



# Bible Character Study



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

Peter and John – healing in the name of Jesus



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To explain that through the power in the name, Jesus, we can be healed of any sicknesses.



Lesson Takeaway:

Jesus has the power to heal me of any sickness.



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Bible References:

Acts 3:1 – 11



## Who were Peter and John?

Peter and John were disciples of Jesus.

Peter (also called Simon, the son of Jonas/John) was a fisherman before Jesus asked him to follow him and become one of his disciples (Matthew 4: 18 – 20; John 1: 40 – 42). He had a brother named Andrew.

John was a fisherman too and had a brother named James. His father was Zebedee. Jesus also called John to be one of his disciples (Matthew 4: 21,22; Luke 5: 1 – 11).

Peter and John followed Jesus everywhere he went. They listened to the messages of Jesus as he taught people. They saw the miracles of Jesus as He healed people, sent out evil spirits from people, fed thousands of people with little food, and did many more miracles.

At this time, in Acts 3:1 – 11, Jesus had already finished what He came to do. He died, was buried, rose again from the grave, and already went to heaven. But the disciples continued telling people about Jesus so that many more will believe in Jesus.





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## What did Peter and John do?

As Peter and John were going to the temple to pray, they saw a man at the gate of the temple. This man was born lame and he had never walked. Every day, this man would sit down at the entrance to the gate and beg people for money.

On this day, as Peter and John were about going into the temple, the man asked them for some money. Peter told the man, “Look at us! ... Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk” (Acts 3:4, 6). Then Peter held the right hand of the man and lifted him up, and immediately, the man began to leap, stand, walk and praise God!

Through the name, Jesus, anyone who is blind, sick, lame, etc. can be healed.

When the people standing around the temple saw what happened, they were very happy! Everybody was filled with joy!



## What can we learn from Peter and John?

You see, Peter and John were only doing what Jesus asked them to do.

After Jesus rose from the grave, He showed Himself to his disciples and told them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover” (Mark 16:15-18).



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## What can we learn from Peter and John? - Continued

The name, Jesus, is very powerful. That is the most powerful name that God has given us (Philippians 2:9 – 11).

Through faith in the name, Jesus, we have answers to anything that we ask in prayer according to what God wants for us. Also, there is health instead of sickness; life instead of death; peace instead of crisis; boldness, and calmness instead of fear; a lot of miracles happen. Peter and John knew this and were able to make that lame man walk again through the name, Jesus.

If we pray in the name of Jesus, and believe in the power of the name, Jesus, we too can do many things that might look impossible.

Peter and John were not even planning to meet the lame man so that they could heal him. They were simply walking to the temple to join others to pray as they usually did. We don't need any special planning before God can use us.

God is ready and wants to use us wherever we are – to bring peace, joy, love to our family, friends, neighbours, and anyone God brings to us. He wants to use us as His hands and feet as we show people how powerful our God is!

Peter and John did not have any money to give to the lame man, but they had the name, Jesus! You might want to help those around you but feel like you don't have enough money to help them.

Well, you have something else – you have a smile, a listening ear, a kind word, a warm hug, happy thoughts, and you have the name, Jesus too! So, you can pray for people in the name of Jesus, just like Peter and John did.



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**Memorize:**

Philippians 2:9 - Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.



**Scenario review:**

You were visiting one of your cousins over the weekend. When you got to his house, you found out that he was having a headache and could not play with you. He had taken some aspirins, but he is not still feeling great. Then, you remembered how Peter and John prayed for the sick man and he was healed. You are thinking, "Should I pray with my cousin or not? Will God hear my prayer and heal him or not?" What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



**Remember:** Jesus has the power to heal me of any sickness.



**Let us pray:** Dear God, thank you because of the power in the name of Jesus. I pray that you please heal anyone that is sick in my family, among my friends or neighbours. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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