

English for Life

Luke 1–5

Ten Bible-based English lessons

Intermediate

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Lesson 10

PART 1 (APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR):

An underlying problem

PART 2 (APPROXIMATELY 1/2 HOUR):

Jesus heals and forgives a paralysed man Luke 5:17–26

BIG IDEA:

Jesus used his power to heal a paralysed man, to show that he also has power to forgive sins.



Prepare lesson

Part 1. An underlying problem

Print resources

- ☐ **RESOURCE 10.1.1 – Phone-labelling worksheet**
Print one copy per student.
- ☐ **RESOURCE 10.1.2 – Phone parts labelled**
Print one copy to consult for answers.
- ☐ **RESOURCE 10.2 – Matching-activity sheet**
Print one copy per student.
- ☐ **RESOURCE 10.3 – A cracked phone screen is good news**
Print one text per student.
- ☐ **RESOURCE 10.4 – Response slips**
Print enough for one slip per student.

Part 2. Jesus heals and forgives a paralysed man – Luke 5:17–26

Read scripture

- ☐ Luke 5:17–26 in your Bible
- ☐ Luke 5:17–26 paraphrase on page 5

Print resources

- ☐ **Story sketches 1–9** (on pages 6–14 in Introduction)
Print one copy of each sketch to display.
- ☐ **Summary statements 1–9** (on pages 17–25 in Introduction)
Print one copy of each statement to display.
- ☐ **RESOURCE 10.5 – Story sketch 10**
Print one A4 or A3 copy to display.
- ☐ **RESOURCE 10.6 – Bible text**
Print one Bible text per student.
- ☐ **RESOURCE 10.7 – Worksheet**
Print one copy per student.

HEART LANGUAGE

Optional: Print the passage in the students' heart languages for them to read or take home.

Visit bible.com or biblegateway.com to find a number of international translations.

Part 1. An underlying problem

Activate knowledge

Invite students to get out their mobile phones.

Ask 'What do you use your phones for?'

Accept responses.

Distribute [RESOURCE 10.1.1 – Phone-labelling worksheet](#) to each student.

Divide students into pairs.

Encourage pairs to complete the worksheet by labelling the apps and phone parts.

Check the worksheet answers as a class (see [RESOURCE 10.1.2 – Phone parts labelled](#) for answers).

Focus on language

Brainstorm things that can go wrong with a mobile phone (e.g. a cracked screen).

Distribute [RESOURCE 10.2 – Matching-activity sheet](#) to each student.

Read the sentences on the sheet and invite students to point to the corresponding pictures.

Invite students to write the correct sentence underneath each picture.

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RESOURCE 10.2 –
Matching-activity sheet

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student.



Undertake speaking tasks

Choose one or more tasks to suit your context.

Speaking task 1: Listen and summarise

Divide students into small groups and invite them to listen carefully while you read aloud.

Read the story in [RESOURCE 10.3 – A cracked phone screen is good news](#) twice.

Invite groups to discuss the story and write a short summary.

Invite groups to share their summaries with the class.

Invite other students to make comments or ask questions about the story.

Speaking task 2: Read and define new words

Distribute [RESOURCE 10.3 – A cracked phone screen is good news](#) to each student.

Invite students to read it in small groups and circle any words that are new to them.

Define any new words.

Speaking task 3: Phone problem dialogue

Distribute a different slip from [RESOURCE 10.4 – Response slips](#) to each student. (If you have more than six students, more than one student can have the same slip.)

RESOURCE 10.3 –
A cracked phone
screen is good news
Print one text per
student.

RESOURCE 10.4 –
Response slips
Print enough for one
slip per student.

Read the following phone problems aloud, inviting students to hold up and read the matching response:

- ☐ 'The battery on my phone won't recharge.'
- ☐ 'I dropped my phone and the screen is cracked.'
- ☐ 'I dropped my phone in water and it's not working.'
- ☐ 'My phone cord is broken.'
- ☐ 'My phone keeps overheating.'
- ☐ 'My phone is very slow.'



Lead into Bible

Say 'In our Bible time, a man comes to Jesus with a problem. Jesus heals him but also fixes an even bigger problem.'

Part 2. Jesus heals and forgives a paralysed man

Luke 5:17–26 (paraphrase)

This Bible paraphrase will be referred to later in this lesson.

Jewish leaders and teachers came from all over the region to see Jesus. While Jesus was teaching in a house, some men arrived carrying a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. They tried to take him into the house but it was too crowded, so they went onto the roof. They lowered the man through the roof into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus.

Jesus saw that they had faith, and said to the man, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.' The Jewish leaders and teachers thought, 'Who is this man? Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, 'Is it easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven" or "Get up and walk"? Let me show you that I have authority to forgive sins.' He said to the man who could not walk, 'Get up. Take your mat and go home.' The man stood up and went home praising God.

Review previous lessons

Display **Story sketches 1–9** (pages 6–14 in Introduction).

Point to the **Story sketches** one at a time, inviting students to summarise the Bible story from each of the previous lessons.

Display **Summary statements 1–9** (pages 7–25 in Introduction).

Invite students to match each sketch with its corresponding statement.

Re-read the **Summary statements** from each lesson, pointing to the corresponding sketches.

Predict content

Display **RESOURCE 10.5 – Story sketch 10**.

Invite students to describe what they see.

Invite students to tell a story about the picture.

**RESOURCE 10.5 –
Story sketch 10**

Print one A4 or A3
copy to display.

Read and comprehend

Activity 1: Listen, read and summarise

Read the following Bible paraphrase aloud to the class.

Luke 5:17–26 (paraphrase)

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**RESOURCE 10.6 –
Bible text**

Print one Bible text per
student.

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**RESOURCE 10.7 –
Worksheet**

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Distribute **RESOURCE 10.6 – Bible text** to each student.

Re-read the passage aloud.

Ask 'Are there any words that are new to you?'

Define any new words (e.g. sins).

Invite the class to work together to summarise the text.

Write summary points on the board.

Activity 2: Worksheet

Distribute **RESOURCE 10.7 – Worksheet** to each student.

Invite students to work with those around them to complete it.

Check answers together.

Activity 3: Retell from a different perspective

Divide students into pairs.

Invite pairs to retell the story from the perspective of the paralysed man and/or his friends.

Invite volunteers to share their retelling with the class.

Activity 4: True or False

Bring students back together as a class.

Ask True/False questions, inviting students to respond with a thumbs up or thumbs down.

- ☐ 'Nobody had heard about Jesus.' *F*
- ☐ 'The Jewish leaders came from all over Israel.' *T*
- ☐ 'Jesus was teaching in a garden.' *F*
- ☐ 'Some men arrived with a sick woman.' *F*
- ☐ 'The house was empty.' *F*
- ☐ 'The men lowered their friend through the roof.' *T*
- ☐ 'Jesus told the man to roll over.' *F*
- ☐ 'Jesus forgave the man.' *T*
- ☐ 'Jesus healed the man.' *T*

Invite curiosity

Ask 'Do you have any questions or comments about the story?'

An important question

Ask 'What was surprising about what Jesus did?'

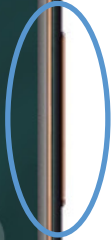
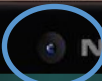
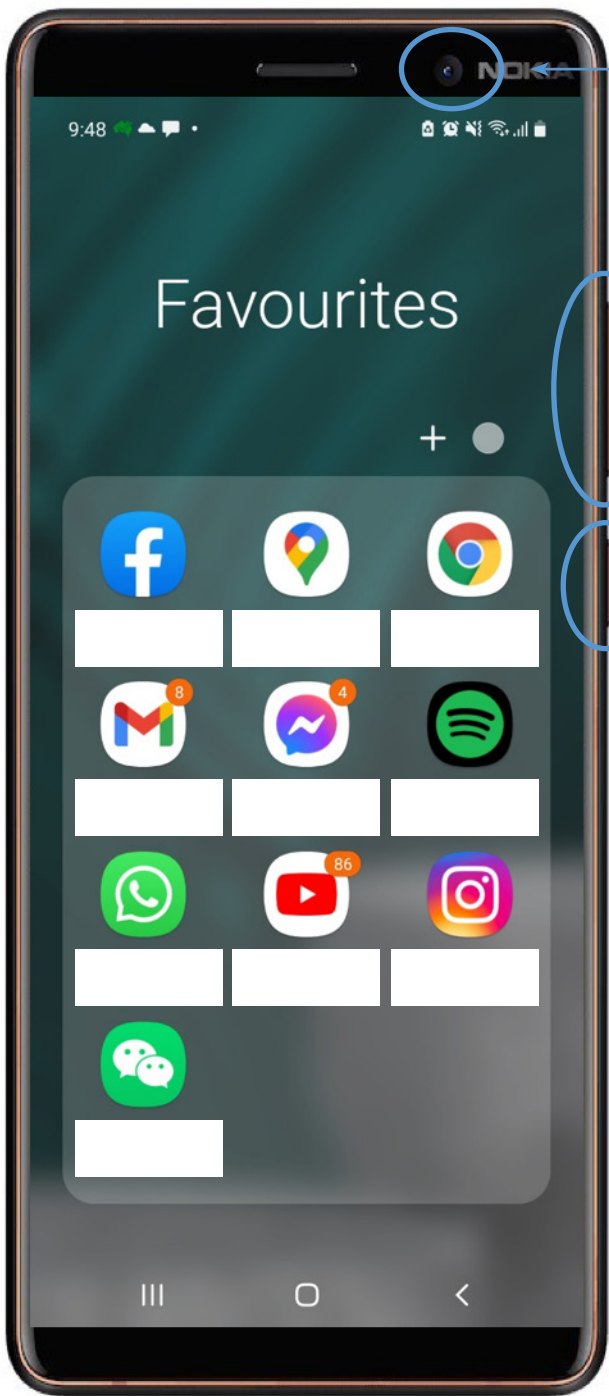
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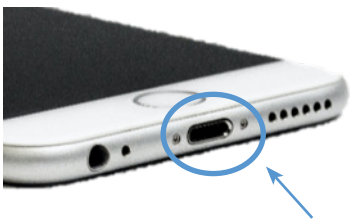
Say 'Jesus healed a paralysed man to show that he can also forgive sins.'

10.1.1 RESOURCE – Phone-labelling worksheet

Lesson 10: Part 1. An underlying problem
Print one copy per student.

Label the apps and parts of the phone.







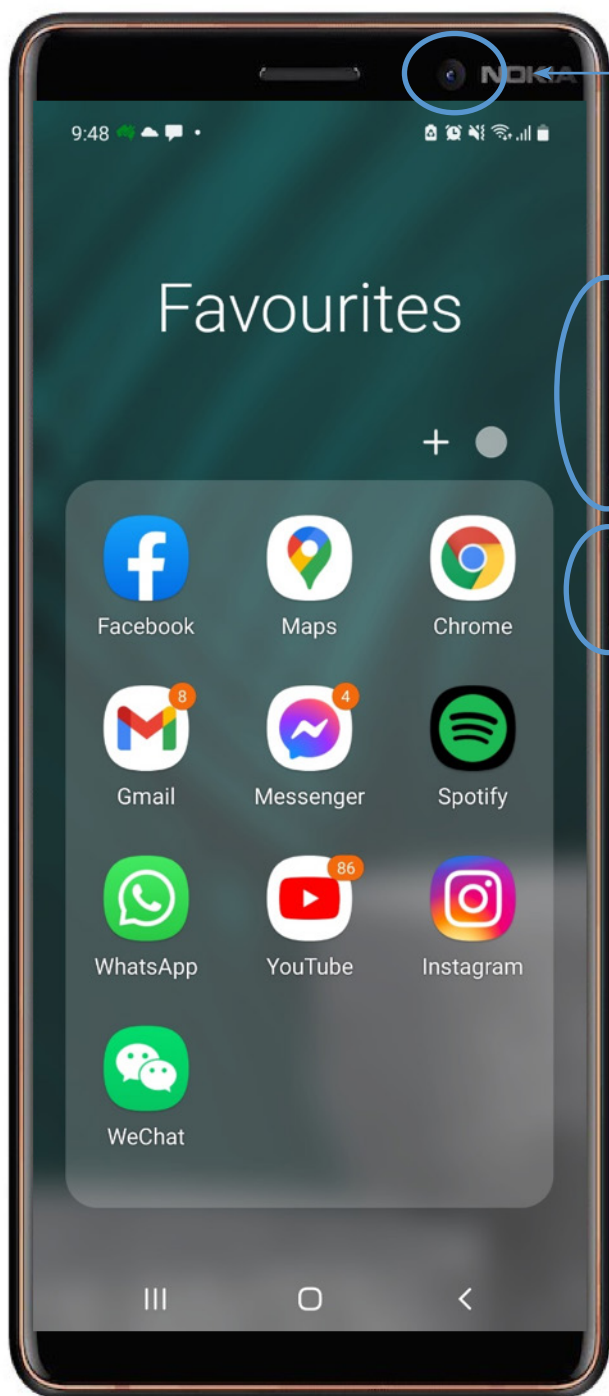




10.1.2 RESOURCE – Phone parts labelled

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Label the apps and parts of the phone.



Camera

Volume

Power on / off



Power socket



Case



Charger / adaptor



Screen protector

10.2 RESOURCE – Matching-activity sheet

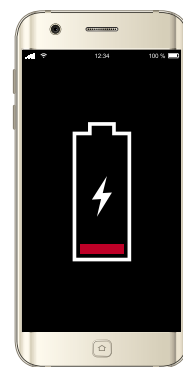
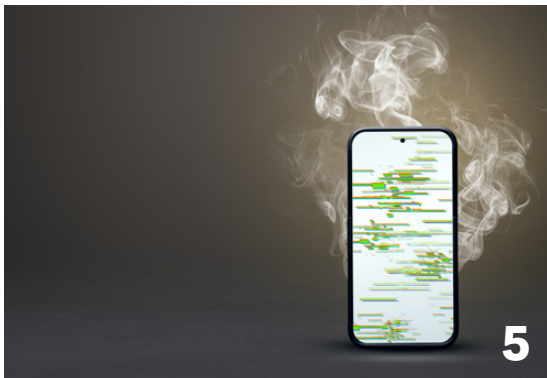
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Write the correct sentence under its matching picture below.

- ☐ My phone cord is broken.
- ☐ I dropped my phone in water and it's not working.
- ☐ My phone keeps overheating.
- ☐ The battery on my phone won't recharge.
- ☐ My phone is very slow.
- ☐ I dropped my phone and the screen is cracked.



My phone is very slow.



10.3 RESOURCE – A cracked phone screen is good news

Lesson 10: Part 1. An underlying problem
Print one text per student.



Luke.In.10

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10.4 RESOURCE – Response slips

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Print enough for one strip per student.



Have you tried deleting the apps you don't use?

Have you tried removing the battery and putting the phone in a bowl of rice?

Have you tried buying a new cord?

How old is your phone battery?

Have you asked whether it can be repaired?

Is the battery or the screen hot?

10.5 RESOURCE – Story sketch

Lesson 10: Part 2. Jesus heals and forgives a paralysed man

Luke 5:17-26

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10.7 RESOURCE – Worksheet

Circle the following words in the text.

lowered	sins	authority
faith	forgiven	region

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Draw a line from each word to its meaning in this text.

sin(s)	trust; belief
forgiven	disobeying God and doing what is wrong
faith	moved down
lowered	area
region	power
authority	no longer counted against you