

Peter and John – Bible Story

The disciples traveled to many places telling others the good news about Jesus' resurrection. They boldly shared the message, "Change your hearts and lives."

At the temple, Peter and John saw a man who had been lame all his life, over forty years. The man asked for money, but instead Peter healed him. The man stood. Then he began to praise God.

Peter and John were talking to a crowd that included priests, guards, and Sadducees about the healing. They became very angry when Peter and John announced that Jesus had risen from the dead. They seized Peter and John and threw them in prison.

The next day some of the highest leaders in Jerusalem asked Peter and John, "By what power or in what name did you heal this man?"

Peter answered, "Were we arrested for doing something good for a sick person? If so, you need to know that this man stands before you because of the name of Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead!"

The council leaders were surprised by the confident way Peter and John spoke. And they couldn't answer because the man who had been healed was standing with Peter and John. The council asked each other, "What can we do with these men?"

So the council decided to warn Peter and John to stop teaching about Jesus and healing in his name.

Peter and John responded, "It's up to you to determine whether it's right before God to obey you rather than God. As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard!"

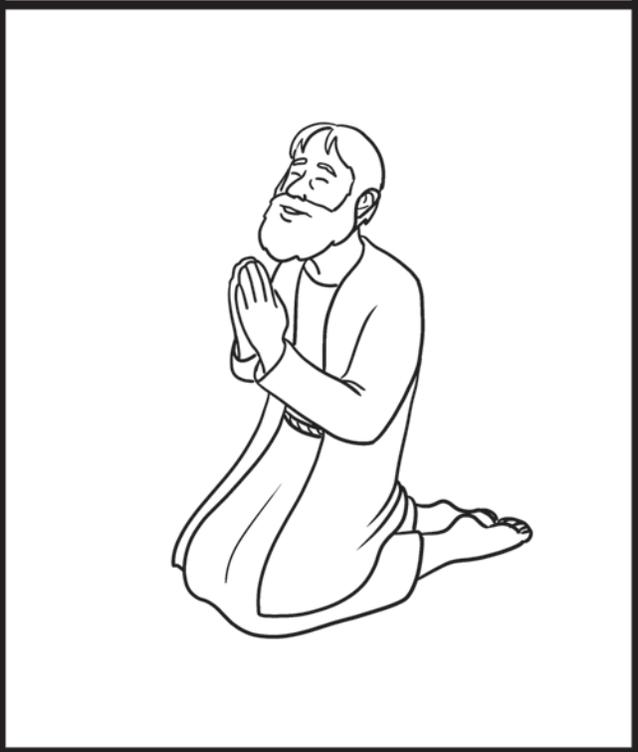
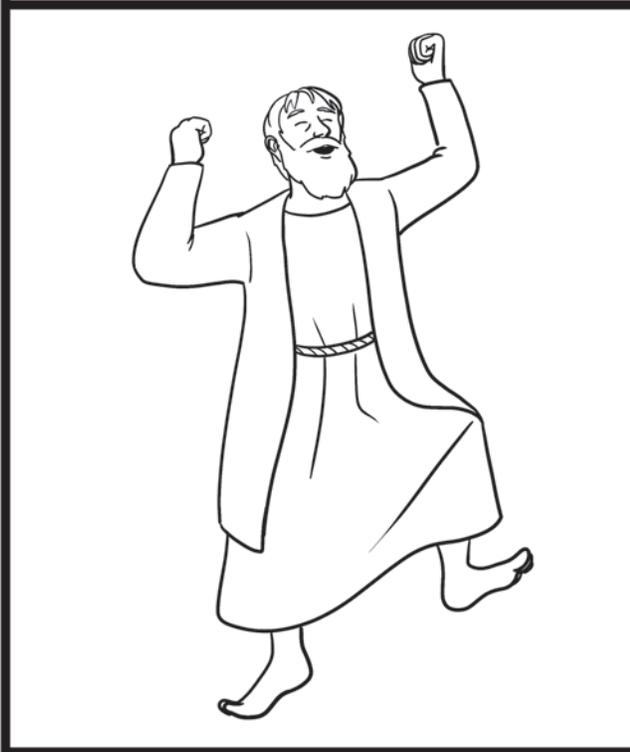
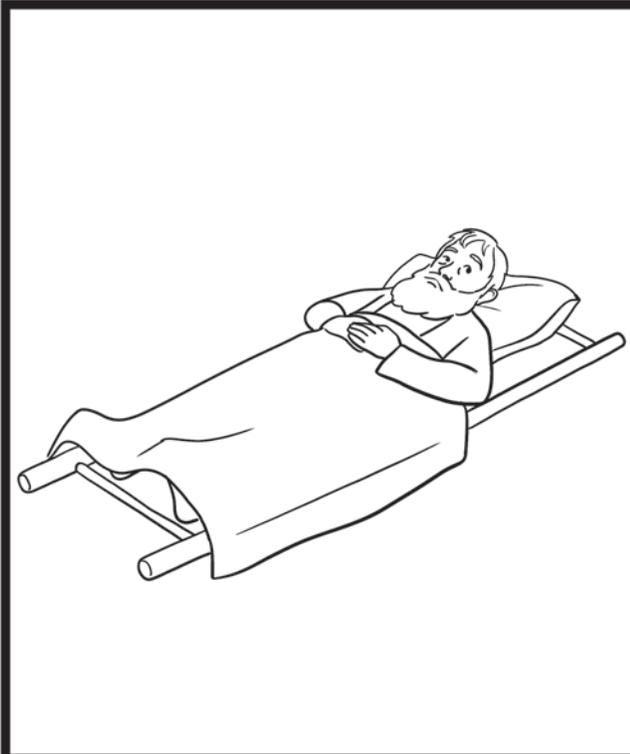
Because of the public support for Peter and John, they couldn't find a way to punish them. Everyone was praising God for what had happened, so the leaders released Peter and John. They continued sharing the good news.

