LESSON 5

DIVINE POWER TO HEAL



Aim: **To teach the children that the Lord Jesus worked through Peter to heal a cripple.**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 3:1–16**

Memory Verse: **Acts 3:6**
"Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Either prepare a child before the lesson to act as a beggar or pretend to be one yourself. What is this person doing? Why do you think he is begging? Possible answers: he may be crippled or too ill to work.

Main Points of the Lesson

This is a very dramatic story. **Read the Bible passage several times so you know it well and then tell the story in your own words.**

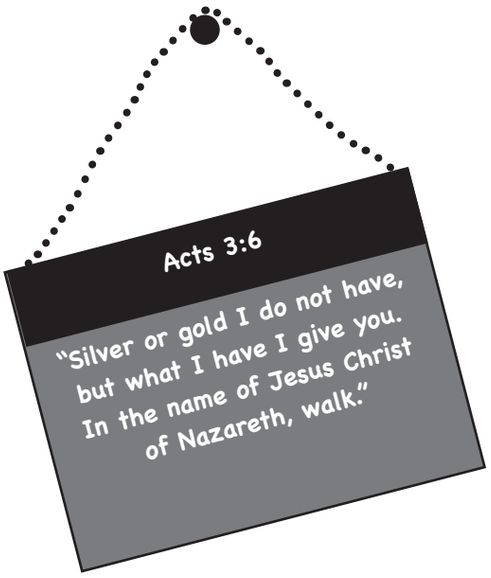
1. Peter and John, who were two of Jesus' disciples while he lived on earth, were leaders of the first Christian congregation. They went to the temple every day at three o'clock (3:1) to pray.
2. At the gate they met a beggar. **Describe the man and what was wrong with him (3:2–3).**
3. Peter and John stopped and looked at him (3:4–5).
4. Peter spoke to the beggar (3:6).
5. The man stood up. He was healed (3:7)! **Show Picture 5.** He jumped about and went into the temple praising God. Everyone was surprised (3:8–10).
6. Peter told the people it was through faith in the power of the living Lord Jesus that the beggar was healed (3:15–16).

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Activity

This is a very suitable story to act. Divide the whole class into groups of three. One person in the group should be the beggar, another John and the third Peter, who has to say the memory verse. Then let them change roles so that, in the end, every child will have recited today's memory verse.



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