

THE POWERFUL KING

Acts 3:1-26

Big Idea :

Peter's healing and preaching both point to the reigning King Jesus. He is the only one who can forgive and restore those who trust in him.

Aim :

To convince the children that even though many reject Jesus, God has chosen him to forgive sins and restore those who trust him.

RECAP

Review last week's lesson. Are the children able to remember:

- What the disciples (Jesus' friends) needed so they could do a special job for Jesus?
[The Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)]
- What was Peter able to do because he received this gift?
[Tell the people the good news about Jesus (Acts 2:14)]
- What did the people in the crowd need to do when they heard the truth about Jesus? [Repent and be baptised (Acts 2:38)]

GAME 1

In today's true story from the Bible we will learn about a group of people who made a mistake by rejecting something very precious.

READ

Acts 3:1-26















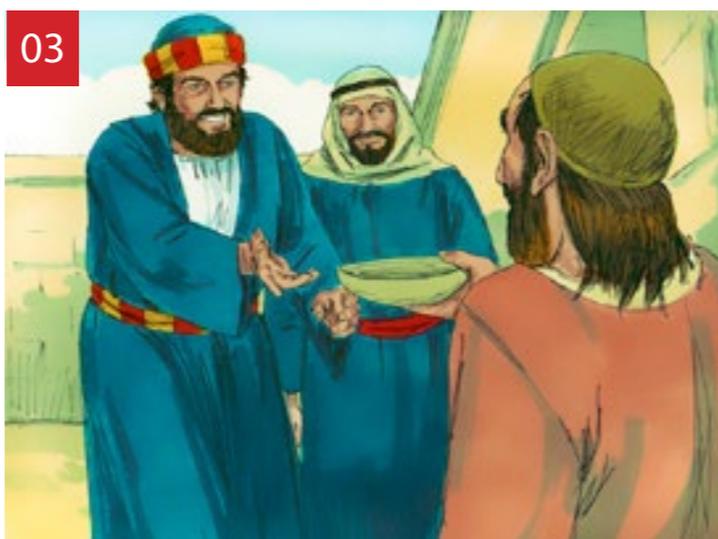




It was three in the afternoon and Peter and John were going up to the Temple to pray. A man who had been lame from birth was being carried to the Temple gate called Beautiful. He sat at the gate each day begging from those going into the Temple courts.

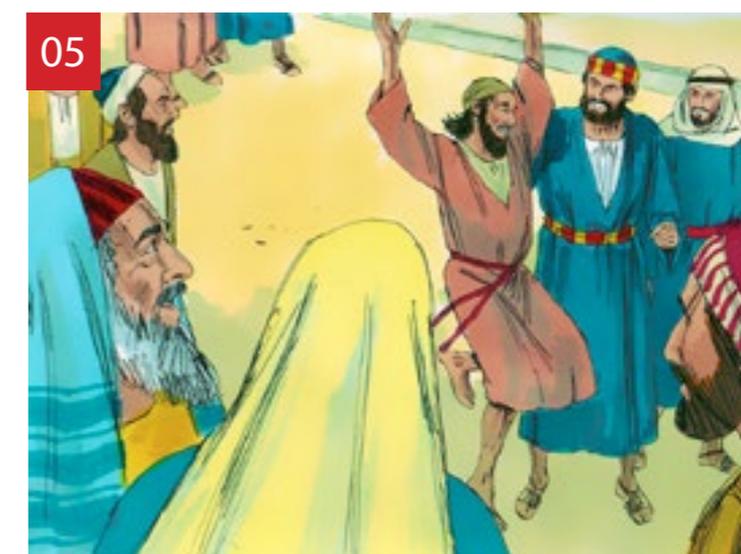


When the lame man saw Peter and John going into the Temple, he asked them for money.

