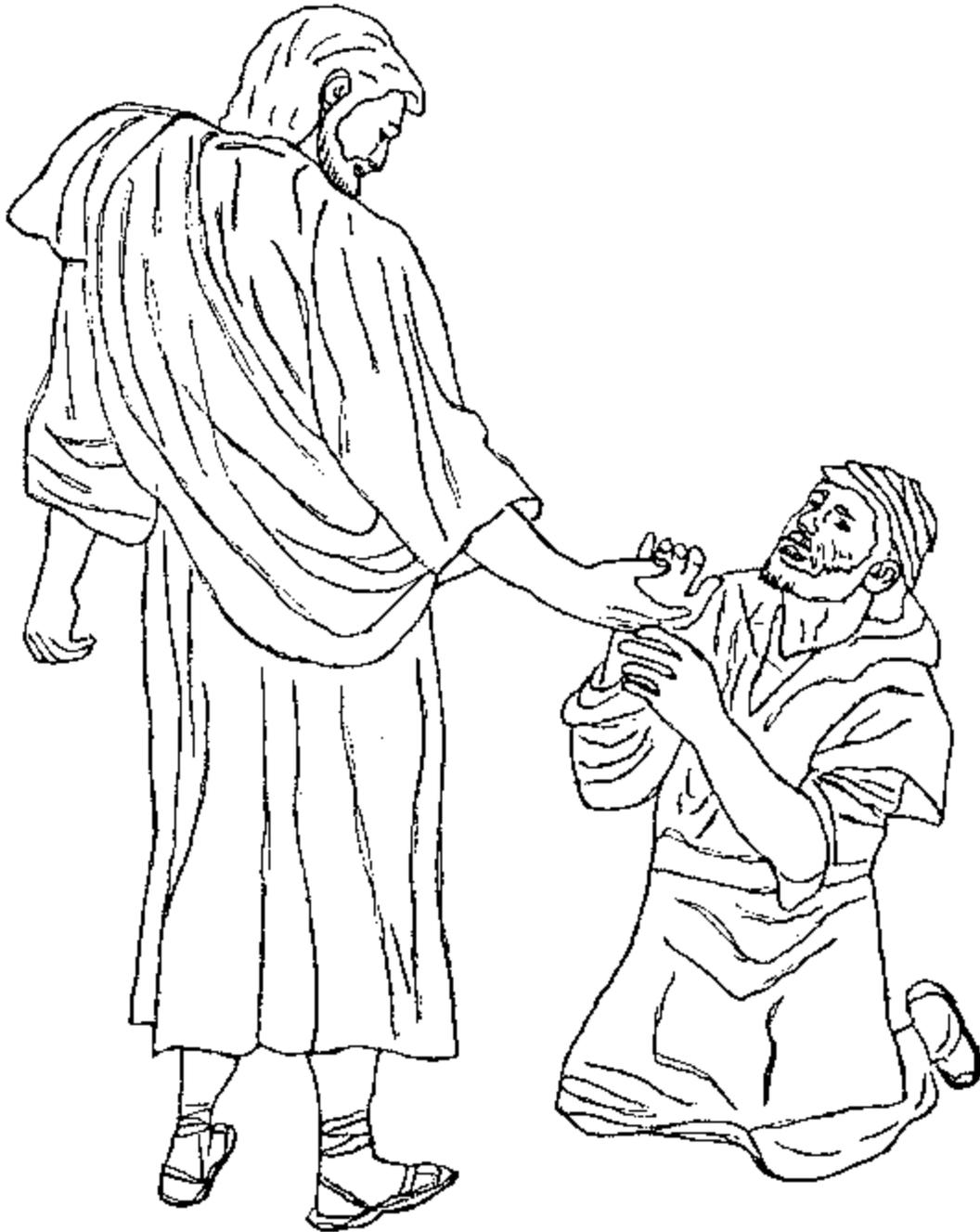


Peter Heals the Lame Man

Acts 3 - 4



The Story

One day Peter and John went up to the temple for prayer. At the temple gate, called Beautiful, they met a lame man who would sit at the gate everyday. This man could not walk and had to ask for money from those who entered the gate. When this man saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter and John both looked at the man and Peter told him, "Look at us."

