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Leads the Apostles**

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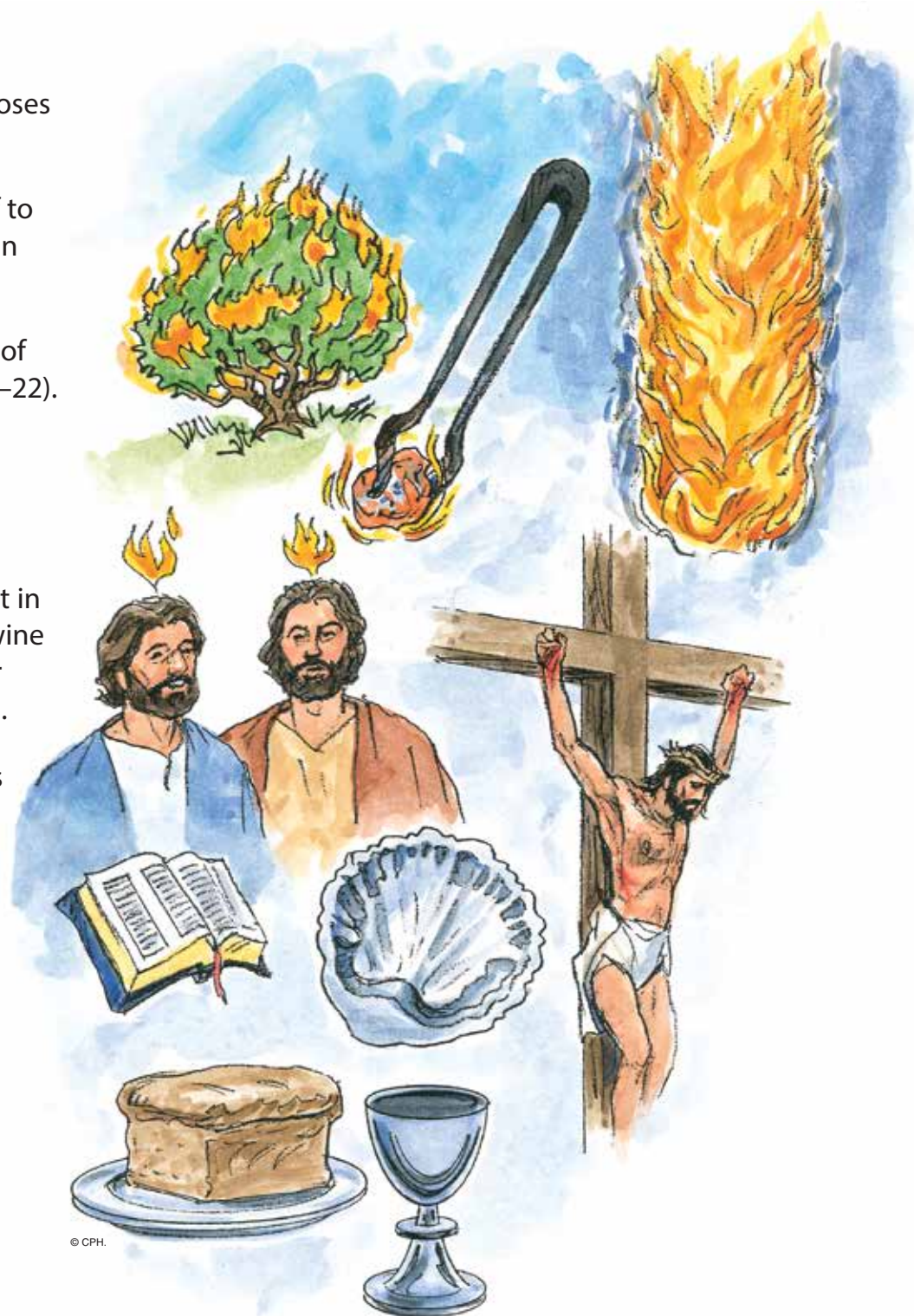
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God Himself Is Present

Draw lines to connect ways God is present with their correct illustration.

