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Lesson 1, Grades 3-5

Peter had received many gifts from the Holy Spirit—one of the most dramatic was the gift of healing. In Jesus' name, Peter healed many people in Jerusalem (Acts 5:15-16) and he continued to use his gift in Judea—healing the lame and even raising the dead! There was no question among believers or onlookers that Peter's miraculous gifts came from God.

All people who become believers receive spiritual gifts, too! Romans 12:4-8 lists a few basic gifts—proclaiming, serving, teaching, encouraging, leading, and showing mercy. The Holy Spirit generously endows believers with spiritual gifts for service to others. When we use our gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit, the body of Christ is strengthened and God gets all the credit and glory. To investigate what spiritual gifts you may have, download a Spiritual Gift survey [by clicking here](#).

What gifts has God given you to serve Him and others?

Miracles

Through a miracle, Aeneas' life was greatly improved. Dorcas received more time on earth to help others. In addition to these two people, however, many others turned and believed in the Lord (Acts 9:35, 43). God consistently uses miracles to establish His authority and to confirm the authority He has given others. "Signs and wonders" will not make someone believe (John 10:25-26), but miracles can encourage people and increase their faith.

Today, people debate whether "real" miracles still happen. Whether God works supernaturally or whether He works through people and natural processes is not a vital issue. It is more important to believe that God still works in people's lives and that He answers faithful prayers. A life spent seeking God, walking with Him, and honoring Him is always a "miracle!"

How have you seen God at work in your life?