

HIS POWER, NOT OURS

BIG IDEA

Peter and John boldly and unashamedly taught people about Jesus. They weren't highly trained theologians, but their message and ministry were inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit.

KEY VERSES

Acts 4

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 4:20

"For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE SKIT

- Cast played by team members: Narrator #1, Narrator #2, Pharisee #1, Pharisee #2, 1-3 Crowd, Beggar, John, Peter
- No props needed

GAME

- 24 paper or plastic cups
- Balloons, 1 per child

CRAFT

Experience Mission provides: scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples

Team provides:

- Butterfly Paper Clips, 1 per child
- Ribbon, 20 inches per child
- Silver beads, 1 per child
- Silver disk beads, 1 per child

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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BIBLE LESSON • SKIT

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SCRIPT

Narrator #1: One afternoon, Peter and John were on their way to the Temple.

Peter: Three o'clock!

John: Yup!

Peter: Time to pray!

John: Yum!

Narrator #2: As they passed the gate called Beautiful...

Peter: That gate is beautiful!

John: So they say...

Narrator #1: ...they met a man who couldn't walk. He was over forty years old and had never taken a single step in his whole life...

Beggar: That first step's a doozy.

Narrator #2: Every day his friends put him by the gate so that he could beg for money.

Beggar: Give me gold and silver, please! So I can buy some beets and peas! And maybe even mac and cheese! Give me gold and silver please!

Narrator #1: Peter and John stopped next to the begging man.

Beggar: Give me gold and silver, please! So I can buy some beets and peas! And maybe even mac and cheese! Give me gold and silver please!

Peter: Sir, look at us.

Beggar: (To yourself) Oh, goody. They're gonna give me some money!

Peter: I don't have any gold.

Beggar: Oh.

Peter: Or silver.

Beggar: I see.

Peter: But I've got something even better!

Beggar: Toys?

Peter: No.

Beggar: A new camel?

Peter: Listen, I'm going to heal you! By the power of Jesus, get up and walk!

Narrator #2: Then Peter grabbed the man's hand and helped him to his feet.

Beggar: Yowsa!

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Narrator #1: And his legs and ankles were healed and strong!

Beggar: Whoa, baby!

Narrator #2: He was so excited that he started walking...

Beggar: (walk around)

Narrator #2: ...and leaping...

Beggar: (leap)

Narrator #2: ...and praising God!

Beggar: I'm waking and leaping an praising God! Hallelujah! I'm healed! I'm healed! Praise the Lord!

Narrator #1: Right. And everyone who saw him was shocked and amazed.

Crowd: I'm shocked and amazed.

Peter: Why are you so surprised? God did this through Jesus! It's his power at work here, not ours.

John: His power, not ours!

Peter: And, if you trust in him, then all of his power—

John: His power, not ours!

Peter: And his forgiveness—

John: His forgiveness, not ours!

Peter: Will be yours, too!

John: His power, not ours!

Narrator #1: Nearby, there was a group of Bible teachers...

Narrator #2: ...who didn't believe in the raising of the dead,

Narrator #1: They arrested Peter and John because they were teaching the people...

Narrator #2: ...about the raising of the dead, and about Jesus!

Narrator #1: They stuck them in jail for the night. But many of the people who had heard them had believed.

Crowd: I believe!

Narrator #1: And there were about 5000 believers.

Narrator #2: So the next day, the religious council met with all the important leaders to talk to Peter and John.

Pharisee #1: So, who gave you the power to Do this?

Peter: Jesus.

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John: His power, not ours!

Pharisee #2: Who gave you the permission to do this?

Peter: Jesus.

John: His permission, not ours!

Narrator #1: The leaders were shocked and amazed by how smart and brave they were.

Pharisee #1: I am shocked and amazed.

Pharisee #2: Me, too.

Pharisee #1: Have you two been to college?

Peter & John: Nope.

Pharisee #2: High school?

Peter & John: Nope.

Pharisee #1: Middle school?

Peter & John: Nope.

Pharisee #2: Grade school?

Peter & John: Nope.

Pharisee #2: Well, how did a couple of uneducated men learn so much?

Peter: Jesus.

John: His power, not ours!

Pharisee #1: Somehow I thought you'd say that....

Pharisee #2: Up, go outside while we talk this over.

Narrator #1: So, they sent Peter and John out of the room (Peter and John face the back of the stage). They didn't want people talking about Jesus, the there was no denying that a great miracle had happened.

