

SCIENCE WITH JESUS

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus wants us to know him.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will state who Jesus is and why he is so amazing.

KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 5:17-26, Four Friends Bring a Sick Man to Jesus

MEMORY VERSE:

“Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen me but still have believed.’” John 20:29 (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

Four young men wanted their friend to be healed so bad, they ripped the roof off a house just to help him reach Jesus. Jesus is the most amazing man who ever lived, and he wants us to get to know him!

INTRO:

Does anyone have any idea how today’s experiment works? In this experiment, we were able to get a hex nut to drop into the mouth of a soda bottle just by tapping the plastic ring that separated them in the right spot - on the inside. It takes a little practice to do this experiment, but if you get good at it, you can even make a whole stack of hex nuts fall into the bottle.

The explanation for this experiment is something called inertia. Inertia is the tendency of an object to stay still or stay in motion unless it is acted upon by another object. The hex nut on top of the ring is perfectly still. Its inertia will keep it sitting on top of that ring unless we do something to change that. When we hit the ring on the outside to move the ring, the ring flexes outward, causing the

inertia of the nut to change. Instead of being still, the hex nut moves upward and away from the bottle.

But as you all saw, the nut falls straight down into the bottle if we hit the ring on the inside. When we hit the ring on the inside, the ring bends inward, pulling down and away from the nut, and the nut's inertia keeps it still - for a very brief second. Then another force, gravity, takes control and drops the nut into the bottle.

Once that ring is out of the way, the nut does not hesitate. It drops straight down, fast as it can go, pulled by gravity.

We started this series with this experiment because it is a good visual of what happens in today's Bible story. In today's scripture we meet four young men who had a friend who needed healing. Their friend had to be carried on a bed, and when the boys came to the house where Jesus was staying, they could not get the bed through the crowd. Watch what they do so that they can get their friend to Jesus.

READ LUKE 5:17-26

MAIN POINT:

When Jesus sees the man lying on the cot, he forgave his sins, and he healed him. The man stood up, picked up his own bed, and was able to carry it home. The people watching this were astonished. Who is this man? How does he have the power to heal a man who was paralyzed?

Jesus is the Son of God. The Bible tells us he was born a humble birth in a stable. He grew up to become a great teacher and leader as well as a man of miracles. Jesus could calm storms, give sight to the blind, and even raise the dead. No wonder those boys wanted their friend to meet Jesus.

But Jesus did one thing greater than all those miracles. Jesus paid the price for our sins. By the time Jesus had finished his ministry on Earth, he had died a sinner's death and risen from the grave. Jesus had the authority to forgive sins because he took the punishment for our sins upon himself.

Jesus is the greatest man who ever walked the face of the Earth, and he wants nothing more than for us to rush to him!

DRIVE IT HOME:

Over the next six weeks, we are going to see Jesus do some more amazing things. Each week, we will also do a little science. Every science experiment we do will have an explanation. Today's experiment works because of the laws of inertia and gravity. But you would be hard pressed to come up with an explanation for some of Jesus' miracles.

How was Jesus able to heal this paralyzed man just by saying, "Get up and walk?" How was Jesus able to feed 5000 people with one little boy's lunch? How was he able to walk on the water of a lake in the middle of a storm? How was Jesus able to conquer death?

Jesus is God's Son. He is our Creator, and the Creator of all things. Only the God who created the laws of science has the power to break them, and Jesus did that - just so we would know that he is who he claims to be. Jesus is the most amazing man you will ever meet. He is the Son of God. He is our Savior. We hope that by the end of this series, you will be like the nut in our experiment. You will not let anything stand in the way of your coming to know Jesus.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 5:17-26

Why did the four have to rip the roof off the house?

Why did Jesus tell the man his sins were forgiven?

What do you think the other people thought when they saw the man get up and walk?

Who is Jesus?

What makes him so amazing?

We added a YouTube video of the story of Jesus healing a paralyzed man:

[Jesus heals a paralyzed man](#)