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# Healing Wanda's Mother

## Children's Story

Year B, Epiphany 7

Title: Healing Wanda's Mother  
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Text: Mark 2:1-12  
Theme: Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

### Wondering Questions:

- I wonder how it felt to have a sick Mom for such a long time.
- I wonder how God's healing worked in Wanda's mom.
- I wonder why it is so important to pray for people.
- I wonder how I can help God's healing happen in others' lives.

### Gathering Activity:

Welcome the children as they gather for the children's story and engage them in quiet conversation about friends and family members that are sick. Tell them that today's Gospel reading is a story about some friends who brought their sick friend to Jesus so that Jesus could heal him from a sickness he had had for a very long time. Show them the text, Mark 2:1-12, in your Bible and encourage them to listen for that story when it is read in another part of the service. Help the children settle into a comfortable attitude of worship and holy expectancy before you share your story of Wanda, and her mother, who was sick, and how she was healed.

### Story:

Wanda was scared because her mother had been sick for what seemed a very long time. In the mornings it was Dad who fixed breakfast for her. Before she left for school, Wanda would go to her mother's bedroom to kiss her good-bye.

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“Do you feel better today?” Wanda would ask. Usually her mother said, “I might be a bit better today. I’m going to get up soon.” But when Wanda came home from school, her mother would be lying on the couch.

For three Sunday mornings, Wanda’s mother didn’t even go to church. She was still wearing her dressing gown when she said good-bye to Wanda, her brother, and her Dad.

The minister prayed that Mom would get better, and Wanda prayed too. She asked God to make her mother better immediately.

The next day, Wanda’s grandmother came and made supper for them. Wanda asked her grandmother, “Why doesn’t God answer our prayers? I asked God to heal her yesterday and she isn’t better yet. Can’t God hear us?”

“Oh, God hears us, dear,” said her grandmother. “But God’s healing comes in many different ways. Sometimes it takes a long time. I’m glad you are praying for your mother.

We will all keep on praying for her.”

The next day Wanda’s mother went to the hospital where she had an operation to take out her gall bladder because it was making her sick. Wanda’s father said that her Mom would be asleep and wouldn’t feel it when the doctors cut open her skin to take out the gall bladder. Wanda was sure it must hurt, so she prayed that Jesus would hold her Mom’s hand while she was having the operation.

The operation helped. When Mom came home from the hospital she was still weak and sore, but she felt a lot better. When Wanda told her mother about her prayer that Jesus would hold Mom’s hand during the operation, Wanda’s mother gave her a big hug. Right then and there they folded their hands together and thanked Jesus for holding Mom’s hand and thanked God for making her well again.

Two weeks later Mom was back, working in the kitchen while Wanda ate her breakfast. And on Sunday morning when the minister prayed for other people who were sick, Wanda prayed for them, too.

**Prayer:**

Thank you, Jesus, for helping Wanda’s mom get better, and for prayers, like Wanda’s. Please help us show our love for people by praying for them when they are sick, and please, use our prayers as part of your healing touch. Amen.