

Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar

Acts 3:1-26

Main Street

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bible verse

COMMITTING TO MEMORY

James 5:15

The prayer offered in faith
will make the sick person well;
the Lord will raise him up.



story lesson

BIBLE STORY

About 3:00 in the afternoon, Peter and John were going to the Temple to pray when they encountered a crippled man near the temple gate called Beautiful. Every day the man begged from people going into the temple courts.

As the two apostles walked by the crippled man asked them for money. Peter and John stopped, and the man expected them to give him something. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk" (Acts 3:6). Peter helped the crippled man up by the right hand "and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God" (Acts 3:7-8). He was healed! The people who saw the formerly crippled man walking and jumping around, "were filled with wonder and amazement" (Acts 3:10).

Peter then delivered another message regarding Jesus of Nazareth. He explained to the crowd that they had Jesus killed, but that it was God's overall intention for Jesus to suffer. "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus" (Acts 3:19-20). Peter goes on to say that all the prophets foretold these days and that God would raise up a servant to turn the world from their wicked ways.

Peter makes a point to attribute the credit of healing to faith in the name of Jesus. It would have been easy for Peter to bask in the glory of newfound power. But I think Peter's betrayal of Jesus had humbled his heart.





life application

MAKING IT REAL

Signs of the Holy Spirit

Last week the Holy Spirit had descended upon the disciples. The Holy Spirit's arrival was not a show, rather it was an infilling of power for the establishment and growth of the church. A life lived by the Spirit displayed "signs" as a sort of proof for what God was doing was real. Do you believe the sign of the Holy Spirit in your life, right now? Do you believe that God uses the Holy Spirit to continually grow and establish the church? Do we believe?

Jesus did miracles to show that the kingdom of God had indeed come. They were signs. The miracles that follow in the book of Acts will cement the authority of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. Have faith in Jesus' name—because through faith come healing, both for the soul and the body.

Healing Power of the Holy Spirit

Does God heal today? Sure. Does he heal the body, soul, or other? It depends. Sometimes when we look at what God is doing through our earthly eyes instead of heavenly, spiritual eyes. Perhaps God is "healing" a lot more than we think. Perhaps he is more concerned with healing souls, than just extending our lives.



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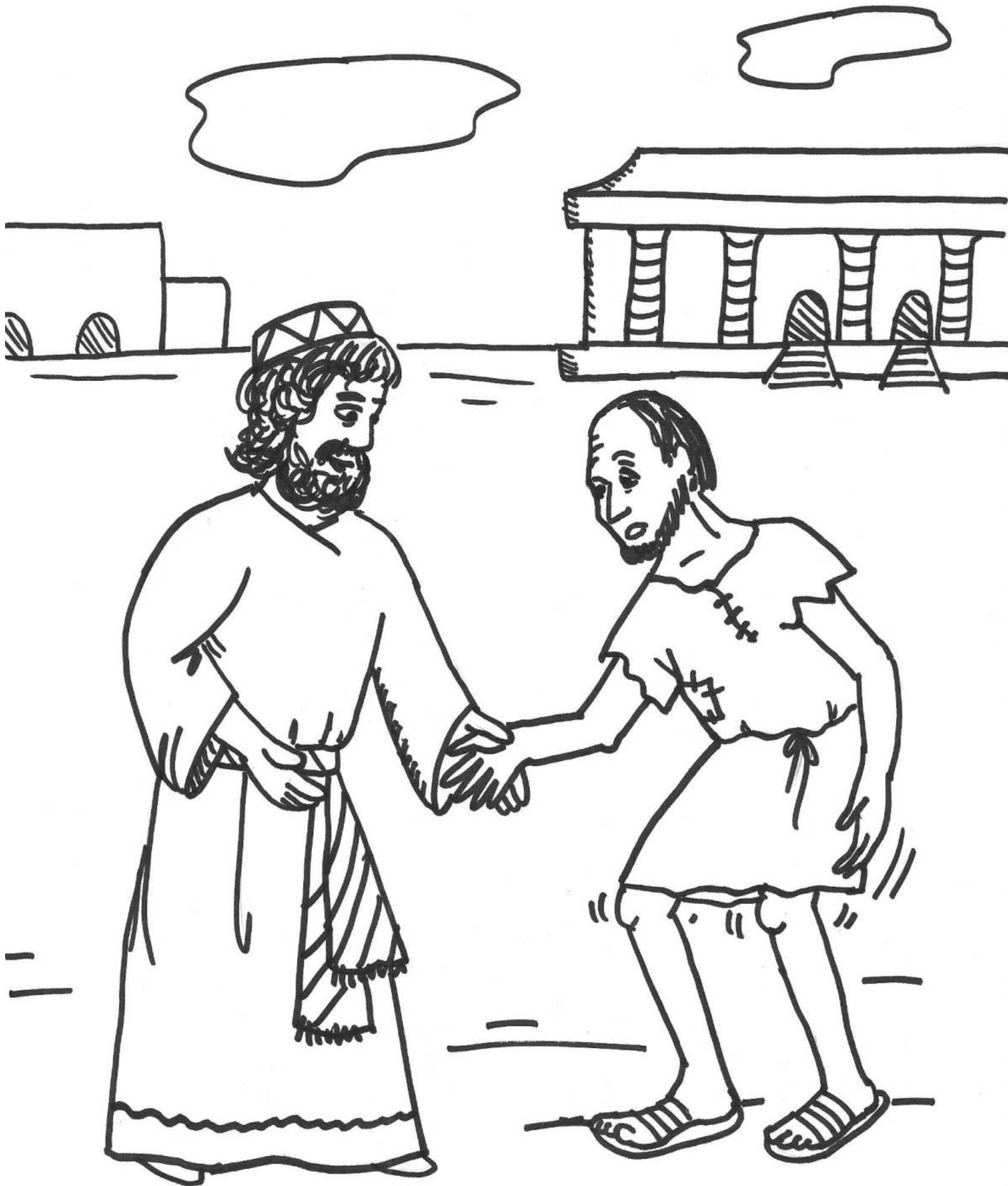
REMEMBERING

1. **What was the name of the gate where the crippled man begged?** Beautiful
2. **What did the crippled man ask from Peter and John?** Money
3. **What did Peter say to the crippled beggar?** "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk" (Acts 3:6)
4. **How did the people watching this man's healing respond?** "were filled with wonder and amazement" (Acts 3:10)
5. **Who did Peter give the credit for the healing of the crippled man?** To Jesus
6. **What are some of the things that Peter said to the crowd?** "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus" (Acts 3:19-20)



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