

Peter and John Help a Lame Man

(tell about Jesus wherever you go)

Acts 3:1-20

Before Jesus went back to Heaven, Jesus told his disciples and friends that He loved them and that He would always love them. He said, "Go and tell others about me. Tell them that I died for them on the cross, I am alive again, and I love them very much."

Jesus' disciples wanted to obey Jesus and tell everyone about Him. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus loves them, that He died to pay for their sin and that they can be forgiven. The disciples looked around for people to help and tell about Jesus

Peter and John were heading to the temple. The temple sits at the top of the hill for everyone to see. There was a lame man sitting by the gate and he has never been able to walk. His ankles and feet have been twisted ever since he was born. He sits by the gate to the temple every day to ask for money from the people who walk by because he cannot work.

The lame man asked Peter and John, "Can you give me any money?" Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold. But what I have I will give you." The lame man was surprised. What could Peter have to give him if he had no money?

Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, get up and walk!" Peter took the man's hands and lifted him up to his feet. The man's ankles and feet became straight and strong. He was standing up! He was able to walk like everyone else. He could work now and he would not need to sit by the temple gate to beg.

The lame man said, "Only God could do such a wonderful thing for me. Thank you, thank you, God! I praise you!" The man followed Peter and John into the temple to worship and thank Jesus in whose name he had been made to walk. As they went along, many people looked at them because the man kept right on praising God as they walked. The people saw that he was the man who used to sit by the gate asking for money. They wondered how he was able to walk and run now.

A crowd of people gathered around him to ask, "How were you made well? Who did this great thing?" The man pointed at Peter and John. Peter said, "Don't look at us like we are the ones who made this man well. We did not do it. It was God's Son, Jesus Christ who made this man well. We believe in Jesus Christ and this man believes in Him too. God's Son has made this man straight and strong. Only Jesus could do such a wonderful thing."

Jesus also forgives sins. If you believe, your sins will be forgiven also. Many of the people who were listening to Peter and John did believe and their sins were forgiven! They became followers of Jesus. This is good news: Jesus forgives sin and asks us to follow Him – to obey and to love Him and to love others! Peter and John told the lame man the good news.

Bible Verse:

Go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you. Mark 5:19 (NKJ)

Peter helps a lame man.

Acts 3:1-16



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Lame Man Finger Puppet

Materials: *one finger puppet per child (below) *Markers

Cut out one puppet per child cutting holes for fingers to go through. The children will color their puppets with markers. As they work, retell the Bible story. If you know the song about Peter and John healing the lame man, sing it with the children! Tell the children, it was wonderful that Jesus healed the lame man and it was wonderful that He told everyone what Jesus had done for him. Can you tell others about Jesus? What would you say? You can have a praise parade and let the children jump and hop around the room with their puppets!

Praise Instrument

Materials: *dinner size paper plates (one per child)
 *Dried beans, rice and/or pasta, jingle bells
 *Crayons or markers
 *Stapler
 *Curling ribbon if desired
 *Stickers, foam shapes, etc. if desired



The children will decorate the back of their paper plate. When they have finished, fold in half and fill with dried beans, rice and/or pasta. Staple all around the edge. Add curling ribbon if desired.

