

# Investigating the Reports

**In your group read this report written by Luke about the kind of things Jesus was getting up to. Then use the questions to investigate and dig deeper into what was actually going on...**

People have travelled for miles and miles to see Jesus.

**1**

Can you think of anything similar these days that would draw that sort of crowd?

Try to imagine the atmosphere, what words would you use to describe it?

Why do you think people were so excited to see Jesus?

Do you think they were expecting Jesus to say this?

**3**

What does this tell us about what Jesus thought was important?

## Jesus Heals a Paralysed Man

(Luke 5)

17 One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus.

18 Some men came carrying a paralysed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, 19 but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. 20 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven."

21 But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, "Who does he think he is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? 23 Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? 24 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralysed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

25 And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!"

These men seem really keen to get their friend to Jesus **2**

Why do you think they were?

What do you think they were expecting to happen?

Why?

If they think only God can forgive sins what does that imply about Jesus? **4**

Does Jesus deny being God?

How does Jesus' healing change this story? **5**

What does it say about Jesus?