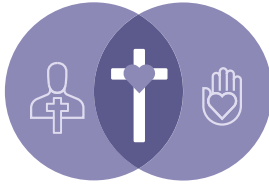


A WALKING WONDER

LESSON 2

Acts 3:1–16; 4:5–22

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS GOD'S PEOPLE TO SHOW MERCY.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God heals my greatest illness, sin and death, through Christ's death and resurrection.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can trust God's promises to heal me and make me whole.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can express how God empowered Peter and John to show mercy and how He continues to empower the Church to do the same today.

YOUTH

I can demonstrate acts of mercy through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that the Holy Spirit helps me to show mercy to others.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know Jesus loves me and helps me show love for others.

BIBLE VERSE

Give thanks to the LORD!

Psalms 106:1

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

A man who had never been able to walk lies by the Beautiful Gate and begs Peter and John for alms. Having no gold or silver to give him, they offer him something better—complete healing. Leaping for joy, the man praises God for His miraculous healing, and Peter uses the opportunity to teach about the true Savior. The Jewish Council asks Peter and John by whose power they performed this miracle, so they witness concerning the power of the risen Christ. Being warned against speaking further concerning Jesus, Peter and John assert they must continue to speak the Gospel.

TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ **On the Go**—What gift did Peter and John give to the man who couldn't walk? How was this gift better than gold or silver?
- ▶ **At Mealtime**—Read Acts 3:17–26. How did Jesus fulfill the words of the Old Testament prophets? Why did Peter talk to the people about this?
- ▶ **Something to Do**—After he was healed, the man leapt for joy. List some of the good things God has done for you. Try jumping and clapping at the same time.
- ▶ **Before Bed**—The people believed that Peter and John healed the man. Who did Peter say healed the man? When Peter said the man had received “perfect health,” was he talking only about physical health? Explain your answer.

