

Peter and John Heal the Lame Man

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: Jesus' name has power. The man who could not walk got up and praised God.

Bible passage: Acts 3:1–11. Read it yourself before class.

Memory verse: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." *Acts 3:6 (KJV)*. **Nazareth** is the town where Jesus grew up.

You need: a Bible, a small empty purse or bag, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.

Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Acts 3. Make sure the purse is empty.

1. Opening game: Wiggle Your Feet (5 minutes)

Everyone sits on the floor. Say: "Wiggle your toes! Tap your feet! Stand up! Walk in place! Sit down!" Play two or three times. Then say: "Feet are a gift from God. Today we will hear a true story about a man whose feet had never walked."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Acts 3. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Peter and John went to God's house to pray (Acts 3:1). *(Fold your hands.)*

A man sat at the gate called Beautiful (3:2). *(Sit down.)*

His feet could not walk. He never walked, not one step (3:2). *(Pat your feet.)*

He asked people for money (3:3). *(Hold out your hand.)*

Peter said, "Look on us" (3:4). *(Point to your eyes.)*

Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none" (3:6). *(Open the empty purse and show it.)*

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (3:6).

Say it with me: "Rise up and walk!"

Peter took his hand and lifted him up (3:7). *(Reach out your hand.)*

His feet got strong, right away (3:7). *(Stand up!)*

He walked into God's house (3:8). *(Walk in place.)*

He praised God (3:8)! *(Lift your hands up high.)*

All the people saw him, and they were amazed (3:9–10). *(Make a surprised face.)*

Say it with me: "Jesus' name has power!"



3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Where did Peter and John go? *(To God's house, the temple, to pray, Acts 3:1)*
2. What could the man not do? *(Walk, 3:2)*
3. What did the man do when his feet got strong? *(He walked and praised God, 3:8)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "Peter said, 'In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.' Nazareth is the town where Jesus grew up." Everyone sits down. Say the verse together, and on "rise up and walk," everyone stands up and walks in place. Say it three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Acts 3:6" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "Jesus' name is the most important name (Acts 4:12). God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."

Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

6. Activity: Draw the Gate (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a tall gate, and the man standing in it with his hands lifted up, praising God. While they color, ask: "What could the man not do? Whose name made him walk? What did he do then?" Kids who finish early can play Wiggle Your Feet again.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:

"Thank You, God, for my feet and my hands.

Thank You that Jesus' name has power. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: let every child have a turn opening the empty purse. If they get wiggly, do the "rise up and walk" motion again. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

Speak kindly: if a child in your class, or someone in their family, can't walk, keep the focus on Jesus' power and God's love for every person. Never let the word "lame" be used to tease anyone.