Narrator #2: After all, they guy they'd healed...

Beggar: ...that's me!

Narrator #1: Was still walking....

Beggar: (walk around)

Narrator #1: ...and leaping...

Beggar: (leap)

Narrator #1: ...and praising God!

Beggar: Hallelujah! Amen!

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Pharisee #1: So, what are we going to do about Peter and John?

Pharisee #2: Let' threaten to beat them up if they don't stop talking about Jesus.

Pharisee #1: Good idea.

Pharisee #2: Thank you.

Narrator #2: So they called them back in. (Peter and John turn around toward audience)

Pharisee #1: So Peter and John, if you don't stop talking about Jesus, you'll be in big trouble!

John: But Jesus himself told us to talk about him! What do you think...should we obey God or you?

Pharisee #2: Is this a trick question?

Peter: We are not going to stop.

Pharisee #1: Oh, boy.

John: WE are going to keep telling people about Jesus.

Pharisee #2: I was afraid you'd say that.

Peter: No matter what you do to us!

John: His power, not ours!

Pharisee #1: Err...we'll throw you in jail!

Pharisee #2: We'll beat you up!

Pharisee #1: We'll take away your toys and your new camel.

John: We don't have toys or a camel.

Pharisee #2: Oh. Then I guess you can go home.

Narrator #1: Right away, when Peter and John were set free, they went back to the other believers and told them the story.

John: (to the crowd) They threatened to take away our toys and camel.

Crowd: Oooh....

Peter: And we don't even have any toys or a camel.

Crowd: Aahh...

Narrator #1: And they all prayed,

John: (praying) God, you are in control.

Peter: (praying) Help us to be bold and strong.

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John: (praying) Help us to speak your Word clearly and plainly.

Peter: (praying) And then keep on doing your miracles,

John: (praying) As we keep on serving you.

Peter & John: (together) Amen!

Narrator #1: Then, when they'd finished their prayer, God's Spirit rocked the house.

Crowd: Cool.

Narrator #1: He filled their hearts with God's presence...

Crowd: Radical.

Narrator #1: ...and their mouths with God's Word.

Crowd: Awesome.

Narrator #1: God answered their prayer as soon as they'd finished praying it!

Narrator #2: They all spoke his Word boldly and clearly,

Narrator #1: And they got ready...

Narrator #2: ...for whatever might happen next.

John: His power, not ours!

Everyone: The End!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who are the Pharisees?
- What did they not believe in?
- Why was it important that Peter and John preach about resurrection from death? Who had recently died and then rose from the dead?
- Did Peter and John obey the command to keep quiet about Jesus?

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- *Tell the account of Peter and John preaching in simple story form or read it from a children's bible.*
- *Ask 2-3 of the simpler discussion questions.*

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CRAFT

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OBJECTIVE: PAPER CLIP ANGELS

Make an angel necklace to keep or share.

DIRECTIONS

- Tie ends of ribbon together forming a loop.
- Thread a disk bead and a pony bead onto ribbon and push up to the knot.
- Loop ribbon through clip and then through self.
- Slip beads down to sit flush with clip.

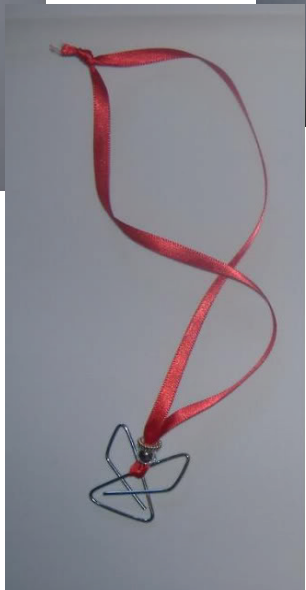
MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Butterfly Paper Clips, 1 per child
- Ribbon, 20 inches per child
- Silver beads, 1 per child
- Silver disk beads, 1 per child

EXAMPLE



SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Tie the ribbon to the clip prior to Kids Club
- Roll a piece of tape around the end of the ribbons to simplify beading

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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: BALLOON CUP BLOW-OFF

Kids blow up balloons and use the captured air to blow cups off a table

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- 24 paper or plastic cups
- Balloons, 1 per child

