THE FIVE FRIENDS

·Mark 2:1-13

Jesus often healed sick people, and made them strong and well again. At Capernaum, there lived a poor sick man who had four friends. When they heard that Jesus was coming to their city, they wanted Jesus to heal their friend. So, they carried their friend on his bed to the house where Jesus was speaking to the crowd.

They could not take the sick man inside to Jesus, because there were too many people crowded into the house. So, they climbed onto the roof, made a hole, and let the sick man down at Jesus' feet. Jesus said, "Stand up. Pick up your bed and go home." Jesus healed the man and everyone was very happy and praised God.

This was another wonderful miracle which Jesus did with God's help.

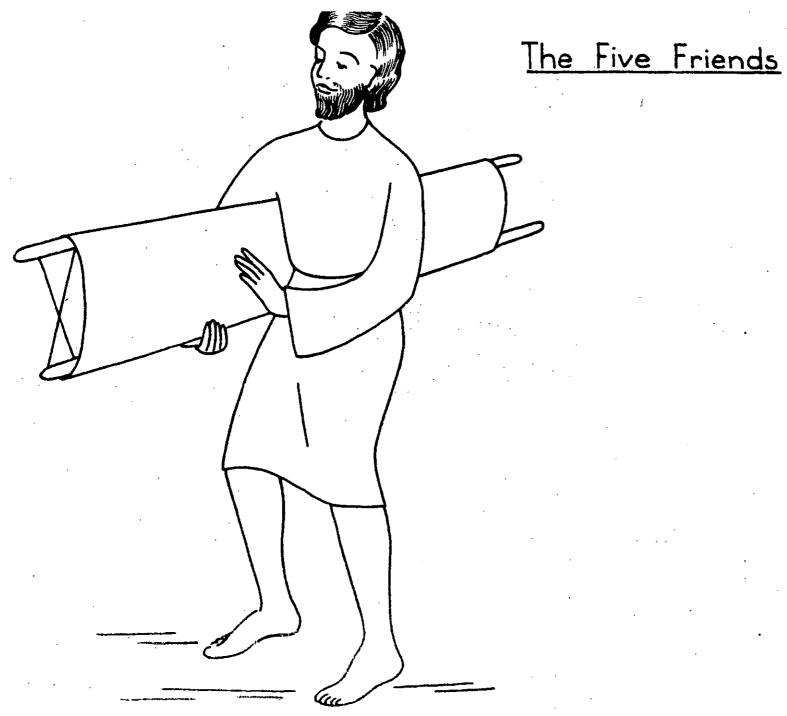
ACTIVITY

Draw the four friends of the man who was made to walk. Paint or colour the illustration. Use some material to glue onto the lame man's bed.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a patchwork rug. Divide a rectangle into squares and either glue pieces of material or colour each square with crayons.

As an aid to the story make an eastern house from a shoebox. Make steps at the side from matchboxes. Open the top. Lower the (peg) man on his bed, after putting string onto its four corners.



Now this man can walk home.