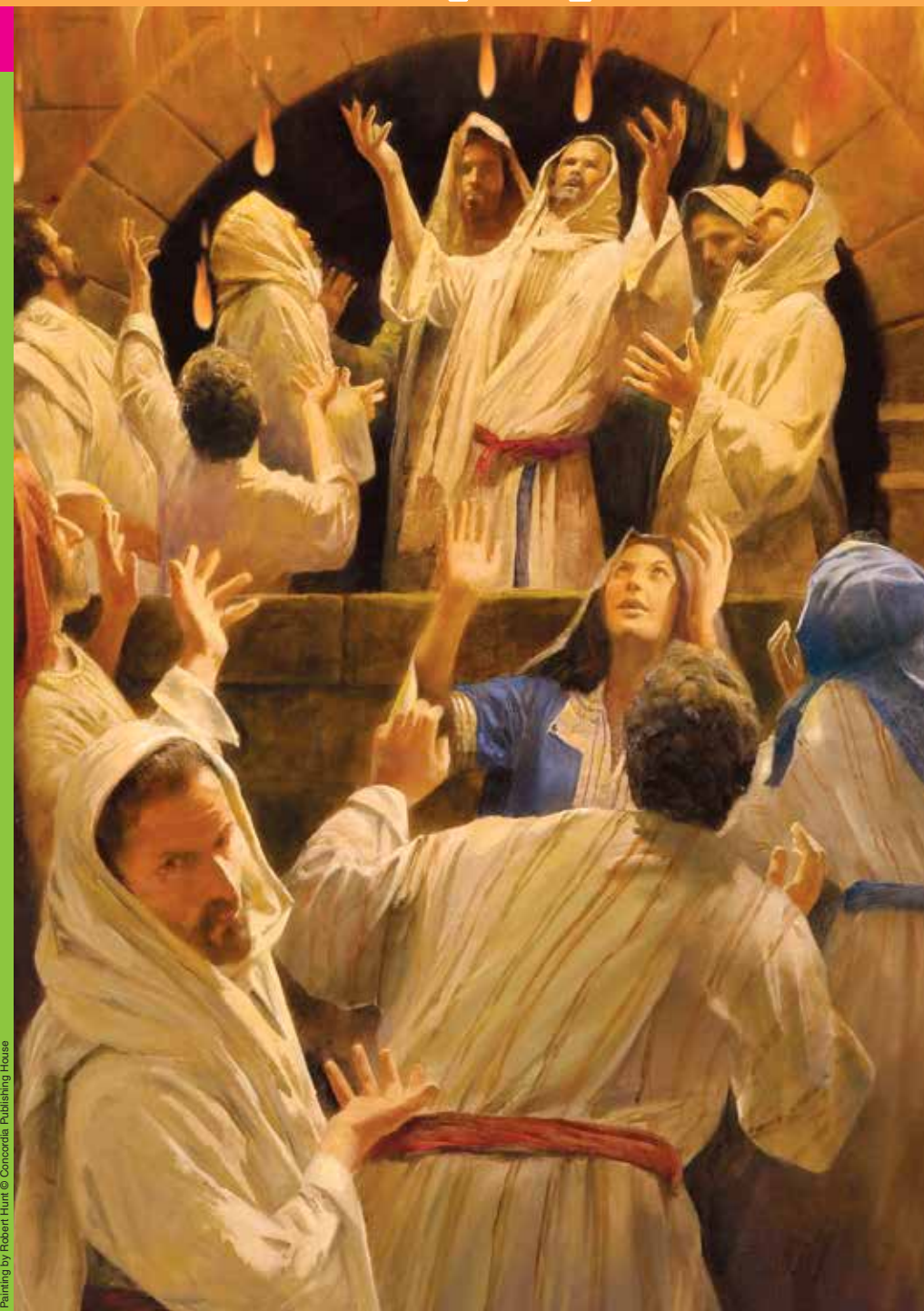
1. God appeared to Moses (Exodus 3:1–6).
2. God reveals Himself to me in His Word (John 20:30–31).
3. God led the people of Israel (Exodus 13:21–22).
4. God came to us in the person of Jesus (John 3:16).
5. Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26–28).
6. God purified Isaiah's lips (Isaiah 6:1–9).
7. God filled the apostles with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–4).
8. God gives me the Holy Spirit in my Baptism (Acts 2:38).



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God Sends the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1–21



Before His ascension, Jesus told His disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Ten days later, the Pentecost feast was being celebrated. The eleven apostles who were present at Jesus' ascension had remained in Jerusalem as instructed. Also present were Matthias and many unnamed disciples. And it was on this festival day that God fulfilled His promise to send the Holy Spirit to His people.

