

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Precious Father, You possess unlimited power. You can do whatever You please at any time You please to do it. You also provide people with insights and skills to help those around us who are physically or spiritually needy. Thank You for using us to meet the needs of others.

LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 3:8 " The healed man walked, jumped and praised God."

BIBLE STORY:

Stand Up (based on Act 3:1-11)

A poor man sat beside the Temple gates. He could not move his feet or legs. This man was handicapped. When he was a baby, he couldn't crawl. When he was a boy, he couldn't run or jump. Now, he was a man, and his legs still didn't work. He couldn't walk, run, or jump. He had to sit all day long.

Because this man couldn't walk, run, or jump, he wasn't able to get a job, either. He couldn't work to get money for food So, every day the man's friends carried him to the Temple gate where many people walked by. All day long, he asked people to give him money.

No walking or jumping or spinning around.

Just begging and sitting down there on the ground.

One day, two of Jesus' friends, Peter and John, went to the Temple to pray. When the man who was handicapped saw Peter and John coming, he called out, "Please give me money to buy food. I can't walk, run, or jump. I need money. Please help."

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Peter and John stopped. They told the man to look up at them. Then Peter said, "We don't have money. We don't have silver or gold. But we have something much better. In the name of Jesus Christ, stand up and walk!"

Then Peter reached down and took the man's hand. Suddenly, the man's feet and ankles grew strong. His legs and knees helped him up. God had healed him! Now the man could walk. Now he could run. Now he could jump!

NO more begging or sitting down there on the ground.

NOW he was walking and jumping and spinning around!

All the people nearby were excited and amazed. A crowd came to watch him jump up and down and spin

around. They heard him shout, "Praise God! Praise the Lord!" Then the man ran into the Temple – he was running and jumping and praising God for healing in his legs that day!

The people could hardly believe it! They didn't know what to think. They all remembered this man. He always sat at the gate asking for money. Now God had healed the man whose legs didn't work. God had done a marvelous miracle!

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PRAYER:

Pray that each child will thank God for their strong legs and the way they are able to use them. Pray that each child will thank God for their life and they are able to see a new day.

ACTIVITIES:

Footprints (Supplies- footprint shapes cut from paper, tape)

Make many footprints from paper. Tape the footprints to the floor in a path leading around the room. Have the child(ren) walk on the path, praising God for their legs as they go.

Outside Feet

If possibly, take your children outside to a playground and let them have some free playtime. Bring them back into the room and talk about the things they did with their legs, such as running, climbing, umping, and walking.

Legs everywhere (Supplies- pictures of animals, insects, octopuses, spiders, tables, chairs)

Have large pictures of various animals, insects, octopuses, and spiders. Also include pictures of table and chairs. Talk about the number and types of legs each has a and how the legs are used. Take time to praise God for making all kinds of legs and for all they can do.

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