

Scripture Reference: Acts 3

Scripture Verse: "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong."
Acts 3:16

Main truth: God used Peter and John to show people that Jesus is the only way.

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One day Peter and John were going up to the temple. They saw a man who was lame from birth- that means he never walked! Every day someone would carry that man to the temple gate so he could beg for money so he would have food to eat. When the man saw Peter and John he asked them for money. Peter and John looked right at the man and Peter said, "Look at us!". So the man gave them his attention, expecting that they were going to give him some money.

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" Peter took the man by the hand, helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong! He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with Peter and John into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. The people said to themselves, "Is that the same man we saw begging for money every day? He never walked but now he is jumping!" They were all filled with amazement at what happened to the man.

Many people gathered eager to hear how this man was healed and Peter began to speak to them, "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Don't you know that the Lord God has healed this man! You rejected the Lord Jesus Christ, but faith in Jesus made this man strong. It is Jesus and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see."

Peter continued, "This all happened to Jesus, his death and resurrection, just as all the prophets said. So now repent and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out. Through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ you will all be blessed and saved!"

God worked through Peter and John to heal that man to show the people there the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter and John were faithful to do the work God had called them to. We will learn in the following week of more things that God did through the disciples to show others that faith in Jesus is the only way to have eternal life.

Questions:

Where did Peter and John go? Temple

What kind of man did they see? He couldn't walk, never had

What was the man doing? Begging for money

What did Peter do? Heal the man

Did Peter heal the man or did God heal the man through Peter? God really healed the man

What did the man do after he was healed? Jumped around and went into the temple courts praising God

How did Peter say the man was healed? Because faith in Jesus made him strong

Does that mean that everyone who believes in Jesus will be healed of their physical pain? No, this was a special sign to show the reality of what happens on the inside. Believing in Jesus heals our souls so that we can have eternal life.

What did Peter and John want the people to understand? That believing in Jesus is the only way to eternal life.

Toddler Story:

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