

## Morning Overview

### Lesson: *The Lame Man in The Temple*

After Pentecost the Bible tells us that many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles. Today's lesson gives us an example with Peter and John healing the lame man near the Temple. This miracle was spectacular and important. Spectacular because it was seen by lots of people and so word would spread about the Apostles. Important because the only way in which the Apostles healed the lame man was in the name of Jesus.

**NB:** Please look to the Acts trifold to help explain how the Holy Spirit grew the Church as well as what goes deepest to the heart (the Gospel) goes widest to the world (crippled man healed in the name of Jesus). Each week the lesson will contain a small part from previous week's lesson to help kids remember previous stories.

### Teaching Summary:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps His promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- God has promised to always be with His people. He is with us through the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- The disciples have now become Apostles because they had seen the resurrected Jesus.
- Peter preaches a sermon about Christ's life and resurrection. Many people hear it and believe!
- Many people are added to the church daily.
- This new group of believers stay together, share meals together and work to help out those in need.
- This new group of believers is well liked by other people. More people continue to be added to the group each day!

**Scripture:** Acts 3:1-26

**Story:** Vos Children's Bible, Pages 335-336; Gospel Story Bible, Pages 250-251; The Beginner's Bible, Pages 506-511; The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible, Pages 278-283.

**Scripture Memory for September:** Acts 2:32 ESV

This Jesus God raised up, (*hands start on the ground and then stretch above your head*)  
and of that we all are witnesses. (*point to your eyes ... talk about being an "eye witness"*)

Motions for the Verse: The image we want to convey with this verse is that He fills us up with the Holy Spirit (revisit the yellow heart on our target craft and the flame from Pentecost) and we pour out that power and love on everyone we meet as we share Christ with them and simply as we share our stuff with others. Just as the disciples had everything in common and shared everything, we share the good news about the gift of the Holy Spirit with others.

**Craft:** See Page 3

If child has already done craft first hour, have them work on a coloring sheet.

# Story

## Transition

Boys and girls, have you ever fallen down and skinned your knee (or hand, elbow, etc.)? Did it hurt? Did your mom or dad give you a band-aid to feel better? I bet it hurt a lot and you wished it could be healed super fast, right? It takes time for things like that to heal. In our story today, a man was born crippled and that means he couldn't walk! But two apostles, Peter and John, say something to him that was amazing. Let's find out more in our story!

## All Things in Common

The Bible tells us the apostles were doing many miracles and signs. And everyone was in amazement of God. All the believers that heard Peter's sermon stayed together. They shared everything! They sold their land and the things they owned. Then they divided the money and gave it to those people who needed it. The believers met together in the Temple every day. They all had the same purpose. They shared meals in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. They praised God, and all people liked them. More and more people were being saved every day; the Lord was adding those people to the group of believers.

## The Lame Man

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple to pray, around three in the afternoon. As the two apostles got closer a man lame from birth was being carried. Being lame from birth meant he was crippled and could not walk on his own. This man had to rely on others to help and care for him. Every day people would bring the lame man to the gate of the temple. The name of the gate was Beautiful. There the lame man asked for money and help from people entering the temple. The lame man saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, and he asked them for help.

The Bible tells us that Peter and John stared at the lame man, and then said, "Look at us." And the lame man did just that. The lame man thought he would get something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" Peter reached down and took the lame man by the right hand and raised him up. Immediately his feet and ankles were made strong! The lame man was no longer crippled! He leapt, he stood, he walked and then ran. The now healed man went into the Temple with Peter and John walking, leaping, and praising God. The Bible tells us many people saw him walking and praising God. They recognized him as the crippled man who sat at the gate of the Temple asking for help. Everyone who saw the healed man were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him!

While the healed man stayed close to Peter and John. Many people could not believe what they were seeing. The crowd ran to Peter and John at Solomon's porch. And when Peter saw the large crowd he said to them: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or goodness we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and our fathers glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for an evil man to be released instead. Each of you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of Jesus coming out of the Tomb! And his name—by faith in his name—has healed this crippled man whom you see and know. Believing that Jesus could heal this man has given him this perfect health you all see."

Peter told the crowd to turn away from their sin and to find forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus alone. Peter then said that by God sending His Son Jesus, people could turn away from their sin and be a blessing to everyone in the world.

## Questions for Review

- Who did Jesus promise would come to the Apostles?
- Who does Peter tell the whole crowd about?
- Why is it important that the Holy Spirit came to God's people?
- What did Peter tell the crowd to do after he preached?
- What did the Apostles do after Peter's sermon?
- What did the new Christians sell?
- What did the new Christians do with their money?

**Craft:** Jesus

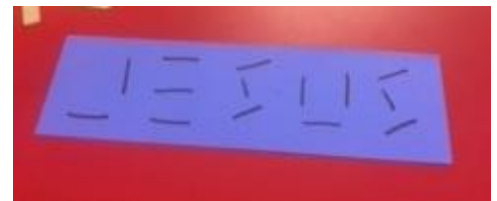
**For 3's**

*Supplies:* Purple paper with lines, magnets, verse sticker, tacky glue

*Instructions:* 1. Trace black lines with Tacky glue.

2. Place craft stick pieces on lines to spell out Jesus.

3. Place 2 magnets (left and right edge) and verse sticker (middle) on the back.



**For 4's and Kinder**

*Supplies:* Purple paper, craft sticks, magnets, verse sticker, tacky glue

1. Glue 4 big craft sticks



2. Glue 6 half sticks



3. Lay small pieces out underneath, 6 1/2 sticks for E and S, 2 3/4 sticks for J and U



Make **J**



Make **E**



Make **S**



Make **U**



Make **S**



4. Place 2 magnets (left and right edge) and verse sticker (middle) on the back.