

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Praise & Worship: Walking and Leaping and Praising God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymUnSwFyFzM>
Every Praise (Hezekiah Walker) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGFVGwtSfgI>

Scripture References: Acts 3:1-16, Acts 1:8

Memory Verses of Power (MVP): "Then Peter said, 'Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.'" Acts 3:6

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(NKJV)

Scripture summary:

1. Two disciples, Peter and John, go to the temple to pray at the ninth hour, broad daylight (3:00 pm EST.) A man lame (unable to walk) from birth asks for money. (beggar, panhandler) Acts 2:1-3
2. "Peter says to the man, 'Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.' Immediately the man's feet and ankle bones receive strength." He stands for the first time in his life. He is so excited, he begins to leap, jump, and praise God as he enters the temple for the first time in his life. Acts 2:4-8
3. Everyone around recognizes him as the lame beggar, and they were filled with amazement. Acts 2:9-10
4. Peter tells the crowd the man was healed through faith in the name of Jesus. Acts 2:11-16

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Review Acts 1:8 - But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Power is an ability to do something.
2. Where did Peter and John go? (temple) Who did they encounter? (lame man) What did the man want? (\$)
3. What did Peter say to the man? (In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk.) What did the man do? (walk, leap, praise God)
4. How did Peter say the man was healed? (Through faith in Jesus name.)

Encouragement:

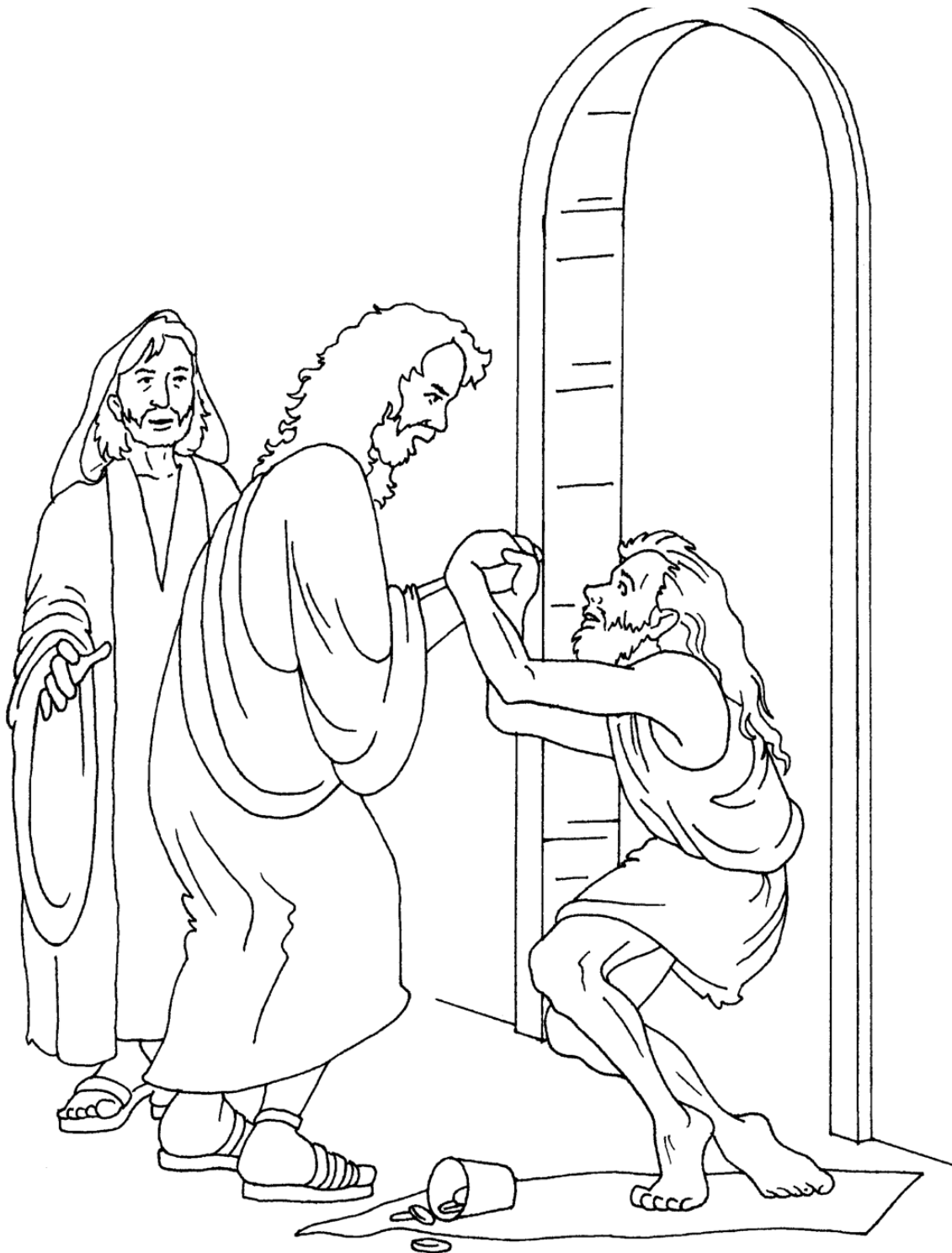
Peter and John were not scholars, but they had spent time with Jesus, observing Him and learning from Him. Acting boldly in the power of the Holy Spirit and in broad daylight, they heal a man that everyone knew could not walk. They did what they saw Jesus do. We don't always need money to do the greater works Jesus said we would do. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit and be obedient to His leading. We need to do what He tells us to do. The same Holy Spirit power is available to you today.

