

LESSON 2

PETER AND JOHN HEAL THE LAME MAN

OBJECTIVES

1. To enable your students to witness and shine for the Lord.
2. To understand that the name of Jesus carries authority and power.
3. To remember to praise God for His healing and care.
4. To have courage like Peter to see opportunities and speak up and witness for Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

"Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

(Acts 3:6)

PRAYER

1. Dear Lord Jesus, we thank You for gathering us to worship You and for all the things You have done for us in our lives.
2. We especially thank You for the name of Jesus, because it has lost none of its power, not only spiritually, but also physically.
3. We know that You can heal us and make us strong. We pray that You help make strong those of us who are sick and unwell.
4. May You give us the courage to speak up for You and share with people around us the power of Your name.



Overview

1. Peter and John Heal the Lame Man

2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

- a. Jesus is our only Savior, and the one True God
- b. How do we tell others about Jesus?

3. Life Application

- a. Praise God! He Healed Me!
- b. In the Name of Jesus

4. Activity—Play: "No Silver nor Gold" Miracle



Background Knowledge for Teachers

The Jewish people prayed three times a day—morning (9:00 am), afternoon (3:00 pm), and evening (sunset). At these times, devout Jews and Gentiles who believed in God often went to the temple to pray. The Beautiful gate was an entrance to the temple, not to the city. It was one of the favored entrances, and many people passed through it on their way to worship. The lame man was begging where many would see him.

Giving money to beggars was considered praiseworthy in the Jewish religion. So, the lame man wisely placed himself where godly people might see him on their way to worship at the temple.

In the first century, being disabled meant total dependence on family and friends. The lame man was carried to the temple every day and put at the temple gate to beg for alms from those entering the temple to worship God. He was lame from birth and over forty years old (Acts 3:2; 4:22). More than forty years of begging may have left him feeling dejected and lonely. We can see this because when he asked for money, he didn't even look up at the people passing. Peter had to get his attention and tell him to look at them (Acts 3:4).

The lame beggar asked for money, but Peter gave him something far better—healing in the name of Jesus. When Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ," he meant "by the power of Jesus Christ." Peter and John knew that this power of healing could only come from the Lord. Following what happened at Pentecost, the disciples would have been praying to ask God to help them preach (Acts 4:29-31). Healing this lame man probably wasn't on Peter and John's to-do list that day. They were simply on their way to join the afternoon prayer and talk to more people about Jesus. It's interesting to note that it was on their way to pray that God gave the apostles this opportunity to preach.



Reaching Out to Your Students

When the lame man asked Peter and John for help, they could have given him some money and gone on their way. However, the apostles knew that glorifying God was more important. If they had provided the man with money, they would have been the ones being praised. But by healing the man, all glory was given to God.

Like Peter and John, your students don't know when the time may come when they can glorify God. But the apostles were ready to shine for the Lord. Likewise, your students can also be prepared to do the same. They may not be performing powerful miracles and glorifying God in that way, but with very simple words or small acts of kindness, they can be witnessing and spreading the message of love to others. They can begin by remembering to give thanks to Jesus to all situations. For example, when others praise them for their good work, they can say, "Thank God." Instead of focusing on themselves, they will bring attention to the power and love of Christ. When they develop this attitude of humbleness and thanksgiving, they, too, will be ready to shine for God in all situations.



Opener

5 Minutes

Before class, prepare the following items and place them into a bag: a pair of shoes, a small bag of coins, and a Bible.

Start the lesson by asking students to share about what God has done in their lives this past week. Then, bring the bag out and tell them that there are things in this bag relating to the lesson and to what God did for a man who was lame and helpless.

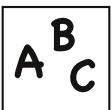
First, take out the shoes. Ask the students what shoes are used for. We wear our shoes to protect our feet when we walk. But what if we couldn't walk? How would we get from place to place? Ask the students if they have had someone carry them anywhere before. Have them share their experiences or ask them to think of times when a person might be carried.

- Babies need to be carried because they can't walk.
- When children fall asleep in the car, their parents sometimes carry them to bed.
- Firemen may carry people out of a burning building to save them.

Ask them what it would be like if they could never walk anywhere and always needed someone to carry them around. In today's story, we are going to talk about a lame man, a man who couldn't walk since birth. Back in those days, there were no wheelchairs, so he needed people to carry him around everywhere.

