

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

Peter Healed a Beggar

Acts 3:1-10; 4:5-31

- **Act it out:** Ask an adult helper to play out the role of the beggar. He should sit on the floor until Peter says, “Get up and walk!” Then he should walk and leap around.
- **Use pauses:** Allow silence to draw kids’ attention and emphasize key action by pausing after dialogue or between some of the paragraphs.

One afternoon, Peter and John—two of Jesus’ followers—went to the temple. It was time to pray. When they got there, Peter and John saw a man sitting by a gate. The man could not walk. Every day, the man’s friends carried him to the temple, where he sat outside. As people entered the temple, they walked by the man, and the man asked them for money since he could not work.

Peter said to the man, “Look at us.” The man looked at Peter and John, expecting them to give him something.

Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you, but I will give you what I do have.” Then Peter said, “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!”

Peter reached out and helped the man up. All of a sudden, the man’s feet and ankles were strong. He could walk! In fact, the man leaped around! He went into the temple with Peter and John, and he praised God.

The people in the temple saw the man. Wasn’t this the man who sat by the gate outside the temple every day? The man who asked for money because he couldn’t walk? Yes, it was the man! And he was healed! How could such a wonderful thing happen? The people were amazed at what had happened.

The next day, the religious leaders got together. They asked Peter and John, “How did you heal this man? By what power or in what name did you do this?”

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. He said, “We want all of you to know that this man was healed by the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth. You nailed Jesus to a cross, but God raised Him from the dead. It is because of

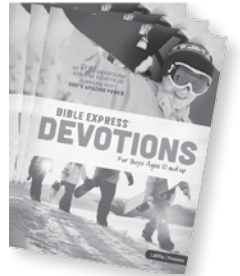
Him that this man is healed!”

Peter told the religious leaders that they rejected Jesus because they thought He was not important, but He is the most important One of all.

The religious leaders were amazed, and they didn't know what to say. They ordered Peter and John to never preach or teach in the name of Jesus again.

Peter and John said, “We cannot be quiet. We must tell people about what we have seen and heard.” The religious leaders had no reason to punish Peter and John, so they let them go. Peter and John met with other believers and prayed that God would give them power to speak boldly and without fear.

Christ Connection: After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to begin working. 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.



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What Is Different?

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INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the top picture. Circle the seven differences in the bottom picture.



KEY PASSAGE: Philippians 2:13

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What does the Holy Spirit do? The Holy Spirit helps Christians.

BIBLE STORY:

PETER HEALED A BEGGAR

- A man who could not walk asked Peter and John for help.
- In Jesus' name, Peter healed a man.
- The religious leaders told Peter and John to stop telling people about Jesus.
- Peter and John said they must tell about Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How was Peter able to heal the man who could not walk?
- Would you have been amazed to see the man healed like the people in our Bible story?
- Have you ever wanted to tell someone about Jesus but did not? Why?

