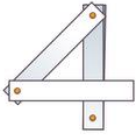
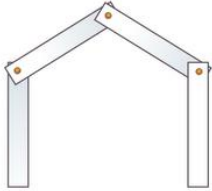


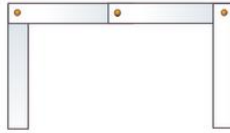
There was a man who couldn't walk. He just lay on his mat all day.



The man had 4 friends.
They wanted to help, so they took him to Jesus.



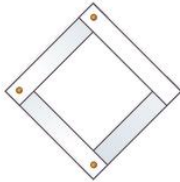
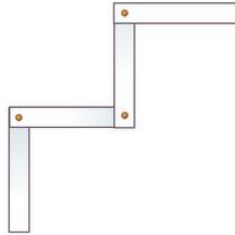
They got to the house where Jesus was - but it wasn't a house like we have; it had a flat roof.



Use 4 strips of card and split pins to re-tell the story

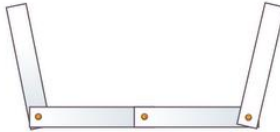
You could also put 2 strips of 4 together at the end to form a cross to explain how the man was forgiven.

So many people had come to see Jesus that they couldn't get through the door. So they climbed the stairs on to the roof...



... and made a hole in it.

They tied ropes to the mat, and let it down through the roof to Jesus.



When Jesus saw the man, he said, "Your sins are forgiven." Some people were cross. "How can Jesus forgive sins?" they asked. Jesus said, "Is it easier to say, your sins are forgiven, or... ..Get up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

And the man stood up straight,



folded up his mat, and went home.

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Use lolly sticks and scrap material to make the stretcher. The man is made from pipe cleaners. Wool or string can be used for the carry handles.