Next, take out the bag of coins. Ask them to identify what it is and what they have used money for. Money is important to the man in the story. He couldn't walk, so he couldn't work for money. However, he still needed money to buy food and pay for his daily necessities. So his only option was to spend every day begging for change.

Finally, take out the Bible. As arranged by God, one day Peter and John saw this lame man. Instead of giving him money, Peter introduced him to Jesus, the greatest gift in the world!



Vocabulary

lame: unable to walk, or having difficulty walking, because of an injury or illness affecting the leg or foot

alms: money given to poor people

boldness: courage and daring; the trait of not being fearful or scared when facing danger



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

After the Day of Pentecost

After the apostles received the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached to a large crowd, and about 3,000 people believe in the Lord Jesus that day. And it didn't stop there. All the believers were of one heart and mind, and they all loved God, so every day they would gather at one place to eat and learn the word of God together from the apostles. So, the number of believers continued to increase DAILY! These were exciting times in Jerusalem! Lots of things were happening, and today we will learn more about the types of things that happened when the apostles went about sharing the gospel of salvation, of Jesus, with everyone.

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students at this time. The students will be filling it out as you progress through the lesson. The answers have been underlined. Keep a copy to reference when teaching.

The Hour of Prayer

Let's read Acts 3:1. Fill in the worksheet as we go. "Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour." The ninth hour is about 3 pm our time. Jewish people prayed religiously, three times a day.

The famous prophet Daniel also prayed three times a day, no matter what. Let's read Daniel 6:10. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days." It was Daniel's habit to pray three times a day. And it was a very good habit! Remember very carefully, going to pray in the temple was how this whole story began for Peter, John, and the lame man!

At the Beautiful Gate

Now, there was one man who went to the temple every day, but who did not go into the temple courtyard as everyone else did. He always stayed outside the gate because he could not walk. In fact, he had never walked in his life because he was born lame. People would carry him to the temple gate called "Beautiful," and put him down there. This would be where he would ask for alms, or beg, every day. Let's read Acts 3:2. "And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple."

The hour of prayer would be a very busy time because lots of people would be coming to pray. People that went to the temple to pray were usually godly, religious people that would most likely give him alms because God had told His people to look after the poor and needy. It's possible that people would stop and give him some money, but most likely, people would just pass by him without notice on their way to the temple courtyard.

Silver and Gold I Do Not Have

The lame man did what he did every day: ask for alms. Little did he know that God was going to make this day a very special day for him! The lame man saw Peter and John coming through the Beautiful Gate to go to the temple to pray. So he asked them for money. Let's read Acts 3:3.

But what Peter and John were about to do was something he did not expect. Let's see what Peter and John did by reading Acts 3:4-6.

"And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, 'Look at us.' So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, 'Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.'"

Peter and John had to tell the lame man to look at them. This shows that the lame man was probably in the habit of looking downwards at the ground, instead of making eye contact with the people walking by. When Peter and John told the lame man to look at them, he must have thought Peter and John would be giving him something.

But to his surprise, Peter said he didn't have any silver or gold! It was because Peter was about to offer the lame man something even BETTER than silver and gold. Peter wanted to give the lame man something that was worth far more than gold. Peter wanted to give the lame man what he had—the most precious thing he had—the name of Jesus Christ!

Walking, Leaping, and Praising God!

The Bible describes the healing of this lame man with lots of action! Let's read Acts 3:7. "And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength."

As soon as Peter helped lift him up, the lame man, who had never once stood up before in his life, felt his feet and ankle bones become strong! How strange this must have been for someone who had never used his feet before.

Usually people who have not used their feet for a long time need to do lots of physical therapy to help them learn to balance and strengthen their muscles. Sometimes, people even need to learn how to walk again! But God's miraculous healing was immediate.

Continue to read Acts 3:8. "So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God."

The man was so excited that he kept walking and jumping and calling out praises to God. He followed Peter and John into the temple courtyard. Everyone heard him and came to have a look at what the noise was all about.

What happened to him? Let's read Acts 3:9-10.

All the people who had walked past him to go to the temple recognized that he was the man who had always begged at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. So they were all amazed at what had happened to him! They were all filled with wonder and amazement.

Since so many people had gathered around Peter and John, Peter responded to the people by telling them about Jesus. Let's read Acts 3:12-15. Peter started to preach and pointed out that the Jewish people had done a very bad thing in crucifying Jesus. But the Jesus they had killed is now alive again, and it was by faith in Jesus' name that this lame man was healed (Acts 3:16). So, Peter told them all to repent, turn away from their sins, and believe in Jesus!