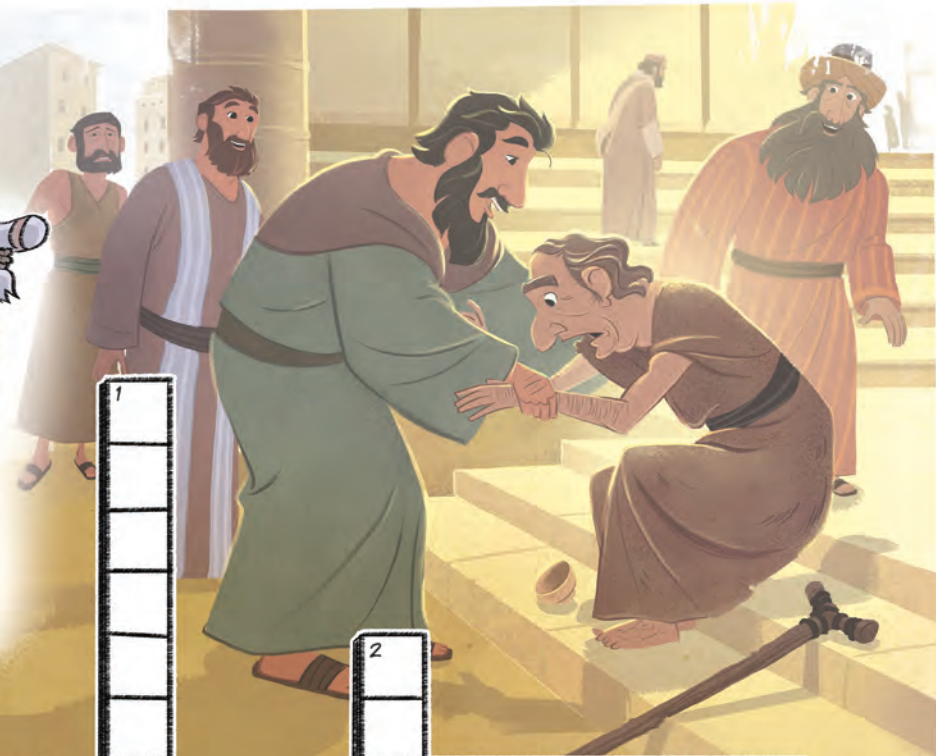
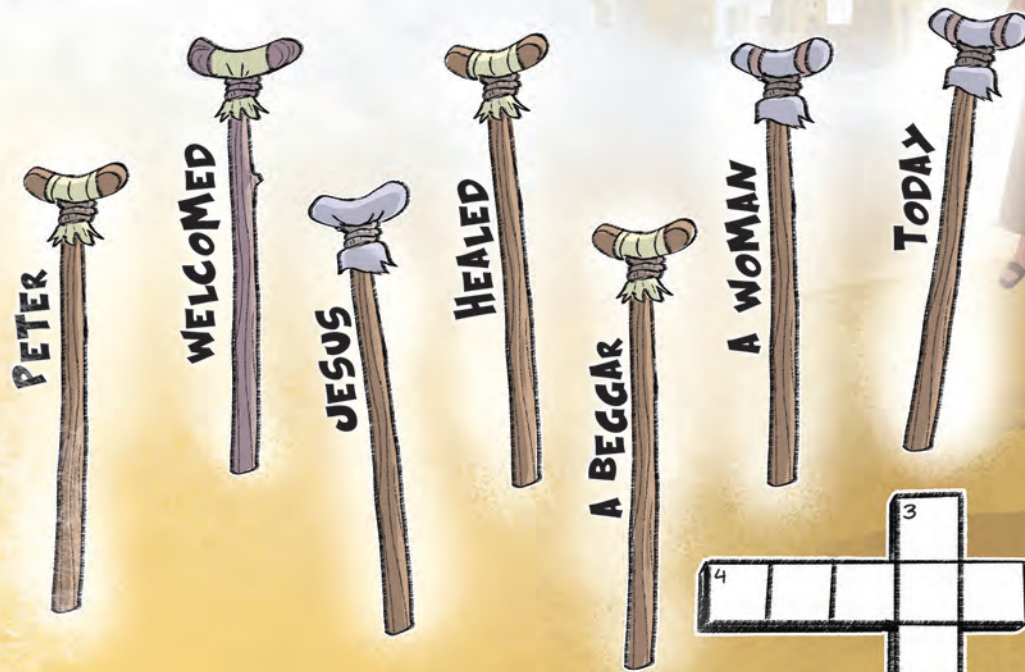
FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Guide family members to sort through their belongings and identify gently used items to donate to a family in need.

Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 28, Session 2

Triple Match

Circle the three crutches that are the same to discover what happened in today's Bible story.



Christ Connection Crossword

Fill in the crossword puzzle using the missing words from the Christ Connection.

After Jesus returned to _____ (7 Down), the _____ (6 Across) gave the _____ (2 Down) _____ (9 Across) to begin working. With the power of Jesus' name, _____ (4 Across) _____ (3 Down) a man who was lame. Not even the religious _____ (8 Across) could stop Jesus' _____ (1 Down) from _____ (5 Across) the good news about Jesus.