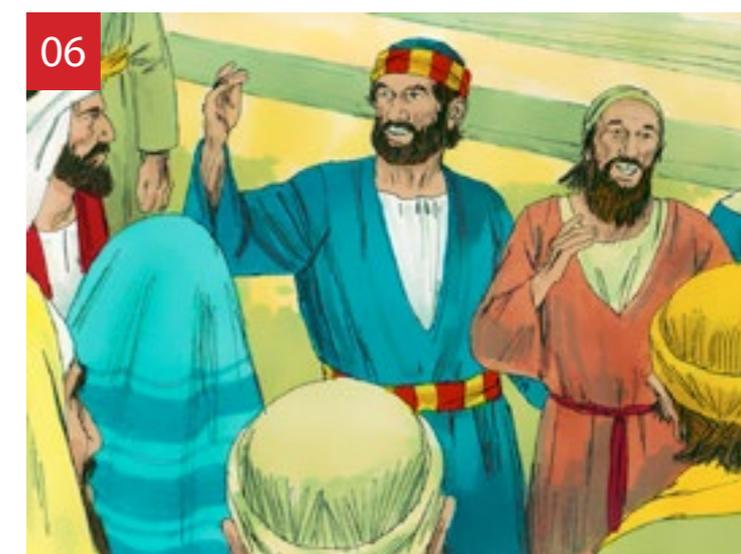


Peter and John both looked straight at him. Peter said, 'Look at us.' The man looked at them hoping for money. Peter continued, 'I don't have silver or gold but I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth get up and walk.'

Peter took him by the hand and helped him to his feet. Instantly the man's ankles and legs became strong.

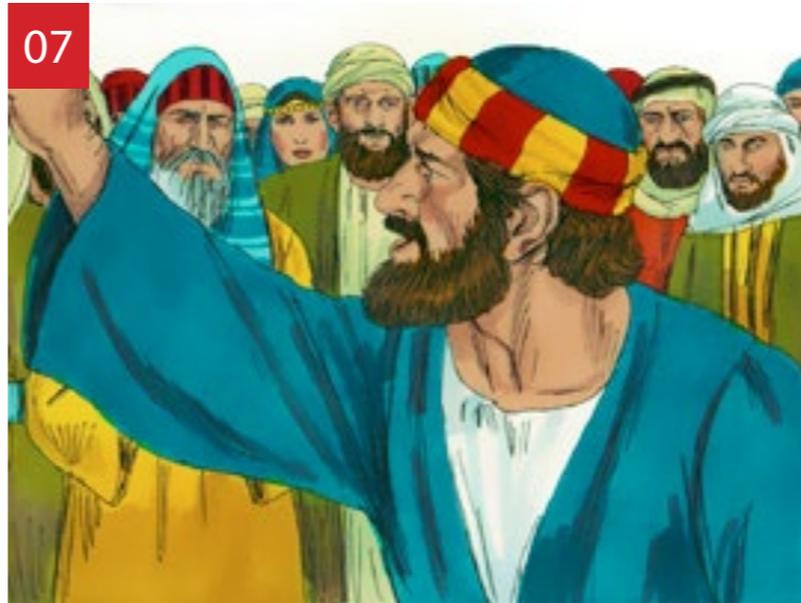


The man began to walk and followed Peter and John into the Temple courts. Then he started walking and jumping and praising God.



Astonished people started gathering round in the Temple colonnade. 'Why does this surprise you?' Peter asked them. 'It is not by our power or godliness that this man can now walk.'

'God has brought glory to Jesus, the one you handed over to be crucified. You killed Jesus but God has raised Him to life.'



'It by faith in the name of Jesus that this man is now completely healed - as you can all see.'



'I know you did not understand what the prophets foretold that the Messiah must suffer. Repent then and turn to God,' Peter urged them, 'So that your sins may be wiped out and times of refreshing can come from the Lord.'



GAME 2

Remind the children that Peter used the healing of the lame man to tell people that Jesus was chosen by God to rule and that our sins can only be wiped out when we repent and trust in Jesus.

WRAP IT

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DISCOUSS

It wasn't Peter who healed the man, but Jesus.

Peter knew that only Jesus is powerful enough to do this.

