

THE LAME BEGGAR WALKS!

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 3



The STORY

Read about the healing of the lame beggar from the ESV Bible, Acts 3.

Please note: *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (A crippled man was begging for money at the temple gate. Peter and John did not give him money but healed him in Jesus' name.)
- Why was the man begging for money? (He could not walk so he could not work and needed to ask people for money.)
- How did Peter and John make him well? (Peter and John prayed for him in the name of Jesus Christ. It was not Peter or John, but the power of Jesus that healed the crippled man.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: crippled man jumping with a smile, still holding onto a crutch. Engage the children by asking:

- What happened to this man? (Peter and John prayed to Jesus for him and he was healed.)
- How do you think the man felt after he was healed? (He was very happy.)
- What did the healed man say? (The healed man praised God. This man connected Jesus Christ with God.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Why do you think God put this story in the Bible for us? (This story helps us to see that there is power in the risen Christ and His name. People can be healed by putting their faith in Christ. Jesus Christ is God as evidenced by the power that is demonstrated in His name.)
- Can we pray for people to be healed today? (Yes, we can and should pray for people to be healed today.)
- The beggar was asking for silver and gold (money) but what did he get that was more valuable than silver or gold? (The beggar received two things he could not purchase with all the treasure in the world. First, his legs were healed and second, the healing was the way God brought faith to his heart to believe.)

WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" were the words that Peter spoke to the beggar. Then while the man clung to Peter and John while standing on his newly healed legs, Peter addressed the people. His message was the Gospel! Jesus is called the Holy and Righteous One and the Author of Life. He is the one foretold by the prophets who would suffer. Jesus did suffer. He died on the cross for their sins, for our sins. The result of Peter's Gospel message is that many of those who heard his message believed (Acts 4:4).

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

