JESUS HEALS A PARALYTIC

Luke 5:17–26

Key Verse: 5:24a

1. Who is there while Jesus is teaching, where are they from, and why do you think they have come (17a)? How is Jesus described (17b)?
2. What else is happening, and why would these men be doing this (18)? What obstacle do they encounter, what do they do, and why (19)?
3. What effect would this man’s entrance into the room in this way have? How does Jesus respond to this situation (20)? Why would he say these words to a paralyzed man, without healing him? How do the religious leaders respond, and why (21)?
4. What does Jesus say to them first (22–23)? Which saying is “easier”? What does Jesus say next, and what does he want everyone to know (24)? What does it mean to us that he has authority on earth to forgive sins, and why is this so important?
5. What happens to the paralyzed man (25)? How do all the people there respond (26)? Why is glorifying God emphasized, and what can we learn here?