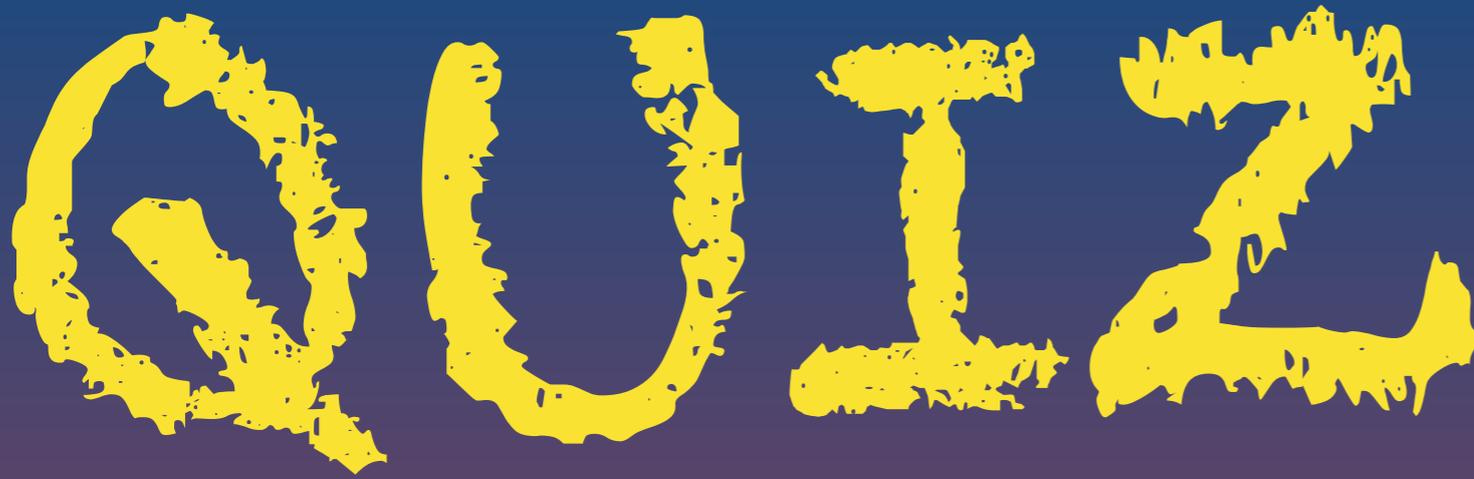
Look at Peter's words in verse 6

Jesus was able to do this because he is God's chosen King

The people treated Jesus very badly by killing him, but God made him alive again.

Jesus is the only one who can wipe our sins away

All that YOU need to do is to trust Jesus to forgive your sins - have you done that?



Butts or brains

True - hands on head

False - hands on butt

Points for the first correct action

1. Peter and James were on their way to the temple when they saw the lame man (John)
2. The temple gate was called Beautiful
3. The lame man used to go by donkey to the temple every day (he was carried)
4. The lame man worked at the temple (he begged)
5. When the lame man saw Peter and John he asked them for food (money)
6. Peter said he had no money but he could give the man some food (he said he had no money but what he had he would give him)
7. The man said he didn't want what Peter had to give him (he looked at them expectantly)
8. Peter said 'get up and walk' (in the name of Jesus)
9. The lame man was healed instantly and went into the temple walking and praising God
10. No one recognised the lame man (everyone recognised him and was amazed)
11. Peter was so glad that he was powerful enough to do miracles (he said, it was God who made this man walk)
12. Peter told the crowd that the one that they had disowned and crucified God had risen from the dead
13. Peter said it was by faith that this man was made strong
14. Peter told the crowd that they could continue in their ways and God would forgive their sins (they needed to repent and turn to God)
15. Repenting means to stop living your own way (and turning to live God's way)
16. Acts 1:8 says: But you will receive power when the corona virus comes upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. (the Holy Spirit)

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PRAY

Dear Lord Jesus

What comfort and joy it brings to know that as we live out our days here on earth we can know that you are ruling from Heaven. Thank you for the gift of your Spirit, would you help us, through the Spirit to speak boldly to others about you. We thank you that you are the only one that is able to wipe away our sins and we ask that you would help us to live lives of repentance and trust in you for the forgiveness of sins - because this is the only right response.

Thank you for the bible - help us, by your Spirit, to remember what we have learnt this morning and to live it out in the week to come.

Amen



Memory Verse

Acts 1:8 – *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth".*
[NIV84]

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