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.
Matthew 28:19

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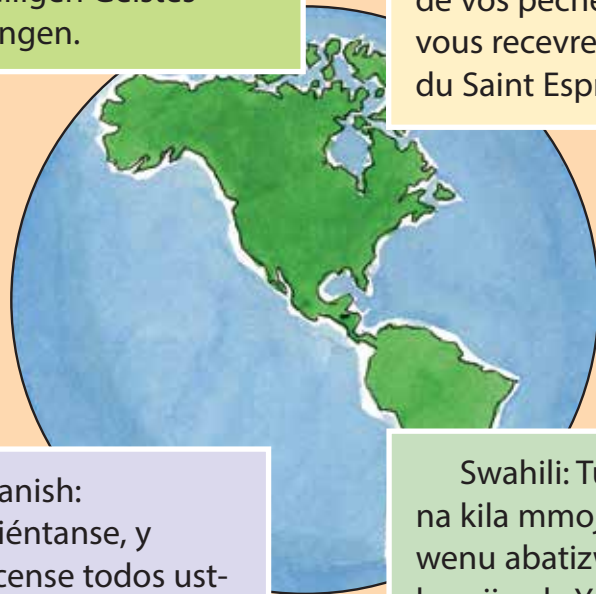


Read

What a day! Each person present in Acts 2 heard these words in his or her own language:

German: Tut Buße, und jeder von euch lasse sich taufen auf den Namen Jesu Christi zur Vergebung eurer Sünden, und ihr werdet die Gabe des Heiligen Geistes empfangen.

French: Repentez-vous, et que chacun de vous soit baptisé au nom de Jésus Christ, pour le pardon de vos péchés; et vous recevrez le don du Saint Esprit.



Spanish: Arrepíentanse, y bautícense todos ustedes en el nombre de Jesucristo, para que sus pecados les sean perdonados. Entonces recibirán el don del Espíritu Santo.

Swahili: Tubuni na kila mmoja wenu abatizwe kwa jina la Yesu Kristo ili mpate kuondolewa dhambi zenu na kupokea ile zawadi ya Roho Mtakatifu.

English: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Look

The term *Pentecost* means “fiftieth.” Jews celebrated the Feast of Pentecost on the fiftieth day after the Sabbath of Passover week. It was also called the Feast of Weeks or the Feast of Harvest, and it marked the completion of the harvest season, a period of seven weeks that followed the Passover. Like the American holiday of Thanksgiving, Pentecost was a thanksgiving festival at which God’s people joined in giving thanks for the goodness of God the Creator. It was celebrated by taking time off from work to present special harvest offerings in worship.



The Feast of Weeks was as important an occasion as Passover because God commanded the Jewish people, through Moses in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus, to observe this day “forever in all your dwelling places throughout your generations” (Leviticus 23:21). God instructed them to count off seven full weeks after Passover and then to present an offering of new grain to the Lord. They were told to bring two loaves of bread baked with yeast as a firstfruits offering and animals for a burnt offering to the Lord. They were to do no regular work and were expected to be part of the sacred assembly. Jews from all over the world came to the temple in Jerusalem for the annual celebrations of Passover and Pentecost.

