

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program B-2

Peter Heals a Lame Man

Acts 3:1-9, 4:8-12, 18-21

Peter Series: Lesson #3

Bible Verse: We must obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29

Past Verses: Jesus said, "I am with you always." Matthew 28:20
Jesus loves me. Revelation 1:5

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Love and be kind to others. Follow Jesus, not the World.

Prop ideas: Crutches, wheelchair, walker or cane

Blanket, rag clothes and cup or basket (to collect money)

For added effect, have friends bring you in a wheelchair or wagon. They can lay out your blanket and help you down for your day of begging. "Alms for the poor!"

Sing "Trust and Obey"

SAMPLE STORY

You can tell this story from the beggar's perspective if you want. Or you can pretend to be a beggar, any beggar. "Alms for the poor! Help out a poor crippled man/woman. Spare change, please." Then say, "I am not really a beggar. But I have a wonderful story about a beggar. It is a true story because it comes from the Bible."

This happened after Jesus had returned to heaven. It was also after the Holy Spirit came as well. Remember how the Holy Spirit came like a rushing wind and 'tongues of fire' appeared over the heads of the followers of Jesus? Well, the Holy Spirit was still with the followers. The Holy Spirit never leaves you once he comes to you.

Peter and John, still filled with God's Spirit, were going to the Temple one afternoon to pray. There was a cripple man who was carried and left outside the Temple gate called Beautiful. He was left there to beg for money from the people coming to worship God. He asked Peter and John for money. Peter and John looked straight at him. Peter said, "Look at us. I do not have silver or gold. But what I do have, I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ or Nazareth, walk." Peter took the man by the hand and helped him up. Immediately the man's

ankles became strong. He went into the Temple with them. He was jumping and praising God.

Everyone was amazed that this man was able to walk again. Peter used this opportunity to tell everyone that the man was healed because of Jesus. He told them that they should love and follow Jesus. But, there were some people who were not happy to hear this. They did not like Jesus when he was on earth and they did not want his followers healing people in the name of Jesus. These religious leaders told Peter and John to stop talking about Jesus and healing in his name. Peter told them that he would not stop. "We must obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. Because Peter and John obeyed God, we know about Jesus today. We should also follow today's Bible verse. We should obey God at all times, even if others tell us not to.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Making Get Well Cards

Doing Coin Rubbings

Playing w/Puzzles

COLORING PAGE

Materials: Coloring pages
Bible Verse stickers
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a coloring page.
Write each child's name on his paper.
Spread out the crayons for everyone to reach.
Add Bible verse stickers.

Talk about: What do you see in the picture? Peter helped a man walk. He healed the man in the name of Jesus. Do you think he was happy to walk again?

COIN TOSS

Materials: Plastic coins
Large-mouth container

Do: Place container on the floor.
Have children stand about 2 or 3 feet away. (Make adjustments if too hard or too easy).
Let the children take turns trying to toss the coins into the container.

Talk about: The beggar man may have had a bowl or basket for people to 'toss' money into. Peter told him that he did not have silver or gold to give him. Do you know what Peter did give him? He healed him so that he could walk. The man jumped up and began praising God.

DOCTOR KIT

Materials: Doctor Kit
Cotton balls
Tape (In room)

Do: Let children 'doctor' dolls, you or each other.
Show how to make band-aids with a cotton ball and tape.

Talk about: When we are sick or injured, we may go to the doctor for help. Let's pretend to help each other get well.