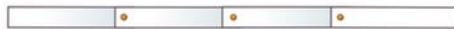
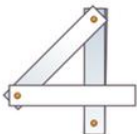


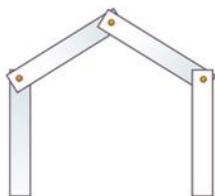
The 4 friends



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



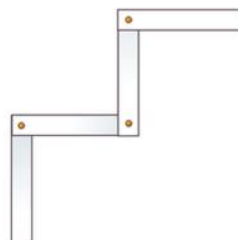
The man had 4 friends.
They wanted to help, so they took him to Jesus.



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

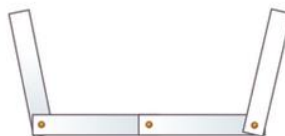


So many people had come to see Jesus
that they couldn't get through the door.
So they climbed the stairs on to the roof...



... 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.