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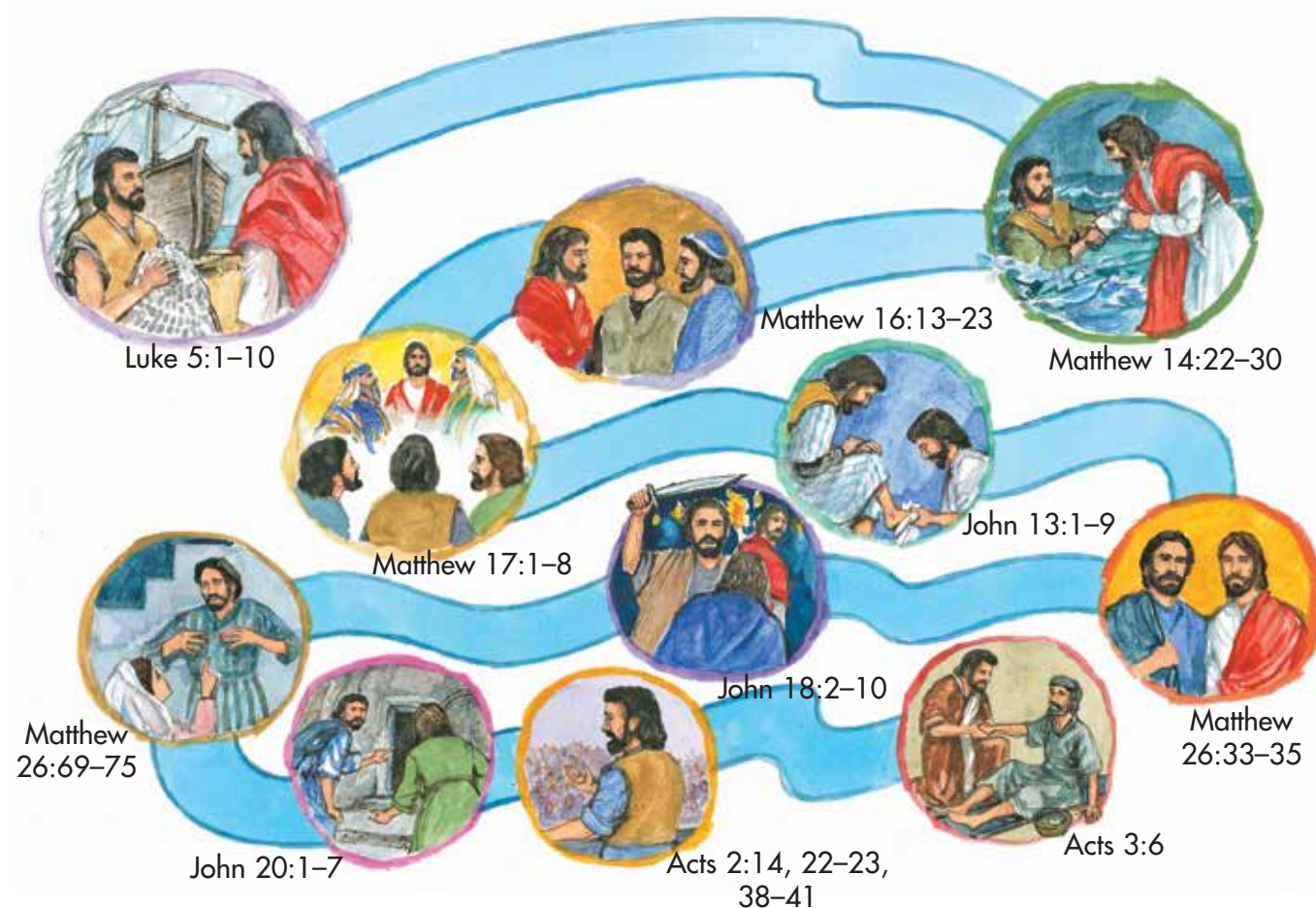
At Home

Things to talk about at home

1. Think about all the languages that might have been spoken at Pentecost. How many languages can you list?
2. Ask your parents to help you look up a language that you’ve never heard of before. Pray for the people that speak that language that the Holy Spirit may work in their lives and bring them to faith in Christ Jesus.
3. Read the Bible Memory Verse from this week and Acts 2:38. How are these verses connected?

The Miracle of Mercy

According to each of these verses, how would you describe Peter?

Peter and John
Heal the Lame Man

Acts 3



When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, He gave Jesus' followers the power to preach the Good News about Jesus. Peter preached to thousands of people, telling them that Jesus truly was—and still is—the Messiah, encouraging them to repent and be baptized. The people who listened to Peter's message believed and were baptized. The power of the Holy Spirit enabled the apostles to do "many wonders and signs" (Acts 2:43). In Acts 3, we hear about one miracle that happened as Peter and John went to the temple in Jerusalem.



Read

In Acts 3, Peter and John healed a man who had been lame since birth. Imagine the man's surprise when Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" Peter helped him up, and he was walking and leaping.

On the lines below, write a conversation that this man may have had with his friend, explaining how he was healed. You may wish to work with a partner and read your conversation to the class.

