



Children's Bible Story

Main Theme:

- Jesus rescues us through life's storms

Theme Verse For The Week:

The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time. Psalm 34:19 NLT

SHRMP Day 1

Bible Point:

When you're lonely...Jesus rescues!

Bible Text:

Luke 15:8 – 32

Bible Story:

Jesus tells parables about lost things

Memory Verse:

The Lord will hold me close. Psalm 27:10 (NLT)

Lesson:

Welcome to Bible story time. I'm so excited to share today's Bible story with you, because today we're discovering that **When You're Lonely...Jesus Rescues.**

What does it mean to be lonely? *Get some responses from the children.*

When I think of being lonely, I think of feeling lost and alone. Today's Bible story is about things that are lost and all alone.

Today's Bible story comes from Luke 15, where Jesus is teaching about God's amazing love. At the time, these religious leaders, called the Pharisees, were upset with Jesus because He was spending time together with people, they thought were big sinners.

Review the Memory verse.

Jesus knew that God's love is for everyone, so he told several stories called parables. A parable is a story with a heavenly meaning. It's a story that teaches us a lesson.

Let's look at the first of three parables Jesus teaches about.

Read Luke 15:8-10

"Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but she loses one of them. She will take a light and clean the house. She will look carefully for the coin until she finds it. And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors and say to them, 'Be happy with me because I have found the coin that I lost!' In the same way, it's a happy time for the angels of God when one sinner decides to change."

So what would you do if you lost a coin? *Get responses from the children.*

Most of you would go looking for that coin because you want it back. It is valuable to you. It was the same with the woman in this story. She does everything she can to find the coin. She even uses light so that she can look in the dark places.

Have you ever lost anything? How did it feel when you found what you were looking for?

It's upsetting to lose something important to you, but it is exciting if you find it.

Sometimes we may feel like we're lost, like we don't have much value and are not worth enough for someone to care about us. But we know that Jesus loves us so much that he'll search for us until he finds us.

When the woman found the coin, she was so excited that she told all of her friends about how happy she was. Just like the coin was special to her, we are special to Jesus. That's what makes Jesus happy.

Let's look at another parable. This one is called the parable of the lost sheep.

Read Luke 15:4-7

“Suppose one of you has 100 sheep, but one of them gets lost. What will you do? You will leave the other 99 sheep there in the field and go out and look for the lost sheep. You will continue to search for it until you find it. And when you find it, you will be very happy. You will carry it home, go to your friends and neighbors and say to them, ‘Be happy with me because I found my lost sheep!’ In the same way, I tell you, heaven is a happy place when one sinner decides to change. There is more joy for that one sinner than for 99 good people who don't need to change.

Jesus described a man who has a hundred sheep, and one of them gets lost.

What might happen to a sheep lost in the wilderness? *Get responses from the children.*

The lost sheep might be attacked by a wild animal, it might get hurt or sick. It might feel scared and lonely being away from all the other sheep. It would be scary to really be lost and alone, wouldn't it?

When is a time you felt lonely, like a lost sheep? Maybe you felt lonely because your friends ignored you or you were sick and had to stay in your room.

That's why I'm so glad we're discovering that **When you're lonely...Jesus rescues!**

Ask:

1. What do you think the shepherd will do when he notices a sheep is lost?
2. Why would he care about that one lost sheep?

Jesus tells us that the man will search until he finds his lost sheep-he won't stop looking. Then, he will carry it home on his shoulders and celebrate with joy.

Jesus loves us so much that he'll search for us until he finds us. Just like the woman with the lost coin. Just like the man with a lost sheep. Jesus will always search and find us when we're alone and lonely.

Let's look at one more parable. The parable of the Prodigal Son.

Read Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger son said to his father, ‘Give me now the part of your property that I am supposed to receive someday.’ So the father divided his wealth between his two sons.

“A few days later the younger son gathered up all that he had and left. He traveled far away to another country, and there he wasted his money living like a fool. After he spent everything, he had, there was a terrible famine throughout the country. He was hungry and needed money. So he went and got a job with one of the people who lived there. The

man sent him into the fields to feed pigs. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything.

“The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, ‘All my father’s hired workers have plenty of food.’ But here I am, almost dead because I have nothing to eat. I will leave and go to my father. I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy of being called your son. But let me be like one of your hired workers.’ So he left and went to his father.

