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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a super cool story about Peter, John and a lame guy. Now, we don't mean "lame" like "uncool". Lame was a word to describe someone who couldn't walk. Peter and John were two of Jesus' disciples and their job was to teach people about Jesus. One day, Peter and John were heading to the temple and they came upon this lame guy who was outside the temple gate begging for money. Because the guy couldn't walk, he couldn't get a job to make money, so he had to beg for it from people. Peter and John didn't have any money to give but they thought of something even better! Peter said, "In the name of Jesus, get up and walk!" And, the guy stood up and walked! And, then he jumped up and down and ran around. Can you imagine how that guy felt? He was healed and he knew exactly who healed him. He ran into the temple thanking God. And, that's how we should be, too. When we are blessed with things, we should show God how thankful we are for all he has done for us!

Big Idea

When God is good to us, we should show it.

Key Question

How can we show our thankfulness to God?

Memory Verse

Acts 3:8 "He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY:** Let kids start working on Activity Page #1. 2nd-5th puzzle key: Peter, Lame, Healed. Message: Thank God for everything
2. (5 min) **WARM UP:** What was your favorite birthday present this year? Who gave it to you? How did you react when you opened it? (Tip: We should show excitement when we open a gift. We should be thankful to the person who gave it to us. We need to show our thanks to God, too)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
6. (3 min) **KQ:** Answer the Key Question. (Answer: **Everyday, we should tell God how thankful we are for something and live to honor him** . (This is a great habit to start. Every day, tell God something you're thankful for in your life. It could be a friend, your parents, a new toy, or a vacation. And, the best way to show God your thanks is to obey him. Choose to do things that honor him.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What should we do every day? What are some things you can do to honor God this week?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE:** Read Psalm 100:4. What are some things you are thankful for in your life? How can you show God how thankful you are for those things? (Answer: Take some time to think about all the blessings in your life and then take time to thank God for giving you those things. Tell him in a prayer, sing with your whole heart in worship and show him thanks by taking care of your stuff and by being kind and obedient.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
9. (5 min) **CLOSE:** Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: LAME MAN HEALED PUPPET CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a plastic spoon and a Face template (page 5).
- Give each kid 2 pipe cleaners.
- Have kids color the face. Then have them tape the face onto the back side of the spoon.
- Then have them take one pipe cleaner and wrap it around the spoon handle, just below the face to make arms.
- Then have them take the other pipe cleaner and have them wrap around the lower middle part of the spoon handle to make legs.
- Encourage the kids to bend the pipe cleaners to make it look like their puppet is jumping up and down.
- As the kids work, remind them of the story of the lame man who was healed. He showed his thanks to God by jumping up and down and praising him.

Supplies needed: Plastic spoons (1 per kid), Face template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 per kid) Crayons, Tape, Pipe Cleaners (2 per kid)

OPTION 2: LESSON REVIEW KING OF THE HILL

Instructions:

- Before class, tape a square on the floor. To start the game, choose one person to stand in the square as the King. Have the rest of the kids line up facing the King. The first person in line will have a face off with the king.
- Ask a question from below, first to raise their hand gets a chance to answer. If the King is correct, they get to remain in the square. If the kid in line is correct, they get to become King and the other goes to the end of the line.

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be lame? (can't walk)
2. Where were Peter and John going when they saw the lame guy? (temple)
3. What was the lame guy doing when Peter and John saw him? (begging for money)
4. What did Peter do for the guy? (prayed for him)
5. What did Peter tell the guy to do? (stand up and walk)
6. How did the lame man respond when he was healed? (jumped, ran praised God)
7. Who healed the lame guy? (Jesus)
8. Name one thing you're thankful for in your life.
9. From what book is our memory verse found? (Acts)
10. Who died for our sins? (Jesus)

Supplies: Tape

Peter Heals A Beggar

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_____ Saw A Lame Man At the Temple Gate

In this story "lame" doesn't mean not cool, it means that for some reason the man couldn't walk. In those days if you couldn't walk you had to beg for money because you couldn't get a job. That's what the man was doing when Peter saw him.

Peter Gave Him Something _____ Than Gold

Peter and John didn't have any money with them so Peter did something crazy. He prayed and asked Jesus to heal the man.

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The _____ Man Jumped Around and Praised God

The man got up and jumped around and praised God. He man knew that he was able to walk because of God and his awesome power. So, he went into the temple with Peter and John to praise God.

When _____ Is Good to Us, _____ Should Show It

God has given us so many good things in our lives and we should be excited about that! He gives us eyes to see and food to eat. Take some time this week to think about some other gifts God has given you and make sure to show him how thankful you are for those things.

Answers: Peter, better, healed, God, we **Parent Signature:** _____

Questions:

What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?

What was your favorite birthday present this year? Who gave it to you? How did you react when you opened it?

What was wrong with the guy at the temple gate?

What did Peter do for the guy? Why was the guy so excited?

Read Psalm 100:4. What are some things you are thankful for in your life? How can you show God how thankful you are for those things?

How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Color the picture and solve the puzzle.



Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

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stood on his feet, and began
to _____.! Then, walking,
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