Peter and John Arrested!

While Peter was talking to the people, some priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees overheard. They did not like what Peter was saying (Acts 4:1-2). They

didn't believe in Jesus, and they didn't want anyone else to either. They were so angry that they arrested Peter and John and put them in jail (Acts 4:3).

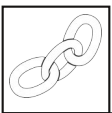
The next day, all the Jewish leaders, and even the high priest, gathered for a big meeting (Acts 4:5-6). They asked Peter and John to tell them what had happened. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave a good speech, telling them that the lame man was healed by the name of Jesus and that there is no other name under heaven by which mankind can be saved!

The priests and Jewish leaders couldn't believe how bravely Peter spoke about Jesus. They couldn't do anything bad to Peter and John because the man whom they had healed was standing right there with them. So, they decided to threaten Peter and John, telling them that they were not to speak to anyone about Jesus anymore!

What were Peter and John to do? Let's read how they responded in Acts 4:19-20. "But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.'" Nothing was going to stop the apostles from preaching, because that's what God had told them to do. There was nothing more to say, so the Jewish leaders let them go.

Guess what Peter and John did right after they were released? They prayed for boldness to keep preaching.

From this story, we can see that while it is a kind gesture to help the needy by donating money to them, it is even better to share the gospel of salvation with them. Their money will disappear once it has been used, but salvation is everlasting!



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

The lame man in today's story was able to be healed and walk again because he believed in Jesus and the power of Jesus' name (Acts 3:16).

- What do we believe about Jesus?
- We believe that Jesus came into this world to die on the cross for us, sinners.
- We believe that Jesus resurrected on the third day and ascended to heaven.
- We believe Jesus is our only Savior, the Ruler of the heavens and earth and the only true God.

And through our faith in Him and in His name, we can be saved.

We may think it's simple to believe Jesus is God's name. But there are so many people in the world today that do not know this or do not believe this.

What God wants is simple: He wants everyone to turn away from sin and be saved. To save us, Jesus has already died for us on the cross and resurrected. God has done His part to save us from sin. Now it's our turn. Our job is to make sure that everyone knows about Jesus so that they can have the chance to be saved, too!

Sometimes, we are scared to speak up about Jesus. Or we may not know what to say or how to tell other people. That's okay. Believe it or not, the disciples also had the same problems. How did they solve it?

Let's read Acts 4:29-30. "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

[Hand out the Ten Basic Beliefs worksheet to the students now. Go over the three points, and then ask them to follow the directions on the worksheet.]

What can we learn from the apostles in today's story?

1. *Pray!*

What were Peter and John on their way to do when this story happened? They were on their way to the temple for the hour of prayer! If they didn't think to pray, then they would have missed this opportunity to show everyone the power that is in the name of Jesus.

2. *Ask God for boldness*

Even the apostles prayed and asked God to give them boldness so that they could speak God's word. If, by praying in Jesus' name, a lame man can jump up and walk, then, by praying in Jesus' name, a scared Christian can also become strong and brave!

3. *Use what you have for a small act of kindness*

One small act of kindness by Peter and John led to the unexpected healing miracle of a man who was lame for over forty years! This then gave Peter an opportunity to preach about Jesus!

We can do what Peter did, too! Just as Peter said to the lame man, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you," we can say the same! We may not have silver or gold, but we can give people what we have. We have the knowledge of Jesus. We have our faith. We have our voices that we can use to sing praises to God.

If we don't have silver and gold, we can still give what we have. Acts of kindness come in all forms and sizes!



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **Where were Peter and John going when they bumped into the lame man?** They were going to the temple to pray.
2. **Why was the lame man carried to the temple?** So that he could beg for alms, or money.
3. **What time did Peter and John go to the temple?** They went at the ninth hour: the hour of prayer.
4. **When the lame man asked Peter and John for money, what did Peter first say to him?** Peter said, "Look at us."
5. **Instead of giving the lame man money, what did Peter and John give instead?** They gave him the name of Jesus, and the power in Jesus' name healed him, giving him the ability to walk.
6. **What exactly did Peter say to the lame man?** Refer to Acts 3:6.
7. **What did Peter do after saying that?** Peter took the man by the right hand and lifted him up.
8. **What did the lame man do after he was healed and his feet and ankles received strength?** He leapt up, went into the temple with Peter and John, walking, leaping, and praising God.
9. **What did the Jewish leaders do to Peter and John after they healed the lame man?** They had them arrested.
10. **When the Jewish leaders told them to stop preaching about Jesus, what did they say?** They asked if it was better to obey God or men, and said that they could not help speaking about what they had seen and heard about Jesus.
11. **What do you need God's power to do this week?** Answers may vary. Possible answers: Preach to others, get better if they are feeling sick, read the Bible and pray every day, obey parents, etc.