“While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming and felt sorry for him. So he ran to him and hugged and kissed him. The son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and good sandals on his feet. And bring our best calf and kill it so that we can celebrate with plenty to eat. My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!’ So they began to have a party.

“The older son had been out in the field. When he came near the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. So he called to one of the servant boys and asked, ‘What does all this mean?’ The boy said, ‘Your brother has come back, and your father killed the best calf to eat. He is happy because he has his son back safe and sound.’

“The older son was angry and would not go in to the party. So his father went out and begged him to come in. But he said to his father, ‘Look, for all these years I have worked like a slave for you.’ I have always done what you told me to do, and you never even gave me a young goat for a party with my friends. But then this son of yours comes home after wasting your money on prostitutes, and you kill the best calf for him!’

“His father said to him, ‘Oh, my son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But this was a day to be happy and celebrate. Your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.’”

Normally a son gets his money from his dad after he died, but the son wanted to do things his own way and wanted the money now.

Notice what happened when he left his home. The son lost all of his money and was left alone, scared, and hungry. Could you imagine being so hungry that you would eat pig food? EWW! Disgusting. The son soon decided he would be better off at home, working for his dad.

What do you think the father should do?

Jesus says that the father welcomed him home with love and compassion. He hugged and kissed his lost son and then went through a party to celebrate his son’s return.

Sometimes we’re like the son in this parable. We want to go our own way and do our own thing. The Bible calls this sin. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that does not please God. When we sin, things don’t end up well. We end up in a mess, like the son. We end up sad and lonely.

But Jesus still loves us. He loves us so much that he rescues us. He wants us to be in his family. No matter how lonely you might feel, you can trust that Jesus loves you. **When you're lonely...Jesus rescues.** And when he finds you, he will hold you close to him.

Let's pray.

Jesus, thank you for rescuing us from loneliness by always being with us and giving us your love. Thank you for giving us so many new friends who we'll get to spend time with, this week. Each one of our friends here is a gift from you and so very special, in your name we pray, amen.

Review Questions:

1. What did the woman in today's story lose?
A. 1 coin
2. How many sheep did the shepherd have?
A. 100
3. Why did the shepherd go after one lost sheep?
A. He loved and cared about his sheep.
4. What did the son in today's story ask his father for?
A. The money he would get when his father died.
5. When things did not go well for the son, what did he end up eating?
A. The same food as the pigs
6. How did the woman, the shepherd, and the father react when they found what was lost?
A. They were full of joy and celebrated their lost items with friends.
7. What does this tell us about Jesus?
A. Jesus loves us and will search for us, even when we are lost. When we're lonely... Jesus rescues.

SHRMP Day 2

Bible Point:

When you worry, Jesus rescues!

Bible Text:

Luke 10:38 – 42

Bible Story:

Martha worries and complains.

Memory Verse:

Do not worry. I am with you. Isaiah 41:10 (ERV)

Lesson:

Welcome back to Bible story time. Today we're discovering that **When you worry...Jesus rescues!** We'll meet a woman who has lots of worries on her mind.

Let's review our memory verse for today. ***Review Isaiah 41:10***

Who do you think the "I" is in the memory verse? ***Let the children respond.***

That's right! God is telling you not to worry because He is always with us. In fact, God makes that same promise all throughout the Bible. God loves you and will not desert you.

Before we begin today's Bible's story, I have a question for you.

What is it like in your house when company comes over? ***Get some responses from the children.***

When company comes to my house, the house has to be cleaned, and I mean cleaned! Scrubbed and swept and everything put away. Then you have to take out the special dishes, tablecloths, and towels. You cook special food that no one's allowed to taste until the company arrives. There's a whole lot to do!

Well, in today's Bible story, we'll meet two sisters, Mary and Martha. They're friends of Jesus, and guess what! You guessed it-Jesus is coming to visit. The Messiah, the Song of God, is coming over.

Read Luke 10:38-42

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

There were two sisters named Martha and Mary, who lived in Israel. The sisters were very close and lived together. They were each good at different things. Martha liked to be clean, and Mary liked to experience different things.

One day Jesus came to visit their village. Martha had invited Jesus to come to their home. Martha knew her house was clean but now she would have to cook. Martha was excited to get to work to make things perfect for Jesus.

Let's all act like Martha for a minute. What kind of things do you think Martha would be busy doing? ***Allow the children to respond.***

Well, I'm going to assign each of you a job to do because people are coming to our house.

