Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

An account of Jesus' life written by Mark, one of His followers.

The teachers of the law were the religious leaders and knew only God can forgive sins.

Back then, people thought disabilities were because of a sin you committed. Those with disabilities also couldn't work and had to depend on others.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Jesus heals and forgives a paralyzed man whose friends worked hard to get the man before Jesus.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 3: FAITH FILLED COMMUNITY

Mark 2:1 – 12 (NIV)

1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard
that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers that there
was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to
them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of
them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they
made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then
lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said
to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."
6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to
themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who
can forgive sins but God alone?"
8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in
their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these
things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,'
or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But I want you to know that the
Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11 "I
tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and
walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised
God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

The paralyzed man was able to reach Jesus because of a faith-filled community. What are steps you can take to build similar community in your spaces (i.e. school, hospital, etc.)? Write one way you'll foster faith-filled community this week:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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