(Based on Acts 4:1-22)



10b What Did the Man Do? – Puzzle (Preschool)

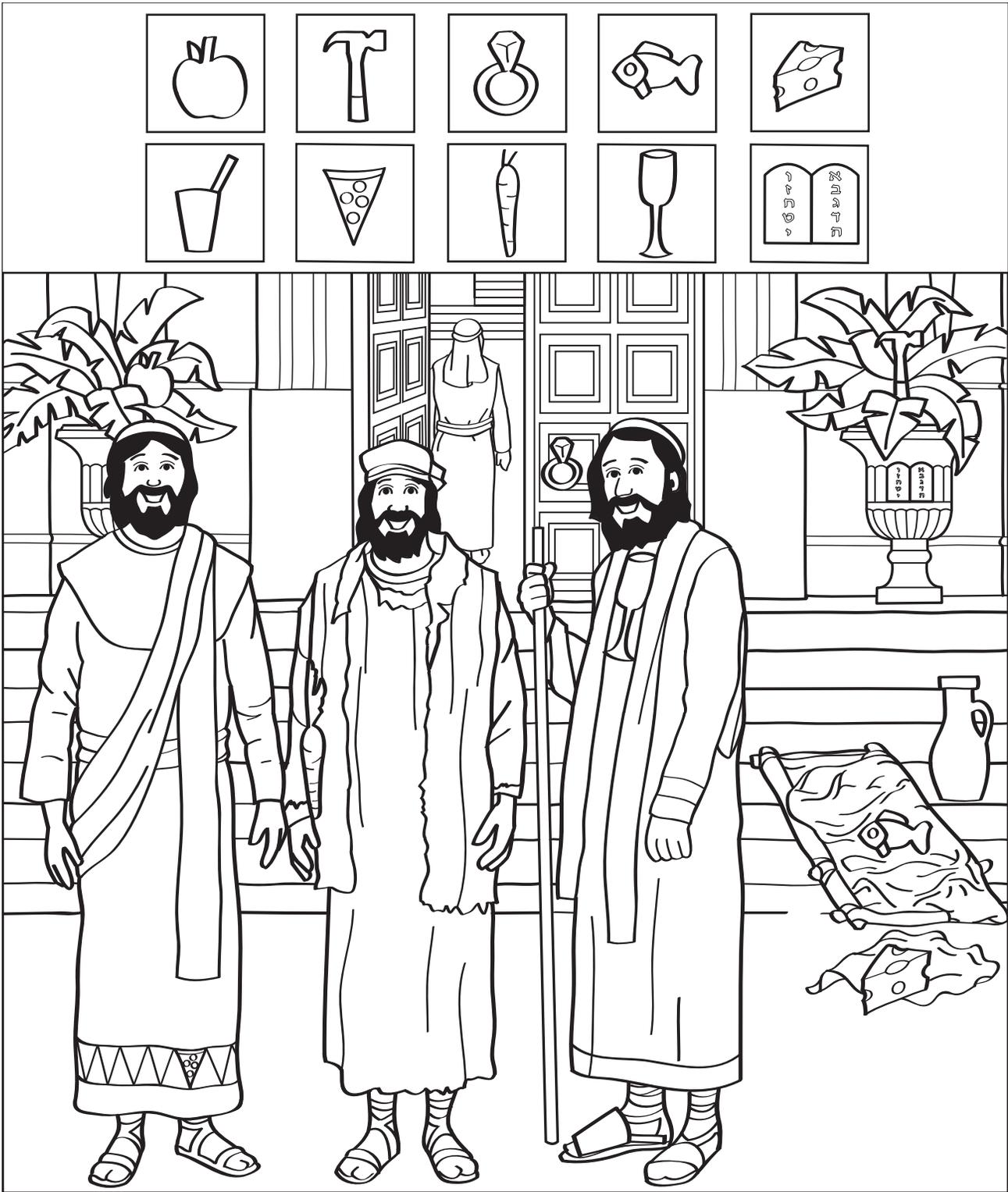
Peter and John healed a man who couldn't walk. Look at the four pictures of the man. What is he doing in each picture?