Assign each child a job to be completed, while standing, in order to get ready for people to come over. Allow one child to sit and do nothing. As they do their chores, tell them that the people will be in our home soon, speed up the work to a frantic pace.

Okay, everyone freeze! Everyone stop what you're doing.

What's going on? Here we are cleaning and one of us is just sitting down relaxing. They're not helping at all. Is that fair? ***Allow the children to respond.***

You know, that's exactly what happened in our Bible story.

At dinner Jesus talked about many things. Mary sat at his feet while Martha was busy trying to make things perfect. Martha was trying to be perfect, but she already was.

Martha was getting tired from all the work that she was doing. She saw her sister sitting at the feet of Jesus and became upset. She worried so much about making things perfect that she got upset that her sister did not help her. Angry with Mary, Martha asked Jesus if it was fair that Mary sat down and listened while she did ALL the work.

Think about Martha's question to Jesus. Have you ever been in a situation that you felt was unfair? A time you had to do more than someone else. ***Wait for responses from the children.***

Jesus looked at Martha and told her she was worried about many things, but Mary had chosen to do what is right. Martha understood what Jesus said. She missed all his teaching because she was worried about things being perfect.

What did Jesus mean about Mary doing what is right? ***Wait for responses from the children.***

For me, the right thing is Jesus-spending time with him, listening to him, learning from him, and being friends with him. Anything that gets in the way of Jesus...well...it's in the way. Knowing Jesus is the one right thing that's the most important in life and in this world.

Martha wasn't doing anything wrong by making a meal for Jesus. But while she while she was thinking about how unfair everything was, she wasn't thinking about Jesus. She let all her worries get in the way of putting Jesus first.

Have you ever been worried about anything? What did it feel like? ***Let the children respond.***

It can be frustrating. It may distract us from what is right.

Being worried is not fun, it can stop you from having fun. But Jesus is with us. Jesus doesn't want us to worry but when you worry you can rely on Jesus. We all worry sometimes, but we can depend on God.

Review the memory verse again.

Remember; When you worry...Jesus recues. Let him be the most important thing in your life.

Pray:

Jesus, you're the one thing that's the most important in our lives and in our world. Please help us to focus on you instead of our worries. Thank you for loving us so much. In your name, amen.

Review Questions:

1. What were the names of the sister Jesus visited:
A. Martha and Mary
2. What was Martha trying do for Jesus?
A. Make everything perfect
3. What upset Martha while she was cooking for Jesus?
A. Mary was sitting at his feet of Jesus and not helping
4. When Martha asked Jesus to make Mary help, what did Jesus tell her?
A. Not to be worried

SHRMP Day 3

Bible Point:

When you struggle...Jesus rescues!

Bible Text:

Luke 22:39 – 54; Matthew 26:36 – 56

Bible Story:

Jesus' friends try to rescue him in the garden of Gethsemane.

Memory Verse:

Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

Lesson:

Welcome back to day 3 of our Bible Story time. But before we get started, let's learn today's **Memory Verse**.

Review Psalm 46:10

Today we're discovering that **WHEN YOU STRUGGLE...JESUS RESCUES!**

Have you ever had to do something you didn't want to do? Today we are going to learn how Jesus and his disciples struggled. How many of you struggle to clean your room? That's a struggle.

What exactly does it mean to struggle? What does that word mean? *Let the children respond.*

I looked it up, and the dictionary says that to struggle means "to make your way with difficulty." I understand what that means. In my life, I struggle with [*name a personal struggle*].

What do kids, your age struggle with? *Let the children respond.*

Well in today's story, we're going to see all kinds of struggles. Let's see how Jesus dealt with struggle.

Read Luke 22:39-54

39-40 Jesus left the city and went to the Mount of Olives. His followers went with him. (He went there often.) He said to his followers, "Pray for strength against temptation." 41 Then Jesus went about 50 steps away from them. He knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, please don't make me drink from this cup.[e] But do what you want, not what I want." 43 Then an angel from heaven came to help him. 44 Jesus was full of pain; he struggled hard in prayer. Sweat dripped from his face like drops of blood falling to the ground.[f] 45 When he finished praying, he went to his followers. He found them asleep, worn out from their grieving. 46 Jesus said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray for strength against temptation." 47 While Jesus was speaking, a crowd came up. It was led by Judas, one of the twelve apostles. He came over to Jesus to kiss him. 48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you using the kiss of friendship to hand over the Son of Man to his enemies?" 49 The followers of Jesus were standing there too. They saw what was happening and said to Jesus, "Lord, should we use our swords?" 50 And one of them did use his sword. He cut off the right ear of the servant of the high priest. 51 Jesus said, "Stop!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.

