

A Lame Beggar Is Healed

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Acts 3:1-10

STORY OVERVIEW: One day, Peter and John went to the temple. They saw a man who had been crippled from birth being carried to the temple gate where he would spend his days begging. The man saw Peter and John and asked for money. The men looked at the beggar and told him to look at them. The beggar did. Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ, walk.” Peter helped the man up. He immediately began to walk! Peter and John entered the temple with the man, who was walking, leaping, and praising the Lord. Others recognized him and were amazed.

TEACHING TRUTHS: Jesus has the power to change lives because He is God.

MEMORY VERSE: “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever.”
Psalm 107:1

MEMORY VERSE SONG: Psalm 107:1
(*You can find the link to the song on the Watermark Kids Kit page.*)

Give thanks to the Lord
For He is good (x3)
His love endures forever (x3)
Psalm 107:1

ACTIVITY 1: BIBLE TIME

1. Read to your child from The Beginner's Bible, "The Lame Man" (p. 484-487) or Acts 3:1-10. Pray a short, simple prayer thanking God for miracles, which are something wonderful only He can do.
2. Use the questions below to review the story with your child.
 - a. **What was wrong with the man at the temple?**
He was lame (he couldn't walk!)
 - b. **Who had power and healed the man at the temple?**
Peter, by the power of Jesus
 - c. **What did the man do when he was healed?**
He began walking, leaping, and praising God for healing him
 - d. **What does this story tell us about Jesus?**
He is powerful and can work miracles; He loves and cares for people and wants to help them
 - e. **What do you think God wants us to learn from this story?** (*Let the kids answer and then bring them back to today's Teaching Truth.*) God is powerful and can work miracles. Jesus has the power to change lives because He is God!

ACTIVITY 2: STORY – Coin Toss

SUPPLIES: basket, coin for each person, masking tape

1. Before beginning the activity, use masking tape to mark a designated starting line for your coin toss and place the basket a few feet away.
2. Remind your child that the beggar who Peter healed sat at the temple gates every day asking for people to put money into his basket.
3. Choose someone to be the beggar and sit beside the basket. Have other family members stand behind the starting line.
4. Give each of them a coin except the last one in line who will be "Peter."
5. Let everyone in line try to toss coins into the basket.
6. When it is "Peter's" turn, instruct him to walk over to the beggar, say, "I can give you something far better," and help the beggar stand.
7. Have the beggar jump and leap and praise God!
8. Replay the game, letting other family members be the beggar and Peter.

ACTIVITY 3: TEACHING TRUTH – Jesus has the power to change lives because He is God**SUPPLIES: small paper plate, glue, markers or crayons, construction paper, scissors, stapler or tape**

1. Give your child a small paper plate. Have them draw a face, body, and arms on the plate.
2. Write this week's Teaching Truth, "Jesus has the power to change lives because He is God," in the middle of the plate.
3. Help your child cut out 2 - 1" wide strips from the long side of a piece of paper.
4. Have your child fold the strips of paper back and forth like an accordion and staple or tape them on the bottom of the plate for the legs.
5. Your child can make their paper plate beggar leap, bounce, and praise God for being powerful!
6. Remind your child that Jesus has the power to change lives because He is God.

ACTIVITY 4: MEMORY VERSE – Psalm 107:1 – Hot Potato**SUPPLIES: Memory verse song (can be found on the Preschool Kids Kit), a ball****"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1**

1. Have your family sit in a circle.
2. Tell them they are going to sing along with the memory verse song and carefully pass the ball while the music is playing.
3. When the verse is over, stop the music.
4. Whoever has the ball will stand up and shout the verse address (Psalm 107:1).
5. Repeat several times.
6. OPTION: If you don't have access to the song, parents can read or say the verse one word at the time. With each word, pass the ball to the next person. Whoever has the ball at the end can stand and say the verse address.