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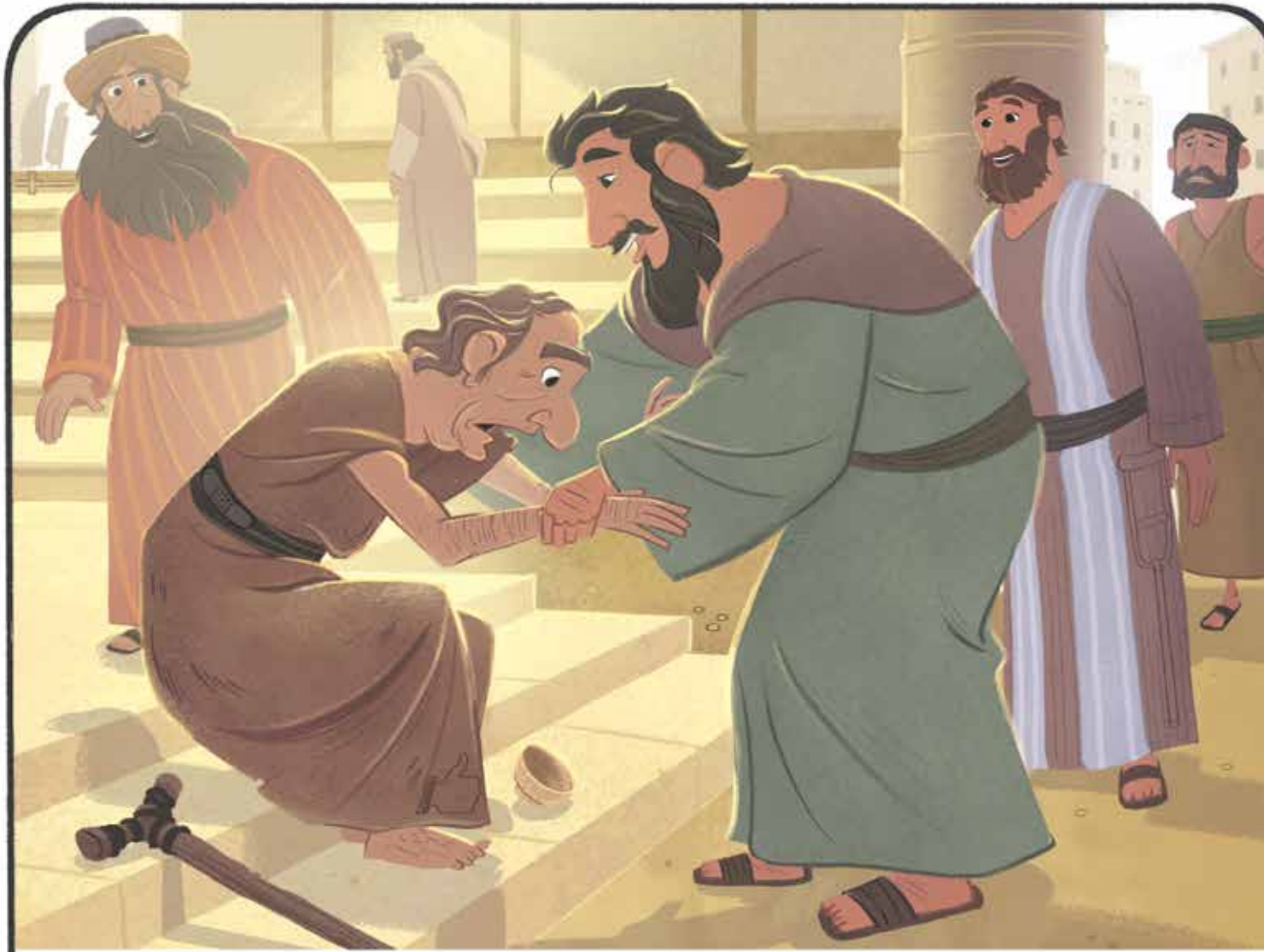
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- FOLLOWERS
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- LEADERS
- PETER
- POWER
- SHARING



Hidden Healing

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle the six hidden pictures in the Bible story art below.



KEY PASSAGE: Philippians 2:13

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What does the Holy Spirit do?
The Holy Spirit helps Christians follow Jesus.

BIBLE STORY:

PETER HEALED A BEGGAR

- Peter and John saw a man who could not walk.
- The man asked for money, but Peter gave him something better.
- In the name of Jesus, Peter healed a man who could not walk.
- Peter and John refused to stop talking about Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Can you think of a time you got something better than you expected?
- Where did the power to heal the man come from?
- How can we help people with the Holy Spirit's power today?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Spend an afternoon volunteering with your family at a homeless shelter. Talk to your kids about the importance of helping those in need.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 28, Session 2



**MAIN POINT: IN JESUS' NAME, PETER HEALED A MAN
WHO COULD NOT WALK.**

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.