

6.28.2010 – Little Pillars Family Guide



Scripture Passage:

Acts 3:1-26

Memory Verse for the Week:

Acts 3:19 – Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.

Family Guide (5-day Format):

1. Read 3:1-3
 - a. Ask them who all is involved in this story (Peter, John, and the lame man).
 - b. Describe what it means to be lame (legs don't work).
 - c. Describe what it means to ask for alms.
 - i. Use this as a teaching point to talk about helping people in need.
 - ii. Ask them what his *ultimate* need is (God).
2. Read 3:4-11
 - a. Ask them what happened to the guy's legs?
 - b. Who healed him (God's power healed him through Peter and John – his vessels).
 - i. God works by his Spirit, through his people.
 - c. What did the healed man do? (jumped and ran).
 - d. Take some time and act out this story with your kids. Have someone pretend to be lame, one pretend to be the healer, etc. Have fun and make it memorable for them.
3. Read 3:12-16
 - a. Summarize for them what Peter says.
 - i. We didn't heal this guy.
 - ii. You killed Jesus.
 - iii. God raised him from the dead.
 - iv. We are witnesses of this – we've seen him raised from the dead.
 - v. By faith, Jesus has healed this man.
 - b. How was it that the crippled man was healed?
4. Read 3:17-21
 - a. Talk about who God's prophets were and what they did.
 - b. What was one thing we're told that they foretold (that Christ would suffer).
 - c. What does Peter tell them to do (repent).
 - d. And what does Peter say the results of that will be?
 - i. Sins blotted out (explain that your sins are erased – get creative and demonstrate with an eraser).
 - ii. Times of refreshing would come – you would enjoy peace.
 - iii. That Jesus will come back...for you.
5. Read 3:22-26
 - a. Three men are mentioned in this passage. Can you remember them? (Moses, Samuel, and Abraham).
 - b. Talk about what it means to turn from wickedness. Use an example that will relate to them (wickedness for a 5 year old might be saying bad things about a friend, etc).



Prior Week: New Gospel Community

Acts 2:22-47

Peter told the Jews that Jesus was God's chosen man. Jesus was sent by God to the Jews and they killed Him. This was part of God's plan all along. Death could not hold Jesus because God raised Him from death. Jesus' friends had seen Him alive!

King Jesus is alive and God is going to put all of Jesus' enemies under his control. Jesus is King and Jesus is Lord of all people. Jesus is the King and the Lord and they nailed Jesus to a cross!

When the Jewish people understood what they had done they felt terrible and asked Peter what they could do.

Peter told them to change their hearts and the way they lived. He told them to be baptized in King Jesus' name for forgiveness of their sins. When they did this, they too would be given the Holy Spirit. This is a promise for anyone God calls back to Him.

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized. 3,000 believers were added to the 120 that day.

The believers spent time learning what Jesus' friends had to teach. They continued gathering together, sharing Jesus' meal and praying.

Jesus' friends, the apostles, did many miracles proving that God was at work. And everyone was amazed at how great God was.

The believers were staying in each others homes. Everything they had, they shared. When some of the believers needed things, other believers sold their land and stuff and gave the money to the people who needed it.

The believers also met in the Jewish Temple every day. They all worked together for the same goal. They happily shared their breakfasts, lunches, and dinners together because of the joy God put in their hearts. They praised God for all He was doing. All the people in Jerusalem liked the believers. More people believed the good news about Jesus and He added these people to the believers.

We call this story . . . New Gospel Community.



Dialog

- 1. Who is Jesus? Who did God send Jesus to and what did they do to Him?**
*Jesus is God's chosen man.
God sent Jesus to the Jewish people and they killed him.*
- 2. Who has God made Jesus now? What will happen to Jesus' enemies?**
*God has made Jesus King and Lord.
God will put them all under Jesus' control.*
- 3. What did Peter tell the Jewish people they needed to do? What is God's promise?**
*Peter told them to change their heart and the way they lived.
Peter told them to be baptized in King Jesus' name.
Those who believe the gospel will receive be given the Holy Spirit.*
- 4. What did they do when they believed Peter's message? How many believed him?**
*They were baptized in King Jesus name.
3000 people.*
- 5. The new believers did some things together, what were they?**
*Learning what Jesus' friends had to teach them.
Sharing Jesus' meal.
Praying.*
- 6. The apostles did many miracles, what did the miracles prove? What did people think about this?**
*The miracles proved that God was at work.
They were amazed because God is so great.*
- 7. Where were the believers staying? What did they do when someone needed help?**
*They were staying in each others homes.
They would sell their things and give the money to the people who needed help.*
- 8. What did they share together? Why did they praise God**
*They shared their breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.
They praised God for all He was doing.*
- 9. What happened as the gospel was told more? Who adds people to the believers?**
*More people believed the message.
Jesus adds new people to the believers.*
- 10. What do we learn about Jesus in the story?**
When they answer, ask the kids: Where you see this in the story?
*Jesus is God's chosen man.
Jesus is alive.
Jesus is King and Lord.
Jesus adds people to His church.*

Application

1. What do you like best about this story?
2. What questions do you have about this story?
3. Have you ever shared something you had to help others? What did you share?
4. When have you worked together with others? What did you do?

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Scripture Memory

Acts 2:46-47a – And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.