

Dear Parents,

In recent weeks we have learned how Jesus helps us to follow him. He accomplished that through his life example and then after he went to heaven he sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper. We are now going to learn about how **Jesus helps us to serve him**. As followers of Christ he left us with the ability to serve others in a way that will lead them to belief in Jesus as Savior. The Holy Spirit guides us and we are given power to accomplish God's Will. Our story today is taken from Acts 3:1-10. The Apostles Peter and John were given power from God to heal a lame man. Peter and John are careful to do everything in the name of Jesus. We also see that those around praised God. As you teach the lesson be sure your child understands what lame means. Also help them understand that:

- It is Jesus' power which helps us.
- Helping others is a way to serve Jesus.
- We can all serve others.

Visit with your child about ways that they can serve others. With children everything starts with family. 😊

Love you all. May God Bless!

Melonie

For Extra Time

If you have a long class time or want to add additional elements to your lesson, try one of the following activities.

LIVELY LEARNING: Sing Song

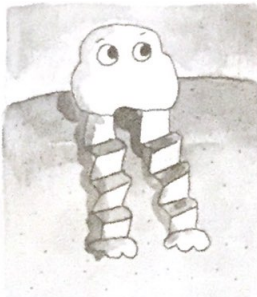
Sing the song (without the cassette) that children learned in the "Do the Bible Story" activity.

Sing 

Peter and John went to pray *(walk in a circle)*
At the Temple every day. *(Kneel and fold hands.)*
On their way, they met a crippled man *(sit in place);*
Healed his legs, and away he ran. *(Leap up and jog around in a circle.)*
He praised God on that day. *(Hands over your heart.)*
Ev-ry-body heard him say *(cup hands around mouth),*
"Thank you, God, that I can jump and run. *(Leap and jog around in a circle.)*
I'll praise your name to ev'ryone!" *(Jog with hands in the air.)*

● The Point

Remind children that ● Jesus helps us serve him just as he helped Peter and John heal the man who couldn't walk.



MAKE TO TAKE: Happy Hoppers

Before this activity, photocopy the "Happy Hopper" pattern from page 155 on green paper.

Set out scissors and crayons. Hand out the hopper papers, and let children cut out the frog shapes. Show children how to accordion-fold the legs. Draw googly eyes on the frogs with crayons. Allow children to have fun helping their hoppers "leap" around the room. Point out that we help puppets move just as Jesus helps us serve him.

TREAT TO EAT: Jump-for-Joy Corn

Bring a hot-air corn popper or electric corn popper to class. Spread a clean sheet on the floor, and gather children around the edge of the sheet. Let the class watch as the popcorn pops onto the sheet. Point out that the popcorn jumps up and down just like the man whose legs were healed. Hand each child a paper cup filled with popcorn. Remind children that ● Jesus helps us serve him, and when we serve Jesus, we feel like jumping for joy, too. As children eat their snacks, encourage them to retell the Bible story.

● The Point

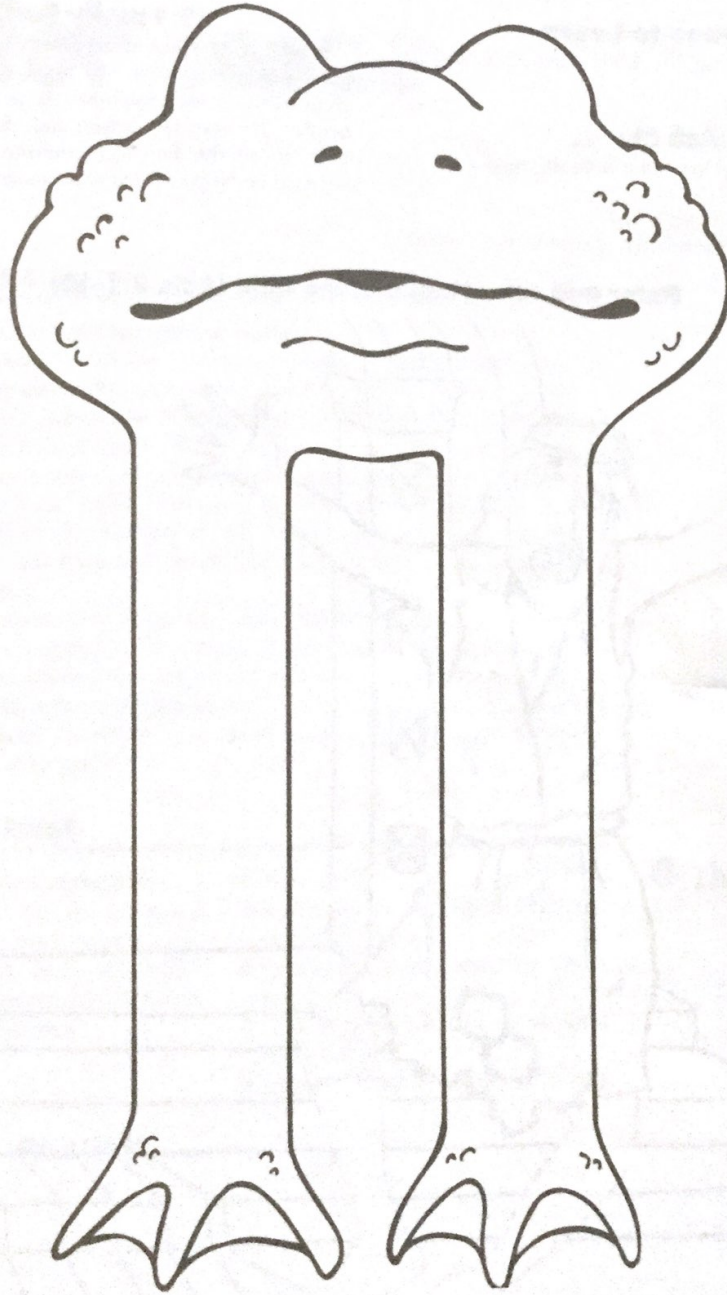
STORY PICTURE: Peter and John Heal a Lame Man

Hand each child a photocopy of the "Today I Learned..." handout from page 156. Set out glue sticks and small 1/2-by-3-inch paper strips. Invite children to color the picture. Then help them accordion-fold the paper strips into bouncy legs. Glue the legs onto the picture of the man jumping for joy. As children work, ask what they think the man did after he could walk. Since ● Jesus helps us serve him, how do they think the man served Jesus?

● The Point

Happy Hopper

photocopy this handout and cut out the frog. Accordion-fold the legs. Use crayons to add googly eyes.



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TODAY I LEARNED . . .

The Point ● Jesus helps us serve him.



Today your child learned that Jesus helps us serve him. Children learned that a lame man asked for help, and Peter and John healed him in Jesus' name. They talked about the importance of serving Jesus.

Verse to Learn

"You are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:24b).

Ask Me . . .

- How did Peter and John help the man who couldn't walk?
- How can you serve Jesus?
- What are ways our family can serve each other?

Family Fun

- Help your child make pretend crutches or a cane from wood scraps or old broom handles. As your child tries out the crutches, talk about how the lame man in the story felt before and after he was healed. Talk about the fact that anyone can serve Jesus because he helps us find ways to serve him.

Peter and John Heal a Lame Man (Acts 3:1-10)