Life Application

10 Minutes

1. Testimony: Praise God! He Healed Me!

[Read the testimony to the students. Then, hand out Life Application Worksheet #1 and follow with the conclusion.]

In the name of Jesus, I bear testimony of how I received God's healing grace.

I remember there was once when I was in grade 4, on a Friday, I got really sick at school and my mum had to take me home. I had a high fever, I was vomiting everything I ate, and I had no strength in my muscles to walk around or play. The whole day passed and evening time came. My dad took my little brother to church and my mum stayed home with me because I was still feeling very sick. I remember being very sad I couldn't go to church that Friday night.

That night before bedtime, my whole family prayed for me. I still wasn't feeling any better. My muscles still felt weak like tofu, but my mum told me this is more reason why I must pray. In my prayer, I asked God if He could make me better just for tomorrow, for just ONE day, so I could go to church on Sabbath.

I woke up the next morning not really feeling any better. But I told my parents I didn't want to stay home. I wanted to go to church. My faith was simple. I believed that as long as I went to church, God would give me the strength I need. So my parents decided that we all go to church together, and if I felt really sick, then they would bring me home early.

Praise God, after I arrived at church, I experienced God's miraculous healing power! I didn't slowly get better. I got better straight away! God healed me instantly. My fever went away. I stopped vomiting. I even had enough energy to play with my church friends and join class! I was so happy to have energy to stay at church that I told my friends and RE teachers about how sick I was and how quickly God had made me well.

On the car ride home from church, I thought maybe I'll get sick again because I only asked God to heal me for one day so I could go to church. But God is so loving that He made me better completely, and I didn't feel sick at all when I got home.

Thank God for His healing grace and loving mercy. All glory be given unto His name. Amen.

From this testimony, we know that Jesus has the power to heal us, but we need to rely on Him and pray in His name.

- Can you think of a time when God healed you of a pain or sickness you had?
- Do you remember how you prayed to Him?

2. In the Name of Jesus

[Before class, do some research to find the meaning of the names of all the students in your class. Write them down on a large piece of paper, and then post the piece of paper on the board for the students to see. At the beginning of this section, hand out Life Application Worksheet #2 and go over it with the students.]

What's in a name?

Did you know that when you were a baby still inside your mother's tummy, your mother and father had already started thinking about what name to give you? Parents, such as yours, usually come up with a list of names they like and slowly decide on which one they like best. Some parents even choose names based on their meaning!

So, do you know what your name means? Write your name in the box and the meaning of your name on the line underneath it. For those who don't know the meaning, you can look at the board. Today, you can go home and check with your parents if they know the meaning of your name!

Names are useful because it's something for other people to call us by. This way, we can tell the difference between individuals. For example:

- If I said, "Can you please pass me a pencil?", would you know to whom I'm talking?
- If I said, "Ben, can you please pass me a pencil?", you would all know to whom I am talking, right?

But Jesus' name was not just a name for other people to call Him by. Long before Jesus was even born, God especially appeared to Joseph to let him know that Mary would give birth to a Son and that they must call Him "Jesus." Let's refer to Matthew 1:20-21.

But what does the name "Jesus" mean? To find out, we need to go back to Jesus' original Hebrew name.

- Yeshua (Hebrew) translated to Greek is *Iesos*.
- Iesos (Greek) translated to Latin is *Jesu*.
- Jesu became the English word "Jesus."

The original Hebrew name *Yeshua* means "The Lord saves" or "God saves."

The name "Jesus" is unique and unlike any of our names because "Jesus" is God's name.

The Third Commandment

We all know the third commandment about God's name. Please write it below.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

God's name is not to be used lightly, jokingly, or in vain. Why is that? Think about what the Bible tells us to do in God's name—"Jesus."

