

Dear Parents,

During our Bible time this week, the children will be focusing on one of Jesus' closest friends who was also one of the apostles. His name is Simon Peter. Peter performed miracles and used those opportunities to teach about Jesus. He was a fisherman and later preached on the day of Pentecost when Jesus' Church was established.

Peter

In the early days of the church, the apostles had wonderful powers given to them by God. They were able to make sick people well again, so families would bring their sick relatives to the disciples for healing.

One afternoon at about three o'clock, Peter and John went up to the temple. It was time for the evening service. They got to the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate. There they found a beggar sitting. He was lame and had never been able to walk. He had never taken a step!

As Peter and John came by, he asked for a gift to help him. He could not work, so he begged for a living. Peter and John stopped and looked at him. Peter said to him, "Look at us."

The man thought that they were going to give him some money. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have, I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."

Then he took the man by the right hand, and lifted him up. The man's feet and ankle bones were strong at that very moment. The man jumped up, and he walked with Peter and John into the temple. He praised God for healing him.

All the people there saw him. They were amazed, because they knew this was the man who had been sitting and begging at the temple gate. They knew he could not walk. They crowded around to see.

Then Peter began to tell the people about Jesus.

This story about Peter and John can be found in the Bible in Acts 3:1-12

Memory verse

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:18-19

Listen to this story about Peter and John at: <http://gardenofpraise.com/bibl33s.htm>