Hidden Pictures- Puzzle (Younger Elementary)

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On the way to the temple, Peter and John healed a man who couldn't walk. Look carefully at the picture and find 10 hidden items. Circle them.



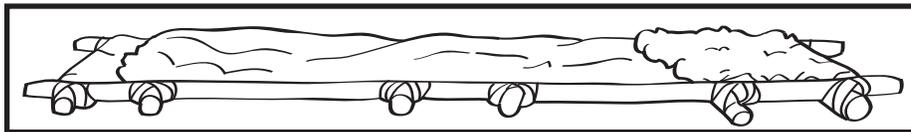
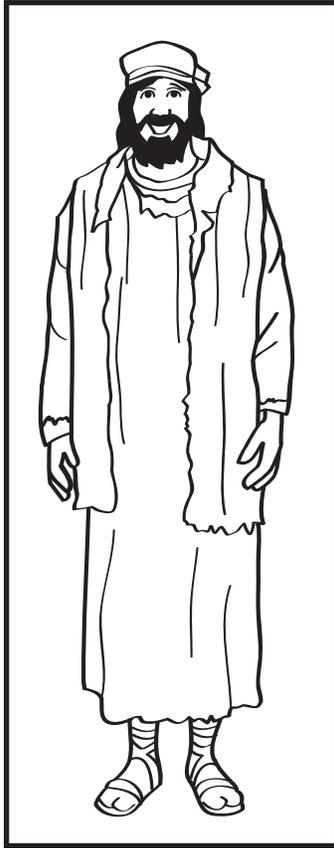
10d Word Mining – Puzzle (Older Elementary)

Peter and John healed a man who was lame and were thrown into prison for it. The leaders didn't want them talking about the resurrection of Jesus. But Peter and John said they couldn't help talking about what they had seen and heard. How many words can you make out of Peter and John? The words need to be at least 3 letters, and they can't be proper names.



PETER AND JOHN

Two columns of ten horizontal dashed lines each, intended for writing words found in the letters of 'PETER AND JOHN'.



10f Loving God/Loving Neighbor – Faith Family Devotional

Peter and John

Acts 4:1-22

Peter and John saw a man who was lame begging for money outside the temple. It was the only way the man had to meet his needs. Peter didn't give him money. Instead, he healed the man in Jesus' name. The council leaders didn't want Peter and John talking about the Resurrection or healing in Jesus' name. So they put them in prison. The crowd, who had seen the lame man walking and thanking God, were praising God for the miracle. The council let Peter and John go with a warning to stop talking about Jesus. Peter told them, "We can't stop talking about what we have seen and heard!"

Verse of the Month

"As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20

What Do You Think?

How did Jesus feel about people in need? Did he help them?

How do you think the man felt when he stood for the first time?

Family Activity

Talk about how you as a family can help people in need without giving money. What do you have that you can share?

Do you have a local nonprofit organization that helps people in need? Does your church have a program to help people in need? Think about ways you can volunteer in these programs.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for caring about people in need. Help us find ways we can show your love to others; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.