In the name of Jesus, and for the name of Jesus, we:

1. Are saved (Acts 4:12)
2. Are baptized (Acts 2:38; 10:48; 19:5)
3. Pray (Jn 14:13-14)
4. Can be healed and made strong (Acts 3:16)
5. Gather together to worship God (Mt 18:20)
6. Preach and work for God (Acts 4:18-20; Rev 2:3)
7. Suffer for God (Acts 5:41; 15:26)

Because "Jesus" is the name of God, it comes with power and authority. It's a name that God has put above every other name. So, we must also treat the name of Jesus above every other name. Lastly, let's read Philippians 2:9-11.



Activity

Play: "No Silver nor Gold" Miracle

10-15 Minutes

Objective: To reinforce the miracle performed in Jesus' name by acting it out or reading it out.

Instructions

1. Before class, prepare the props and set them aside for the Activity.
2. Hand each student a copy of the script.
3. Assign character roles to students.
4. If you'd like, record the play on video so that the students can take a look at what they have done.

Props

- Bowl for begging
- Coins for bystanders
- "Beautiful Gate" sign, stuck on a doorway

Cast

Adjust roles depending on the number of students by increasing the number of witnesses or by combining roles the roles of Friends and Bystanders

- Narrator
- Peter
- John
- Lame Man
- Friends of the Lame Man (actions only) – 2 to 4, adjust according to number of students
- Bystanders and witnesses of the miracle – adjust according to number of students

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. Ask the students if they have followed up with these members to ask how they are doing.
2. "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:9-11)
3. "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." (Acts 4:29-30)
4. B
5. A
6. C

PETER AND JOHN HEAL THE LAME MAN

Instructions: Listen carefully and fill in the blanks as the teacher goes over the lesson.

The Hour of Prayer

“Now Peter and John went up _____ to the _____ at the _____
_____, the _____ hour.”

“Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room,
with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees _____
_____ that day, and _____ and gave thanks before his God, as was
_____ since early days.”

At the Beautiful Gate

“And a certain man _____ from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid
_____ at the _____ which is called _____, to
ask alms from those who entered the temple.”

Silver and Gold I Do Not Have

“And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, ‘_____.’ So he gave them
his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, ‘_____ and
_____ I do not have, but _____ I give you: In the
_____ of _____ of Nazareth, _____
_____.’”

Walking, Leaping, and Praising God!

“And he took him by the right hand and _____ him up, and _____ his
_____ and _____ bones received _____.”

“So he, leaping up, stood and _____ and _____ the temple with them—
_____, _____, and _____.”

Peter and John Arrested!

“But Peter and John answered and said to them, ‘Whether it is _____ in the
_____ of God to listen to you _____ to God, you judge. For we
_____ but _____ the things which we have seen and heard.’”

Silver and Gold I Do Not Have, but What I Have I Give to You

What should you do when you are afraid or don't know how to tell others about Jesus?

Let's learn from what the apostles did!

1

What were Peter and John on their way to do when this story happened (Acts 3:1)? They were on their way to the temple for the hour of prayer! If they didn't think to pray, then they would have missed this opportunity to show everyone the power that is in the name of Jesus.

2

Even the apostles prayed and asked God to give them boldness so that they could speak God's word (Acts 4:29). If by, praying in Jesus' name, a lame man can jump up and walk, then by praying in Jesus' name, a scared Christian can also become strong and brave.

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We can do what Peter did, too! Just as Peter said to the lame man,

"Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give to you."

We can say the same! We may not have silver or gold, but we can give people what we have.

We have the knowledge of Jesus. We have our faith.

We have our voices that we can use to sing praises to God.

Write in these bags what you have or what acts of kindness you can give.



Praise God! He Healed Me!

1. Write down a time when you were in pain or felt sick.
2. Write down your prayer to God.
3. Give all glory to God.

Then I prayed to God and asked Him to heal me.



In the name of Jesus, I bear
testimony of how I received
God's healing grace.

There was once when I...



And praise God,
He healed me!
All glory be given
to God. Amen.

In the Name of Jesus

What's in a name?

God's name:

Jesus

It means: _____

Your name:

It means: _____

The name "Jesus" is unique and unlike any of our names, because "Jesus" is God's name.

The Third Commandment

Think about what the Bible tells us to do in God's name—"Jesus."

In the name of Jesus, and for the name of Jesus, we...

