\_\_ in the r \_\_\_\_\_

The first thing Jesus said to the man:

"Your s \_\_\_\_\_ are f \_\_\_\_\_"

How Jesus showed he had the authority to forgive sins:

Jesus h \_\_\_\_\_ the man.

To check your answers look up Mark 2:1 – 12.

