

Tell the Next Generation



Story #104: "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

The Holy Spirit gives healing power and boldness to Peter and John

Scripture:

Acts 3-4:31

What does this say about God and man?

- God is merciful and loving, and so are His followers
- God is all-powerful
He can heal a lame man
- God is the highest authority
He has authority over lameness
- The miraculous work of the Holy Spirit causes people to praise God
vv. 3:8,9
- The power to heal comes from God, not from people
v. 3:12
- Jesus is God's promised Deliverer
vv. 3:22-24
- Those who do not listen to and obey Jesus will be destroyed
v. 3:23
- Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved—nothing else works
v. 4:12
- The Holy Spirit gives boldness to believers to speak of Jesus
- It is better to obey God rather than man
v. 4:19
- God deserves all praise, honor, and glory
- Jesus came to bless us by causing us to no longer be wicked
v. 3:26

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES: Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- * (Discuss the incident of the lame man being healed and Peter speaking to the people.) Hey! Wait a minute! Is this **Peter** saying all these things about Jesus? Wasn't he the one that before Jesus was killed told people that he didn't even **know** Jesus? (Refer to Matthew 26:69-75 and Luke 22:54-62.) What happened to Peter?
- * Remember how the Holy Spirit caused people to speak in languages that they didn't know? The Holy Spirit does much more than that: the Holy Spirit can change people and make them speak about Jesus—like Peter. (Discuss various ways the Holy Spirit can change people; give examples of specific people, including yourself.)
- * Pray; ask the Holy Spirit to change you, too.