

Acts-Revelation

A man gets well

Acts 3:1-16

Younger Verse

I am with you always. Matthew 28:20

Older Verse

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Welcome Time

Smile and hug each person. Tell them how important they are to you!

Bible Story

One day Peter and John went to the Temple church. It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This was the time for the daily prayer service.

At the Temple gate called Beautiful Gate was a man who had been crippled all his life. Every day he was carried to this gate to beg for money. He would ask for money from the people going into the church.

The man saw Peter and John going into the Temple and asked them for money. Peter and John looked straight at him and said, “Look at us!”

The man looked at them; he thought they were going to give him some money. But Peter said, “I don't have any silver or gold, but I do have something else I can give you: By the power of Jesus Christ—stand up and walk!”

Then Peter took the man's right hand and lifted him up. Immediately, the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk.

He went into the Temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God.

All the people recognized him. They knew he was the crippled man who always sat by the Beautiful Gate begging for money. Now they saw this same man walking and praising God. The people were amazed. They could not understand how this could happen.

The man was holding on to Peter and John. All the people were amazed and ran to Peter and John.

When Peter saw this he said to them, “Why are you surprised? You are looking at us as if it were our own power that made this man walk. Do you think this happened because we are good? No! God gave us Jesus, but you had him killed. You told the governor to kill Him. But God raised Him from death. We saw this happen. It was the power of Jesus that made this crippled man well. This happened because we trusted in the power of Jesus. You can see this man and you know him. He was made completely

Lesson Goals

Understand how to trust Jesus

Think about who we can share Jesus with

Remember how much God loves us—He sent His son!

well because he trusted in Jesus. You all saw it happen!”

Peter told them that they could change their hearts and lives too. He explained that Jesus is the only way to be in Heaven. Peter told them that they had to talk to God and tell Him that they are sorry for the wrong things they had done. Then they must trust Jesus and ask Him to come into their lives. After this they must turn around and do what is right. Praying, reading the Bible, and telling people about Jesus are essential too.

Acts 4:4 says that many people believed in Jesus because Peter and John told them about Him. What about you—who can you tell about Jesus?

Learning Activities

Look through the packet to find materials that will be helpful for your kids.

Memory Verse Activities

Set a rhythmic pattern to the verse by clapping, stomping, or slapping out a beat. Let the kids help you—they’re great at this kind of stuff!

Prayer Time

Ask each person to name a friend. Share with them that they can pray for their friends and ask God to take care of them.

Clean Up/Snack time

Share snacks and talk to them about things that are important in their lives.

Planning January 25th
Peter and John get in trouble
Acts 4:1-20

Preschool Lesson
For
A man gets Well

Teachers: tell the story from the view of the crippled man.

I am a man who can't walk. Everyday, I have friends that help me get to a beautiful gate to beg for money. I ask everyone who comes by if they will help me by giving me a little money. It helps because I have no way to work because of my legs.

Yesterday was the most exciting day of my life! While I was at the gate asking for money, two people came by. They asked me to look at them. I thought they were going to give me money, but they did something even more wonderful.

They told me that they did not have any money but they had something better to give me.

Then, they asked me to stand up and walk! One of the men named Peter took my hand and lifted me up. Immediately, I could walk! I couldn't believe it! I jumped up and down and showed everyone around that I was well!

I was so glad that I had to go into the church temple and thank God for making me well. All the people were amazed and wondered how this happened.

Peter and John helped them know that Jesus helped me get well.

It was such an exciting day. Every day, I want to tell people about Jesus and how He made me well.

God loves us too. If we pray, He listens to us. He cares for us and is glad when we tell Him that we love Him.

Sing this song to the tune of "Here we go around the Mulberry bush."

Peter and John went to the gate, to the gate, to the gate.

Peter and John went to the gate in the afternoon.

They saw a man who couldn't walk, couldn't walk, couldn't walk.

They saw a man who couldn't walk by the beautiful gate.

They told him to get up and walk, get up and walk, get up and walk,

They told him to get up and walk for Jesus would make him well.

He got well and jumped for joy, jumped for joy, jumped for joy,

He got well and jumped for joy, He thanked God for his healing.

Hands-On Activities
For
A Man Gets Well

Make a Doctor's bag out of black construction paper. Inside, tape things like a band-aid, cotton ball, cotton swab, tissue, etc.

If your apartments have a gate somewhere, act out the story by the gate. Another idea is to use the door entrance as a "gate" and put a sign above the door that says "Beautiful Gate." Let someone be the sick man, lying by the gate entrance.

Draw or design a beautiful gate. You may want to take cardboard with you and glue or tape silk flowers on it, or other items. Let the kids be creative!

Make a get well card for someone. Find out the addresses and mail each card to the sick person. Also, pray for them during prayer time.

Talk about what it means to believe in Jesus. Older kids may want to talk about how Peter and John helped the sick man become well. Sometimes, kids see TV evangelists that claim to "heal" people. Help them know how we should be careful and always ask God what He thinks about such things. God does heal people sometimes. Other times He may have Doctors help a person get well. And sometimes, a person may not get better. It does not mean that God does not love them, or hear their prayers. God may have another purpose in mind (and we may never know what it is). [If you talk about this, please pray that you can communicate clearly. There are so many people with so many beliefs about this matter!]