

# KID'S CHURCH



## Family Studies - Week 3

This term we are starting an 8 week series in Acts and we're going to try something a little different. Each week we'll send home 2-3 short bible passages to read together as a family and 1 or 2 suggested questions. It doesn't matter if you don't do these studies, it's just there to be a help to those families who want to use them.

Suggested answers are also provided, not to be read word for word to the kids but just to inform parents thinking in case you have no idea where the question is heading.

If you do use these studies it would be great to know how you found them.

The bible text provided is from the Children's International Bible. It's a good translation with a reading age of 6



# Acts 3:1-10

## Healing of a lame man

3 Now Peter and John were going up together to the temple complex at the hour of prayer at three in the afternoon. 2 And a man who was lame from birth was carried there and placed every day at the temple gate called Beautiful, so he could beg from those entering the temple complex. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple complex, he asked for help. 4 Peter, along with John, looked at him intently and said, "Look at us." 5 So he turned to them, expecting to get something from them. 6 But Peter said, "I don't have silver or gold, but what I have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" 7 Then, taking him by the right hand he raised him up, and at once his feet and ankles became strong. 8 So he jumped up, stood, and started to walk, and he entered the temple complex with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 All the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 and they recognized that he was the one who used to sit and beg at the Beautiful Gate of the temple complex. So they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him.

## Suggested Questions

*If you had been "lame from birth" how do you think you would walk? Would you leap up and run around or would you hobble and ask to hold someone's hand?*

*How does the passage say the man walked when he was healed in Jesus' name?*

*Who did the healing in the man? Was it Peter and John?*

*What does this passage tell us about Jesus?*

Peter may have spoken the words but it was Jesus who did the healing. His name is strong and powerful because he is God. The healing wasn't gradual, but sudden and complete. We can do nothing in the face of such power and glory but to bow down and worship him.

***Talk about ways you could worship God...***

eg singing, praying, saying true things about him, obeying God, living for Jesus, sharing Jesus with our friends.

# Acts 3:11-20

## Preaching in Solomon's Colonnade

While he was holding on to Peter and John, all the people, greatly amazed, ran toward them in what is called Solomon's Colonnade. 12 When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Or why do you stare at us, as though we had made him walk by our own power or godliness? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. 15 You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this. 16 By faith in His name, His name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. So the faith that comes through Him has given him this perfect health in front of all of you.

17 "And now, brothers, I know that you did it in ignorance, just as your leaders also did. 18 But what God predicted through the mouth of all the prophets—that His Messiah would suffer—He has fulfilled in this way.

19 Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah.

## Suggested Questions:

*Peter accuses the people of denying the Holy and Righteous One... who is he talking about?*

*Peter also calls the people to repent and turn back so that their sins may be wiped out. What does it mean to repent? Is it something you think you could do? Would it be hard? Who would help you?*

Fiona Millar describes sin as being "The bad things we think and say and do, the good things we don't do and also saying no to God and going our own way." For the people in the passage saying no to God involved rejecting God's chosen king, and murdering him was going their own way. Yet, God was still willing to forgive them for their sin. God is still willing to forgive us when we sin and say no to God. We have to turn from the bad things we do and say yes to God. He will forgive us and help us to live for him.

# Acts 1:12-26

## The Name Forbidden

*(After Peter and John are arrested for speaking in Jesus' name. "They" are the rulers, elders and scribes.)* 13 When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus. 14 And since they saw the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in response. 15 After they had ordered them to leave the Sanhedrin, they conferred among themselves, 16 saying, "What should we do with these men? For an obvious sign, evident to all who live in Jerusalem, has been done through them, and we cannot deny it! 17 However, so this does not spread any further among the people, let's threaten them against speaking to anyone in this name again." 18 So they called for them and ordered them not to preach or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it's right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide; 20 for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

21 After threatening them further, they released them. They found no way to punish them, because the people were all giving glory to God over what had been done; 22 for this sign of healing had been performed on a man over 40 years old.

## Suggested Questions:

***People respond to the good news about Jesus in different ways. How did the rulers and elders and scribes respond?***

***What about the people in verse 21?***

***Mum and Dad, how did you respond to the good news about Jesus?***

***Do you think you could still be excited about Jesus even when someone was threatening you not be?***

The scribes and rulers didn't want Jesus to be their king. They wanted to rule, not Jesus. And they wanted to stop anyone making Jesus king. But other people responded to Jesus by praising God, knowing what an amazing gift God coming to earth was, seeing how wonderful and powerful he is and accepting the forgiveness he offered.

Peter and John were two of those people and they loved sharing Jesus with others. Even when they were threatened with whippings and beatings and even death, they were still bold for Jesus. Isn't it amazing? The Holy Spirit living in them helped them to stay strong in the gospel.