

Little Wonders, Ages 5 and younger

This week's Bible story is from Acts 4:1-22.

Tell the children the story, "Peter and John" (*Deep Blue Bible Storybook—pp. 450-452*).

Download the Deep Blue Bible Storybook App here: <https://www.deepbluekids.com/free-stuff/free-app-for-deep-blue-bible-storybook>

Watch the Deep Blue Adventure video for Session 10 on amplifymedia.com.

Today's Bible story is about Jesus' friends, Peter and John, visiting the temple. They helped a man who could not walk.

Peter remembered that Jesus wanted him to help others.

ASK: Have you helped someone recently? How did you feel when you were able to help someone?

SAY: Peter and John continued to do the work of Jesus by sharing God's love with the man who could not walk.

ASK: How do you serve others?

PRAY: Thank you, God, for everyone who shares your love with others. Amen.

Jumping and Leaping - Game

- out movements (such as hop, skip, and so forth) one at a time.

SAY: The man was so full of joy to be healed, he didn't just walk to the temple. He may have leaped because he was so happy!

ASK: What movements would you use to express your joy?

Painting Praise - Art

Pinch pompons or crumpled cloth or paper onto clothespins to use as paintbrushes.

SAY: Peter and John went to the temple to pray. They met a man at the temple gate who could not walk, so he could not enter the temple to pray.

ASK: How do you think the man felt when Peter healed him and he was allowed to praise God in the temple?

- Use the clothespin pompons to paint a picture of how you feel when you are praising God.

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Wonder Kids, Grades K-5

Read Acts 4:1-22

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SAY: Today, we're learning about how faith changed a disabled man's life and changed Peter and John's lives by giving them the desire to go out and speak to others about Jesus.

ASK: Have you helped someone recently? How did you feel when you were able to help someone?

SAY: Peter and John continued to do the work of Jesus by sharing God's love with the man who could not walk.

ASK: How do you serve others?

PRAY: Dear God, help us to always spread the message of Jesus. Amen.

Jump Up - Game

- Line up on one side of the room.

SAY: When I say "Rise up and walk," you will jump forward as far as you can. If you jump before I speak, or if you jump when I say the wrong phrase, you must go back to the starting line.

- Give various commands, such as, "Stand up" "Get up," and so forth. Children can only jump when you say the correct phrase.

- The first person to reach you becomes the next leader.

A Joyous Heart (Science)

- Work with a partner.

SAY: Find your partner's pulse. Place the index and middle fingers on your partner's wrist below her or his thumb. Press lightly until you can feel your partner's pulse in your fingers. Each pulse represents a heartbeat. When I tell you to begin, start counting and continue until I tell you to stop.

- Time one minute while the recorders take their partners' pulses. Then encourage the first person to jump 15 times while their partner counts aloud. Direct recorders to find their partner's pulse again.

- Switch roles and repeat the activity. Note the difference in their heart rates.

SAY: The man in the Bible story leaped and praised God. Leaping is a good heart exercise and reminds us of the Bible story. Jesus is always in your heart.

What Would You Share? - Writing

SAY: Peter and John were in a tough position. They were spreading the message of Jesus, which the community leaders disliked. But they stood firm in the faith and continued to preach about Jesus. Our Bible verse: "As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

ASK: What message would you want to share about Jesus? If you were texting, tweeting, or posting on social media, what would you want to say about your faith?

- Encourage the children to write or draw their responses. They might choose to draw a social media profile or a cell phone as a part of their response. Enlist willing volunteers to share.



Blessing

SAY: Together let's shout out our love for Jesus.

- Invite each person to follow your instructions.
- o Whisper: "I love Jesus."
- o Turn to your neighbor and say, "I love Jesus."
- o Shout: "I love Jesus."
- o Say: "Amen."

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