

At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12 Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation Unit 1, Lesson 3

Peter and John Defend Jesus' Name

Lesson Aim: To understand the power of the name of Jesus.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: When was the last time you were sick or hurt?

GAME: Healed and Ready

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES US POWER

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 28:7.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

THE WORD PETER AND JOHN DEFEND JESUS' NAME

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit.

Today, we will find out what happened when Peter called on the powerful name of Jesus to heal the man who could not walk. If a Bible Timeline is available, point to Peter and the Lame Man. This was one of the first acts Peter and John did after Jesus sent the Holy Spirit. They were in Jerusalem. Point out Jerusalem. It all began when a man who could not walk begged Peter and John for some money. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 3:6-8; 4:1-4, 7-12, 18-21. Pray. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Acts 4:12. Pray. Read.

THE WAY THE NAME OF JESUS

What did Peter and John do on their way to the temple? (Healed a man who could not walk by the name of Jesus.) Why was calling on the name of Jesus the best gift Peter could give the man? (Jesus alone had the power to meet the man's true needs: faith in Jesus and healing.)

Peter told the crowd God raised Jesus from the dead and the man was healed by the name of Jesus. What did the religious leaders do? (Put them in jail.) Were they in jail for healing or for teaching Jesus rose from the dead? (Teaching Jesus rose from the dead.)

Did that stop people from believing? (No. That day, the number of believers grew from 3,000 to 5,000.) What did the religious leaders ask them? ("By what power or what name did you do this?") Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit when he gave his answer. What did Peter say about salvation? (Salvation is found in no one else but Jesus. "There is no other name in heaven by which we are saved.") At the end of our prayers, believers often say, "We pray this in the name of Jesus." Jesus is the name of our only Savior. Jesus is the name of the One who has the power to answer the prayer. Jesus is the name of the One who gets all the credit and the glory for answering it.

Because there were so many witnesses, the religious rulers had to release them. What did Peter and John say when they were told to stop speaking in the name of Jesus? (They asked if it was better to obey man or obey God. They chose to obey God and continue telling others about Jesus.) Afterward, the believers prayed together asking God to do miracles and wonders through the name of Jesus and to help them speak boldly about Him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

1500 years before Peter called on the name of Jesus for healing, God gave a commandment about the use of His name. It is one of the Ten Commandments. Reveal Exodus 20:7. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

It is important to respect God's name and use it correctly. What are some correct ways to use the names for God such as Lord, God, Jesus, or Holy Spirit? (When we are talking to Him in prayer, speaking about Him to others, worshiping, or quoting the Bible.) Ask God this week to help you only speak His name in ways that please Him. Ask Him to help you speak boldly about Him as Peter did.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Sandal tie
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #3
- OFFERING OF ART: Peter, John, and the healed man
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Bandages

GAME: "Walk, Jump, and Praise" Musical Chairs

CRAFT: In Jesus' Name

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Memory Verse Hand Motions,

Around the World

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW