

The Best Friends You Could Ever Want

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There was a man who couldn't walk. He could not even get up. That was the bad news. But the good news was that he had some great friends. Friends who looked after him. Friends who even carried him around on his mat when he needed to get from place to place.

One day, his friends had a great idea. 'We'll take you to Jesus' they said, 'Jesus will make you well.' So they picked the man up on his bed-mat and carried him to the house where Jesus was. But there was such a crowd at the door, they couldn't get near. 'Please can we get through?' they said to the crowd. 'No, no, no!' the crowd replied. 'We want to see Jesus too!'



'Let's try the stairs' said one of the friends (The stairs were outside the house.) So they went up.... right up... to the roof! The house had a flat roof made of tiles. It was a long way down, but it was the only way they could help their friend meet Jesus.

Then they let the man down on his bed-mat, lowering him gently through the a hole in the roof, until he was....right next to Jesus.

Jesus looked down at the man. He looked up at the four friends – and he smiled. 'You want me to make him well?', Jesus said, 'and so I will – completely well'. Then he said to the man: 'every bad thing you have done is forgiven. Now up you get! Pick up that mat. You can walk home!'. And so he did. Isn't Jesus amazing?
And weren't the man's friends amazing too?

(This story is from the Bible – the book of Luke, chapter 5 starting at verse 17.)