1. _____ (Acts 4:12)
2. _____ (Acts 2:38; 10:48; 19:5)
3. _____ (Jn 14:13-14)
4. _____ (Acts 3:16)
5. _____ (Mt 18:20)
6. _____ (Acts 4:18-20; Rev 2:3)
7. _____ (Acts 5:41; 15:26)

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11)

"No Silver nor Gold"

Narrator: After the mighty work of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, the apostolic church grew very quickly in number. As the believers continued to worship God together and have meals together, the Lord performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. Every day, more and more people came to believe in Jesus.

One particular day, another miracle was about to happen. This time it was about to happen to a man who was born without the ability to walk.

Friends: *(Carry Lame Man in and set him down in front of "Beautiful Gate")*

Lame Man: *(Sigh and murmur)*
Another day, the same again.

(Look down and call out)
Anyone have coins to spare?

Bystanders: *(One walk past; one throw a coin into the bowl; etc.)*

Lame Man: *(Looking at the one coin in his bowl)*
Well, it's going to be a long day!

Bystanders: *(Walk away)*

Narrator: Just before 3 pm in the afternoon, a huge crowd comes towards the temple.

Lame Man: *(Casually)*
Oh, look at the crowd coming, must be about time for the hour of prayer! Hopefully these godly people coming to pray will be generous.

**Bystanders,
Peter, and John:** *(All enter)*

Lame Man: *(Looks down and calls out as the crowd passes)*
Do you have coins to spare?

Bystanders: *(Throw some coins in)*

Peter and John: Poor guy, he's always there all day, every day!

(Stop in front of the Lame Man and keep your eyes on him)
Look at us.

Lame Man: *(Look up at Peter and John, holding your bowl up)*

Peter: Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.

(Grab Lame Man's right hand to help him stand up)

Narrator: Miraculously, the bones in the lame man's feet and ankles started to get stronger! Next thing you see, he was up on his feet.

Lame Man: *(Look down at your feet in shock)*
Whoa! What's this feeling? I feel my ankles and feet getting stronger!

(Take one step, then a leap, and then jump; continue leaping and jumping in excitement)
Praise God! Jesus has healed me. Look at me, I was born lame and couldn't walk for the past forty years, but now I can walk! Thank You, Jesus! Thank You!

Peter and John: *(Walk through the Beautiful Gate into the courtyard)*

Lame Man: *(Follow Peter and John into the courtyard)*

Narrator: What do you know! The lame man received something better than silver and gold!

Bystanders: *(Turn to look at the Lame Man shouting and jumping)*
Hey! Isn't that the lame man who sits at the temple gate begging for money every day?

How could this be possible?!

This is just amazing!

Peter: *(To the Bystanders)*
Why does this surprise you?

Don't look at us; it wasn't us who healed this man. You know that only God has the power to heal a man. God sent His son Jesus into this world to save us from our sins and heal us of our sicknesses.

(Points to the Lame Man)
He believed that Jesus could heal him. Through his faith, Jesus healed him completely.

Narrator: Not only did Jesus heal this poor lame man. Through the miraculous healing of this man, God also gave Peter and John the chance to preach.

Peter and John were very courageous and continued to preach about Jesus loudly to the people. They didn't stop, even after the priests and captain of the temple arrested them, put them in jail, and threatened them!

END.

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory VersePlease write down this week's memory verse. (**Acts 3:6**)

Prayer List

- Write down the name of three members at church who are feeling sick or need our prayers. Keep them in your prayers, and if you find the chance, ask them how they are!

Fill In the Blank

- "Therefore God also has highly _____ Him and given Him the _____ which is _____ every _____, that at the _____ every knee should bow, of those in _____ and of those on _____ and of those under the _____, and that every _____ should confess that _____ is Lord, to the glory of _____." (Phil 2:9-11)
- "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your _____ that with all _____ they may speak Your _____, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the _____ of Your holy Servant _____." (Acts 4:29-30)

Multiple Choice

- _____ : The Beautiful Gate was _____.
 - A gate at the Jerusalem city wall
 - A gate to the temple
 - A gate to the palace
- _____ : The lame man was lame because _____.
 - He was born lame.
 - He had an accident.
 - He had an illness when he was a child.
- _____ : The lame man could walk and leap because _____.
 - Peter and John were on their way to temple and wanted to be nice.
 - He looked up at Peter and John when he was told to do so.
 - He had faith in Jesus.