DIRECTIONS

- Divide kids into 2 teams and line them up
- Set cups in two rows of 12 along the sides of a table
- Place a bag of balloons at the beginning of each team line
- First player on each team blows up a balloon then runs to the table. Using the air in the balloon only they try to blow cups off the table.
- When the air is emptied out of the first player's balloon they run back, tag the second player and the second player blows up a balloon, etc.
- First team to blow down all of their cups wins

SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- Use medium birthday type balloons which are easier to blow up
- Use straws instead of balloons to blow down cups

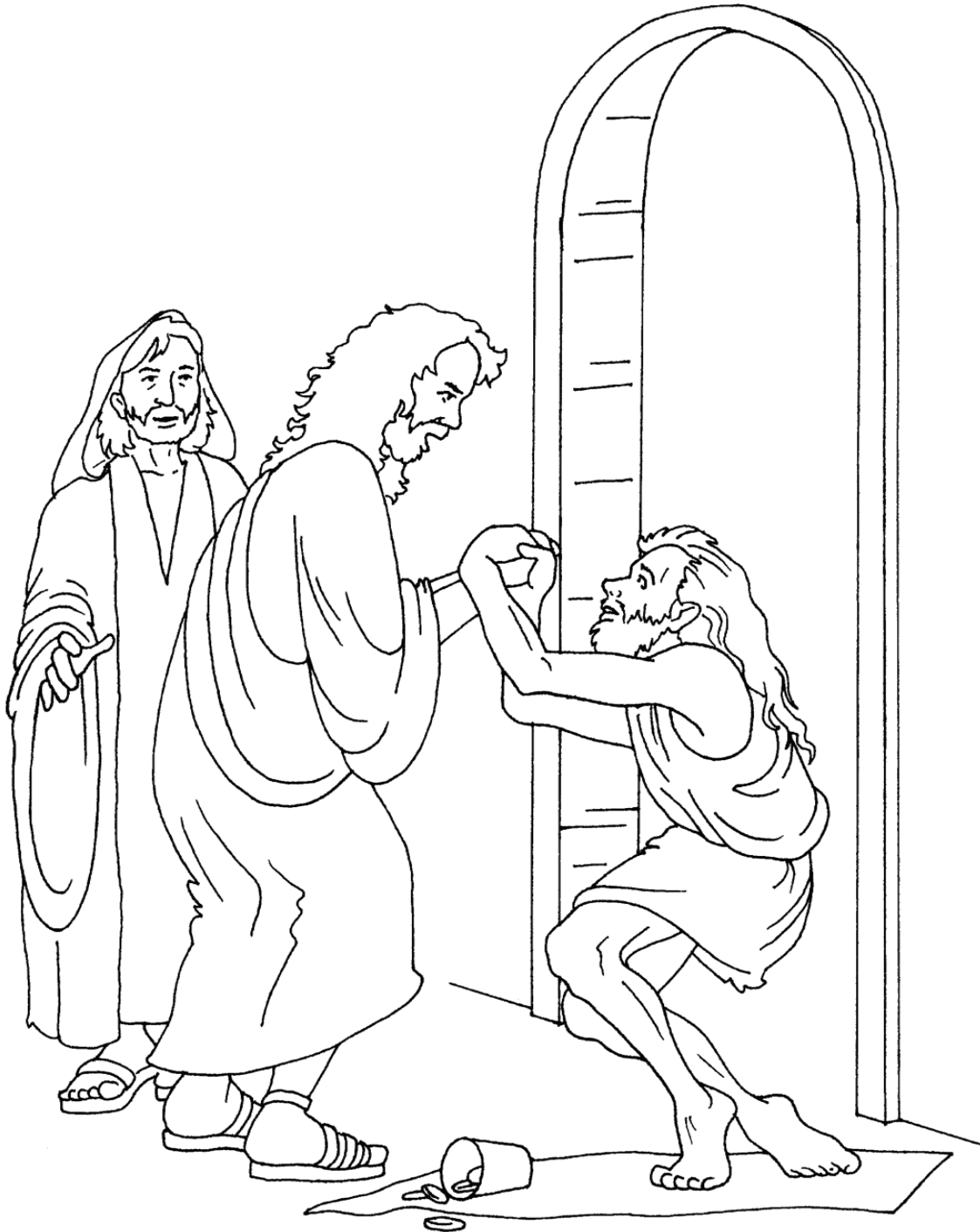


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Kids Club



"Peter and John heal a lame man." Acts 3:1-26