



Peter Healed a Man

May 9, 2021- 1 year olds and 2 year olds (Mother's Day)

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 3-4

KEY PASSAGE: Romans 1:16

BOTTOM LINE: The Holy Spirit empowers me to live a Godly life.

CHRIST CONNECTION: After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the power to do what they could never do on their own. With the power of Jesus' name, Peter healed a man who was lame. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus' followers from sharing the good news about Jesus.

Context

With the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were empowered to carry out Jesus' mission for them: to take the gospel to all the nations. More and more people believed in Jesus. They met together at the temple to praise and worship God, and the first church began.

One afternoon, two of Jesus' disciples- Peter and John- went to the temple to pray. They encountered at the gate a man who could not walk. Rather than give the man money, Peter gave him something much more valuable: immediate physical healing in Jesus' name.

As you teach this Bible story to kids, keep three things in mind. First Peter's healing the beggar was not magic: it was a miracle. Beginning in Acts 3:12, Peter responded to the people who were amazed at what had happened. "Why are you amazed at this... as though we had made him walk by our own power?" The man wasn't healed because Peter was a super-believer. Peter explained that it was by Jesus' power the man was healed.

Second, the man's healing made him happy and thankful. He entered the temple and rejoiced! Consider the wonderful miracle of salvation. We are dead in our sin, and God makes us alive in Christ! How we should rejoice and give thanks to the Lord!

Finally, Peter and John were bold in their witness. When confronted by the religious leaders, they did not shy away. Peter and John preached about the salvation found in Jesus. In fact, they said they were "unable to stop speaking about what [they had] seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

The same power that enabled Peter to heal a man who was lame- the power of the Holy Spirit- enables believers today to live on mission for Jesus. Pray that God would give the kids you teach a willingness to be used by Him for His glory and for the fame of Jesus' name.

TAKEAWAYS

- Peter and John went to the temple to pray but God had other plans for them.
- On the way into the temple, they met a paralyzed man who was begging for money.
- Instead of giving him money, they offered him healing in the name of Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit worked and the man was healed. The man got up and started walking, jumping, and praising God!
- Everyone who saw him was amazed at what had been done in Jesus' name.
- **BOTTOM LINE:** The Holy Spirit empowers me to live a Godly life.

Social Activity: What's Missing

What You Need: 6 items, tray, towel

What You Do:

Lay all 6 items on the tray. Show kids the items. Then cover the items and remove one of them. Tell children to close their eyes while you remove an item. The children open their eyes when you say "Open", then tell you as a group what's missing. Do this same thing with another item, until they are all missing. When you are finished, place all the items in a ziploc bag. **Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's pray and listen to our story today."

Small Group Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for making me, thank you for loving me and thank you for sending your son, Jesus to be my savior. We love you, Amen."

Introduce the Story

"Peter and John went to the temple to pray. Every day, a man who could not walk would sit at the temple gate. When the man saw Peter and John, he asked them for money. Peter and John looked at him, Peter said, "I do not have silver or gold. In the name of Jesus, stand up and walk." Peter took the man's hand, and the man could walk. He could also jump! The man praised God, and everyone was amazed. Peter and John told the people about Jesus. The teachers were not happy. They asked Peter and John how they helped the man. Peter said, "Jesus healed this man. Only Jesus saves."

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers and listen to a worship song

Application Activity Freeze Dance

What You Need: music or recorded dance on Roku

What You Do:

- Just like the man rejoiced and celebrated Jesus healing him, today we are going to dance. Let me see your best dance moves. When the music stops, freeze. You can dance again when it starts again.

What You Say " When Peter and John went to the temple to pray, Peter healed a man in Jesus' name. Only Jesus rescues and heals people. The Holy Spirit helps us and gives us the power to do God's plan.

Discussion Questions:

- **What do you think the man needed more- money or healing? Why?** Help kids recognize the man had spent his life begging for money, but Peter, through the power of the Holy Spirit, was able to give the man much more than money. He was able to give him the gift of a healed body. God has the power to do more than we could ever imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)
- **How did Peter and John's confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit help effect the way Peter and John shared the good news?** Help kids recognize that Peter and John were able to speak boldly because they knew they had the power of the Holy Spirit. All believers can have the confidence to share the truth of the gospel with boldness. (Romans 1:16)
- **Will God heal every person who has an illness or disability?** Guide kids to think through two lenses: the lens of our physical lives now and our eternal lives with God. Even though not everyone will have their physical ailments healed now, everyone who believes in Jesus will one day live in a restored world with no pain, sadness, sickness, or death.
- **Why should I trust God with my wants and needs?** Help kids recognize that God's plans are so much better than anything we could want or plan for ourselves. (Isaiah 55:8)