Object Lesson: Items needed: 1 pitcher, a few small glasses/containers, water

Fill a pitcher with water. As you talk about boldly serving others, pour water from the pitcher into smaller containers. Periodically refill the pitcher so it can keep pouring into other containers. This is how we boldly serve others. When the pitcher does its job, the water flows freely. The pitcher gets replenished from the water source. We are like the picture. We pour ourselves out to serve others as the Holy Spirit directs. We are refreshed by reading the bible, praying, and spending time with other Christians so we can continue to minister God's love to others.

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for filling me with the power of the Holy Spirit. Help me to be a bold witness for You. In Jesus name, Amen.

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Acts 3:1-16



"Peter and John heal a lame man." Acts 3:1-26

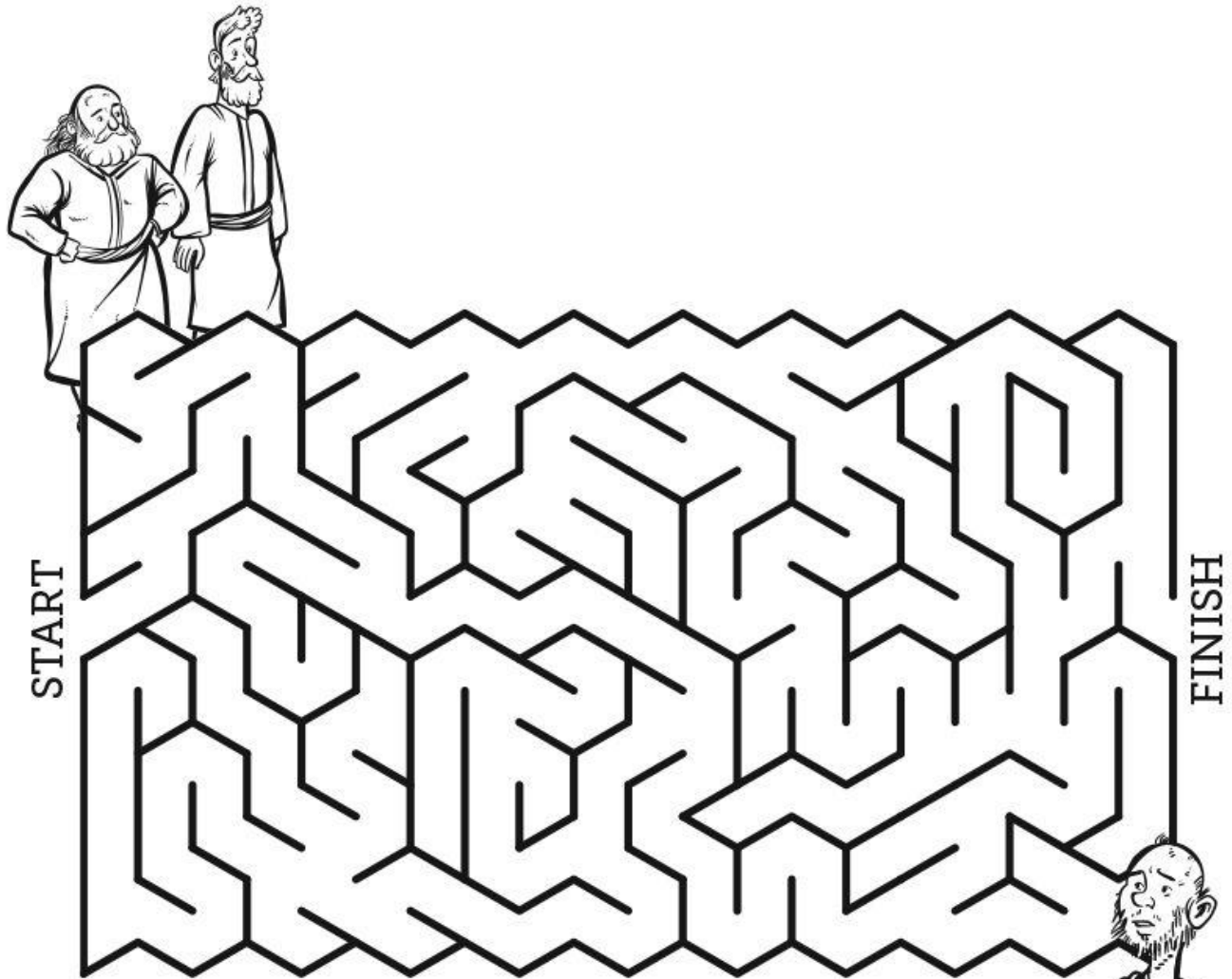
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PETER HEALS THE LAME BEGGAR

Guide Peter and John to the lame beggar.



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