

Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Peter healing a man.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Acts 3 v 1–26

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Peter healing the man who was lame. Thank you that just like Peter we have your authority and power on earth through the Holy Spirit.

Help us to be carriers of your presence in the world and sharers of the Good News about your love and the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We pray for healing for all those in the world who are fighting the coronavirus. We pray that they would know you as their healer but also as their saviour and friend.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Peter had spent three years watching Jesus – what similarities can you see between what Peter did in the story and what Jesus did?

Just like Jesus, Peter showed love for those around him, Jesus healed those who came to him when he was on the earth, he cared for and loved those around him. Not only did Peter listen to the man and show compassion to him, he used the heavenly power he had through Jesus and the Holy Spirit to declare healing for the man.

Just like Jesus when in front of a large group, Peter took the opportunity to share about God’s love and preached the gospel to all those around him.

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you were able to pray for somebody else who was sick or in need?

Family Activity 1 – based on Acts 2 v44

“Read all about it!”

You will need: Paper, pens, any other craft materials you would like to use.

Design your own family newspaper front page! Share the news of the miraculous healing of the lame man in the story. How do you think it might have been reported at the time?

Perhaps you could draw your own pictures of what it might have looked like or imagine an interview with the lame man who had been healed.



Just like Peter we are to be carriers of God’s good news today!



A verse to remember

1 John 2 v 6

“Whoever says that he lives in God must live as Jesus lived.”

Just like Peter we can live as Jesus lived on the earth and share God’s love with others. Can you learn this verse together?

You could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2 Musical Bumps

The man in the story had never walked in his life, but after he was healed, he went ‘walking and jumping and praising God.’ Play a game of musical bumps together, start sitting on the floor – when the music plays everybody jumps up and dances around – when the music is paused everybody sits down as fast as they can.



Helping Older Children

Older children might question how the man in the story was healed instantly but so many are struggling with illness in our world.

Remind them that just like at Pentecost the Holy Spirit is available to us and we have the power to pray and ask for healing for others.

God always hears our prayers but he does not always answer them instantly. We have to trust in God and his love for us.

The world we live in is not the one that God had planned for us – the injustice, sickness and struggle in our world are the result of sin. We live in a broken world but we can pray that God’s Kingdom would Come.

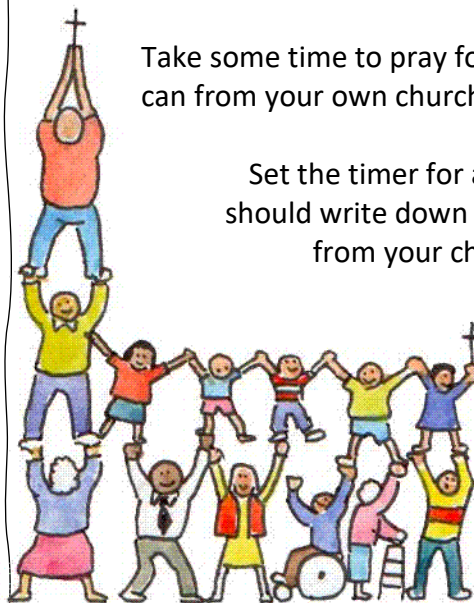
Active Prayer

You will need: Paper, pens, a timer

Peter and John were some of the first Christians, they were still exploring what it meant to be church together. What might they have made of our churches today?

Take some time to pray for as many people as you can from your own church.

Set the timer for a few minutes, everybody should write down as many names of people from your church as they can think of.



Then set the timer again, this time, your challenge is to pray for all of the people you have written down. Put a tick by them as you pray...don’t miss anybody out!

A colouring page you could print and colour together



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PIZZLE SHEET



A crowd has gathered to see what is going on... complete the picture to show what happened in the story.

Peter and John might not have had money to spare but how many coins can you find hidden on this page?



Change one letter at a time to turn the word lame into the word walk. The picture clues might help.

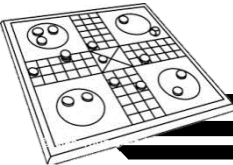
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Can you find all the words from today's Bible Story in this word search?

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- Peter
- John
- temple
- beautiful
- gate
- lame
- silver
- gold
- Jesus
- healing
- Good news