Man: _____

Friend: _____

Man: _____

Friend: _____

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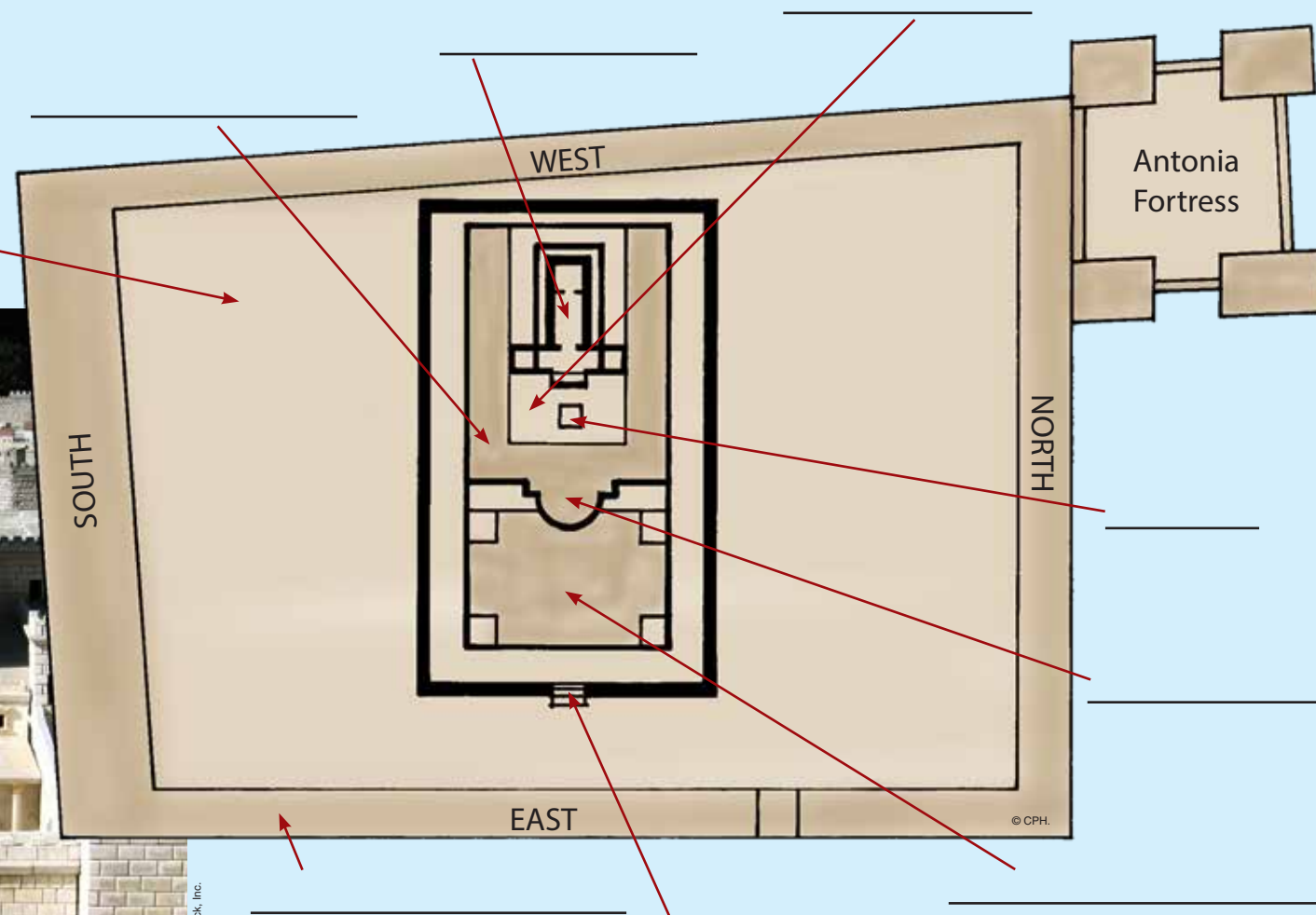


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The account of Peter and John healing the lame man (Acts 3:1–26) mentions two specific locations within the grounds of the temple in Jerusalem: the Beautiful Gate (vv. 2, 10) and "the portico called Solomon's" (v. 11). The temple is actually a series of structures built in expanding rectangles.

The center was the **temple** itself. Around it was the **Court of Priests**, which encompassed the **Altar of Sacrifice**. Around this was the **Court of Israel**, from which Jewish men were able to observe the sacrifices and prayers of the priests. In front of this court was the **Court of Women**. The two were separated by a large archway called the **Nicanor Gate**, which allowed the women to observe temple sacrifices. The entrance to the Court of Women was called the **Beautiful Gate**.

This area was surrounded by a much larger area called the **Court of the Gentiles**. The entire temple complex was surrounded by a wall. Along the wall, facing into the Court of Gentiles, was a covered porch, or colonnade. The colonnade on the east side of the temple was called **Solomon's Portico**. This apparently became a gathering spot for Jewish believers in Christ.



At Home

Things to talk about at home

1. Skim the rest of the Book of Acts. What are some other miracles that the disciples performed through the power of God?
2. What are some ways God works in our world today to cure illness and heal disabilities?
3. How could your family help someone with special physical needs?