So the lame man gave Peter and John his full attention because he thought they were going to give him some money. But Peter said to him, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

They lifted the man up and immediately his feet and ankles were healed and the man was able to stand. He stood and entered the temple with Peter and John. Then he went walking, leaping and praising God throughout the temple courts.

When all the people saw the man who had been lame and now walked, they were surprised and amazed. They ran toward Peter, John and the man and gathered around them at a place called Solomon's Porch.

When Peter saw the crowd that gathered around them, he asked the people, "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you think it is by our own power or godliness that we made this man walk?"

Then Peter preached to the people about Jesus. He accused them of helping put Jesus to death, but he told them how God had raised Him from the dead. He told

them to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ, the One spoken of by the prophets.

The priests and Sadducees overheard what Peter was saying to the people. They were upset that Peter was preaching about Jesus and about the resurrection from the dead. They had Peter and John arrested.

The next day they brought Peter and John before a group of the Sadducees. The Sadducees asked Peter and John how they were able to perform this miracle and in whose name they had performed it.

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed that Jesus of Nazareth healed the lame man and this was the same man that they had put to death on the cross. He told them that Jesus is the only way to salvation. He said, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

The Sadducees were amazed at the boldness and knowledge of Peter and John. They commanded Peter and John not to speak or teach the name of Jesus anymore. But Peter and John obeyed God rather than men and they replied, "We must speak the things which we have heard and seen."

After they were released from prison, Peter and John praised God and gave Him glory. They and their fellow believers were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the Word of God with boldness.

Activity One - Review the lesson. Color the happy face for each correct sentence and the sad face for each incorrect sentence.



1. The man by the temple was blind.



2. Peter gave God the honor for healing him.



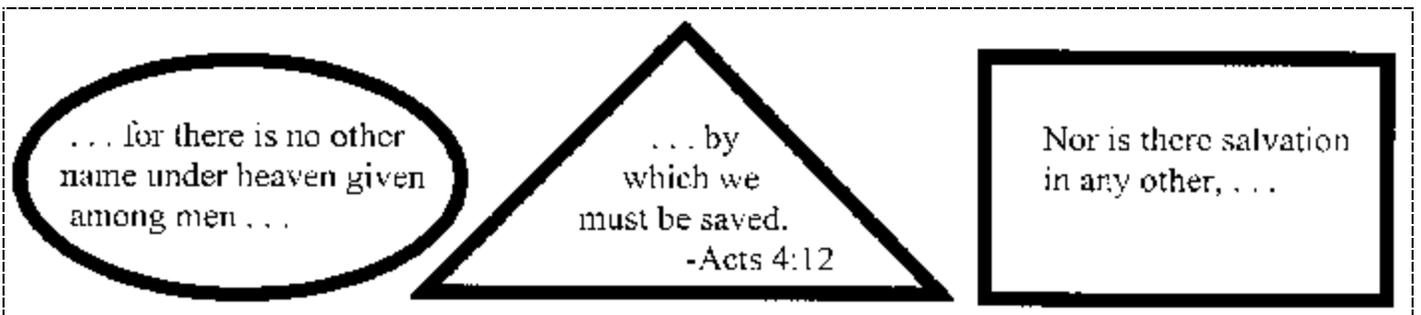
3. The church leaders told Peter and John to keep preaching.



4. The Holy Spirit gave them boldness to preach God's Word.

God gave Peter the gift of healing and the boldness to preach and to spread the message of the Word of God.

Activity Two - Cut out the shapes with the words of Peter in them and glue them to the matching shape above to make his Gospel message.



Since we have been healed from the disease of sin, we should desire to spread this message of salvation.

Passage

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hymn - TLH #283 (*Also "Silver and Gold Have I None" Wee Sing Bible Songs p. 16-17*)

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. Amen.

Prayer

Lord, help us for we are lame of faith. Strengthen our faith so we look only to Your grace and salvation for the hope of eternal life. Make us bold as Peter so that we speak of Your name to all people for in You only is there salvation. Amen.