

Scripture: Luke 5:18-25

Main Idea: Can you picture it? A crowd is gathered around a house, but you cannot see inside. You're there with a friend who cannot walk and you want to get inside the house just in case Jesus is inside. What do you do? You can't get through the crowd—it's too dense. You can't dig under the house, that would be impractical. You can't go over it...or could you? The friends hoist their friend who cannot walk or stand up on top of the house's roof, remove part of the roof itself and then lower their friend down. That's a lot of effort! What was inside? Jesus—and getting to see Jesus is worth all the effort. The faith of the man and his friends alone brought healing to the friend. What a miracle—all possible because they thought outside the box.

Activity: In worship we are talking about Pursuing the good by offering grace and love to all people—even those who we feel are in our way sometimes. This takes some outside the box thinking, especially if our feelings are hurt or someone does something we don't like. But it is an important part of our faith. On the next page you have a picture of a box. Thinking outside the box, complete the picture so that you no longer have an object that looks like a box, but that you have created a fun picture that looks at the object in a new way.

Think Outside the Box—finish this picture so that the object that looks like a box, is no longer just a box but something new:

