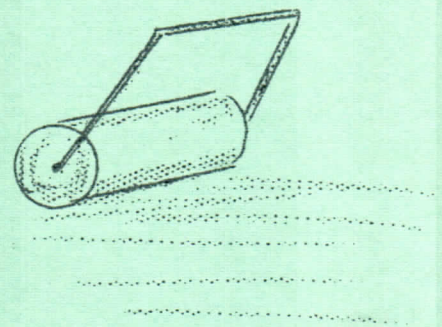


Several large logs were laid across the walls of the house. Then small branches were laid across the beams. On top of this went leaves and straw. Then your father shoveled clay all over the roof. He smoothed this clay carefully.

Now your father waited a few days. He wanted the roof to dry. Then he put more branches on the roof. This time the branches went the opposite direction from the first layer. Then he put more clay.

More branches. More clay. Finally the roof is about 12 inches thick. At last father puts a very smooth layer of clay.

This roof had to be cared for carefully. It was rolled after every rain. This roller was left on the roof all of the time. Water could not be left standing in pools on this roof. Such places were filled in with clay right away.



It was a roof like this that the four men broke up one day so they could get to Jesus. They made a hole in the roof. Then they let their friend, sick with palsy, down through the opening. Jesus healed the sick man. What great friends this man had!

(See Mark 2:2-12)