



# THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-24  
Acts 3:1-10

## THIS WEEK

Peter and John proved to be the witnesses Jesus said they would become as they heal a man who could not walk from birth in the name of Jesus. (Acts 3:1-10).

## STORY SUMMARY

### Peter Heals

It is on their way to pray at the temple that Peter and John enact the first recorded act of healing after Jesus' ascension to heaven. They encounter a man who could not walk who asks them for money. Peter responds that they have no gold but they will give the man what they have. He speaks healing words over the man, and the man is able to walk again. Although they do not give the man the temporary relief he requests, what they do give him is infinitely more valuable— healing which will transform his life forever.

## THE POINT

What we do has the power to touch others with God's love.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *The Story of the Early Church*

The early church began on the first Pentecost when many disciples of Jesus were given the Holy Spirit. They began to preach the good news about Jesus. The main leadership of the early church was in Jerusalem, led by the apostles and James, Jesus' brother. The early church also faced persecution from Roman and Jewish authorities. Paul started out as a persecutor of Christians but converted to Christianity. Paul went on three mission trips to spread the news of Jesus to the Gentiles, or people who were not Jewish. This led to a controversy in the church. Some people thought only Jews could become Christian. The first Council of Jerusalem decided that anybody could become Christian and Paul could continue his missionary work.

## Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

### Read Acts 3:1-10

Peter heals.

Make a prayer corner in your own home, perhaps using the Beautiful Gate artwork as a centerpiece.

### Read Acts 16:11-18

Encountering Lydia and a slave girl.

Wear something purple while you read the story of Lydia.

### Read Acts 16:25-34

An earthquake in prison.

Act out this story together.

## PRACTICE: PRAYER

Prayer happens any time we intentionally share our lives with God, or listen for what God says to us. We can pray by speaking, singing, meditating, or through creative expression. Whatever method we choose, though, we can rest assured that God is willing and able to hear us and respond with compassion and loving action. Create your own special place in your home for your family to gather to pray together.

## Up & Coming at Hope....

### Registration for VBX is Open!

- Register online at [fargohope.org/vbx](http://fargohope.org/vbx)
- Registration forms are available at all campuses.
- Need a scholarship? Email [youth@fargohope.org](mailto:youth@fargohope.org)

### VBX T-Shirt & Cabin Assignment Pick Up Dates:

- May 1 & 5th before & after Hopekids programming!
- May 15 5-6 pm & 7-7:30 pm
- May 19 9:00 am—12:00 pm
- May 29 5-6 pm & 7-7:30 pm
- June 2 9:00 am—12:00 pm

### Hopekids Last Day of Programming Celebration!!

\* May 1 & 5th!! Don't miss the party!