52 Jesus spoke to the group that came to arrest him. They were the leading priests, the older Jewish leaders, and the Jewish soldiers. He said to them, “Why did you come out here with swords and clubs? Do you think I am a criminal? 53 I was with you every day in the Temple area. Why didn’t you try to arrest me there? But this is your time—the time when darkness rules.”

54 They arrested Jesus and took him away to the house of the high priest. Peter followed Jesus but stayed back at a distance.

Jesus took his disciples to a garden called Gethsemane. He told them to sit while he went to pray. Now Jesus took three disciples with him: Peter, James, and John. Jesus wanted them to watch out while he was praying. He told them to sit while he went deeper into the garden. Jesus began to struggle with sadness, and he knew that he would turn to his heavenly father for comfort in what was coming. As Jesus was praying to God, he asked him to take away the problems he would have to face. But Jesus knew that whatever God would tell him, he would do.

When Jesus came back, his disciples were sleeping. Jesus asked his disciples “Couldn’t you stay awake for one hour?” Jesus needed them to keep an eye out for problems, while he prayed.

Jesus returned to the garden to pray a second time. This time an angel of the Lord showed up to strengthen him. When he returned to the disciples, they were asleep again.

Jesus left his disciples for a third time to pray. This time he let his struggle go because he knew that God would take care of him. And guess what? When he came back the third time, the disciples were sleeping.

Soon after, Jesus told his disciples to wake up because he saw Judas and some others who were there to arrest him. Jesus told them that Judas was his betrayer. Judas came up to Jesus and kissed him on the cheek. This should have been an honor Judas gave Jesus but the kiss from Judas was a kiss of betrayal.

Judas was doing what he thought was best for himself. Does anyone remember what we call that?

That’s right. That is called SIN. Repeat after me, **a sin is anything we think, say, or do that does not please God.**

His disciples did not know what to do. “Should we run? Should we fight? Jesus’s disciples tried to defend him by creating a circle around him. Jesus could have run or escaped. Instead, Jesus went away peacefully with the soldiers.

As the soldiers were taking Jesus away, one of the disciples took his sword out, slicing an ear of a soldier. Jesus told him to stop and then healed the soldier’s ear. When he was finished, Jesus reminded them of God’s awesome power. Jesus knew he didn’t need protection from swords. He knew God was on his side.

At that point, the disciples turned and ran away.

This is such a hard story. Why did one of the 12 disciples betray Jesus? And why did Jesus let himself be arrested? And why did the rest of the disciples run away and desert Jesus? And what’s going to happen now?

Jesus struggled because of the hard thing he had to face. The disciples struggled to stay awake, and then they struggled to protect Jesus. And then they struggled to be good friends, but they deserted him. The soldier struggled while his ear got slashed off. So many struggles.

Jesus faced the hardest struggle of all. But even though it was hard, he was willing to do what God asked him to do.

Sometimes it feels like that for us. Sometimes we have to struggle. Jesus doesn't promise to take away every hard situation, but he does promise to be there with us. He knows what it's like to struggle. He knows what it's like to go through a really hard situation. He wants us to remember God's promise.

Review the Memory Verse again.

Remember, **WHEN YOU STRUGGLE...JESUS RESCUES.**

Pray:

Jesus, thank you that we can always talk to you when we struggle. You know what it's like to feel sad, hurt, and angry. Help us give all these feelings to you so we can rest in your love and remember you have good things planned for us. Amen.

Review Questions:

- 1. How many disciples did Jesus take into the garden.**
A. 3
- 2. What did Jesus ask God to take away from him.**
A. Burdens
- 3. What were the disciples doing when Jesus returned from praying?**
A. Sleeping

SHRMP Day 4

Bible Point:

When you do wrong...Jesus rescues!

Bible Text:

Luke 23:26 – 24:12

Bible Story:

Jesus welcomes a criminal before dying and coming back

Memory Verse:

But if we confess our sins, God will forgive us. 1 John 1:9 (ERV)

Lesson:

Welcome back to Day 4 Bible story time.

Who remembers where we left off in our Bible Story yesterday? ***Let the children respond.***

That's right. Jesus had just been arrested and taken away. The disciples had run away and were left to struggle. They didn't protect Jesus, and they didn't even stay loyal to him.

Today we're learning that **WHEN WE DO WRONG...JESUS RESCUES!**

But first I have something for you to think about. Think of something wrong that people your age might do-a sin. **Remember a sin is anything you think, say, or do, that does not please God.** Maybe your brother or sister broke your mom's favorite plate and then lied about it. Or maybe someone stole a math test from the teacher's desk.

Would you take the punishment for a sin someone else did?

Most of you would not take the blame for something someone else did wrong. You don't want to be punished for something you didn't do.

How about something you did wrong? Have you ever done something and someone else took the blame for it? Maybe they were even punished for it? How did it feel? ***Let the children respond.***

The Bible tells us that we all have done wrong. We have all sinned. But it also tells us that there is a solution. Let's review our Memory verse for today.

Review the Memory Verse.

That's right. God will forgive us for our sins through what Jesus has done. The only way is Jesus. Only Jesus can rescue us from our sin.

It started that night Jesus was arrested. Let's look at today's Bible Story:

That night, Jesus let himself be arrested. The guards made fun of him and beat him until he could barely stand. They made him carry a heavy wooden cross to a lonely place called SKULL. The guards nailed his hands and feet to the cross and placed him in between two criminals.

These criminals had done things that are very wrong, but Jesus was innocent. He hadn't done anything wrong. One of the criminals made fun of Jesus saying, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself-and us, too, while you're at it."

But the other criminal on the cross said, "We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he turned to Jesus and said, "Jesus, remember me when you go to your kingdom."





Right there and then-because of what the criminal believed- Jesus took away his sins and said that he will be with him forever in heaven.

Even though he was a criminal, Jesus rescued him because he had confessed his sins. Do you remember what our Memory verse said?

Review the Memory Verse again.

Because of Jesus, all our sins can be forgiven. **WHEN WE DO WRONG...JESUS RESCUES!**

Now I have something cool to show you. Does everyone see this bracelet I have on? It has 4 symbols that tells us exactly how and why Jesus rescues us when we do wrong? Are you ready for this next part?

	<p>This heart represents God. God is pure and holy. God made you and loves you. He wants you to be part of His family. In fact, There's a Bible verse that tells us this. (Use the John 3:16 placard.) Now let's say it again, but this time I want you to put your name where the word "world" is.</p>
	<p>This division sign represents SIN. Sin is anything we think, say, or do, that does not please God. Sin infects you. Sin separates you from God. Listen to what the Bible says about sin. (Use the Romans 3:23 placard.)</p>
	<p>This cross represents Jesus. Jesus loves you. Jesus came for sinners like us. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from death to bring us closer to himself and God. (Use the 1 Peter 3:18 placard.)</p>
	<p>This question mark represents a choice you have to make. You can choose to turn away from your sins, but you will have to choose to trust in Jesus. That means we have to let go of sin and choose Jesus. (Use the 1 John 1:9 placard.)</p>

I'm going to finish our Bible Story in Prayer. But after I'm done, if you want to choose to have Jesus enter your life, you can talk to me or any of my helpers here today and they'll walk you through it. Let's Pray.

Pray:

Dear Jesus, thank you so much for loving us. Thank you for dying on the cross to take away the wrong things we do. Thank you that you are always ready to give us the gift of your love-no matter what! Amen.

Review Questions:

1. What did the disciples do after Jesus was arrested?
A. They ran away
2. What did the guards do to Jesus after he was arrested?
A. They mocked and beat Him
3. Who made fun of Jesus on the cross?
A. One of the criminals
4. What happened with the other criminal who confessed he had done wrong things?
A. Jesus forgave him.

God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him
would not be lost but have eternal
life.

John 3:16

All have sinned and are not
good enough to share God's
divine greatness.

Romans 3:23

Christ himself suffered
when he died for you,
and with that one death
he paid for your sins.

1 Peter 3:18

But if we confess our
sins, God will forgive
us.

1 John 1:9

Bible Point:

When you're powerless, Jesus rescues!

Bible Text:

Acts 3:1 – 26

Bible Story:

Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus' name

Memory Verse:

He helps tired people be strong. He gives power to those without it. Isaiah 40:29 (ERV)

Lesson:

Welcome back! We've had some amazing times here this week! I can't believe this is our last day together at Bible Story time. I have an awesome story to tell you today! Remember, today we are learning that **WHEN YOU'RE POWERLESS...JESUS RESCUES!**

Before we get started let's review our Memory Verse for today.

Review Isaiah 40:29.

Today we're in the city of Jerusalem. Our story takes place after Jesus was raised from the dead and after he returned to heaven. That same power that raised Jesus from the dead was given to his disciples. And we receive that same power when we believe in Jesus! Isn't that incredible?

This story comes from Acts , chapter 3, if you want to read it when you get home. I can't wait to tell you what happened.

Read Acts 3: 1-11a, 16

1 One day Peter and John went to the Temple area. It was three o'clock in the afternoon, which was the time for the daily Temple prayer service. 2 As they were entering the Temple area, a man was there who had been crippled all his life. He was being carried by some friends who brought him to the Temple every day. They put him by one of the gates outside the Temple. It was called Beautiful Gate. There he begged for money from the people going to the Temple. 3 That day he saw Peter and John going into the Temple area. He asked them for money.

4 Peter and John looked at the crippled man and said, "Look at us!" 5 He looked at them; he thought they would give him some money. 6 But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold, but I do have something else I can give you. By the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth—stand up and walk!"

7 Then Peter took the man's right hand and lifted him up. Immediately his feet and legs became strong. 8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk. He went into the Temple area with them. He was walking and jumping and praising God. 9-10 All the people recognized him. They knew he was the crippled man who always sat by the Beautiful Gate to beg for money. Now they saw this same man walking and praising God. They were amazed. They did not understand how this could happen.

11 The man was holding on to Peter and John. All the people were amazed.

16 “This crippled man was healed because we trusted in Jesus. It was Jesus’ power that made him well. You can see this man, and you know him. He was made completely well because of faith in Jesus. You all saw it happen!”

Peter and John were heading to the temple to pray. Now a man, who was crippled since birth, was carried daily to the temple gate, where he would beg daily for food and money from the people who were going to the temple.

Remember, Peter and John had been two of Jesus’ best friends. In fact, it was Peter who slashed the guard’s ear in the garden when Jesus was arrested. Peter and John had both seen and talked to Jesus after he came back to life, before he went to heaven. And now they spent all their time telling other people about Jesus.

Peter and John looked at the beggar. Peter said, “Look at us”. The crippled man looked at them, expecting some help or money. Then Peter said “I don’t have any silver or gold, but I’ll give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk.

Then Peter took the crippled man by the right hand and helped him up. Right away his legs and ankles were healed and became strong. The man began to jump and started praising God.

Peter and John then began telling more people about the good news of Jesus and how they can be saved.

Wow! Incredible! Peter healed a man who had been crippled since birth! But that’s impossible! How could he do something so impossible?

It truly was impossible for Peter to heal the crippled man, on his own, that is. On his own, Peter was powerless to heal the man. But because of his faith in Jesus, Peter was able to do it! And we have the same power when we believe in Jesus! Peter understood that **WHEN YOU’RE POWERLESS...JESUS RESCUES!**

But that’s not even the best part of the story. That’s just the beginning. The people all around the temple saw this and were amazed. They wanted to know how they healed the crippled beggar. Peter turned and said, “He was healed because of his faith in Jesus”.

How cool is that! Faith in the name of Jesus healed a man who had been crippled since birth. Faith in Jesus is powerful!

What’s an area of your life where you need God’s power right now? *Let the children respond.*

Remember, when you believe in Jesus, you have the same power of Jesus to get through any situation you face!

Review the Memory Verse again.

Believing in Jesus gives us power because there’s power in the name of Jesus! We saw yesterday how powerful Jesus is. No one else could cleanse our sins away. No one else could make it possible for us to live forever. No one else can give us power. Only Jesus.

When we believe in Jesus, he gives us the authority to use his name in powerful ways. He’ll help us do incredible things for him. Let’s thank Jesus right now, and we’ll use his powerful name to do it.

Pray:

Dear Jesus, thank you for all you have given us; our families, our homes, and the chance to come to VBS this week and play, make new friends, and learn about you. In your powerful name we pray, Amen.

Review Questions:

1. What did the lame man ask from the people that went by?
A. Money and food
2. What did he receive from Peter and John?
A. The ability to walk for a completely changed life and the knowledge that Jesus offer of Eternal life.
3. What did Peter ask the amazed crowd that followed them into the temple?
A. Peter asked the people why they were impressed as he had healed thru the power of Jesus Christ.