

Class: 2's and 3's

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Lesson 4
Teacher: Mary Lynn

Text: Acts 5:1-11

Introduction/review

1. Our Spiritual Heritage (see explanation under intro/review, lesson1)

Lesson

2. I told the story directly from Acts 5:1-11 (paraphrasing when necessary for understanding) using the picture cards included with this lesson plan.

Visual Aids/Songs

Picture cards included with this lesson plan.

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Song:

Be Careful Little Eyes

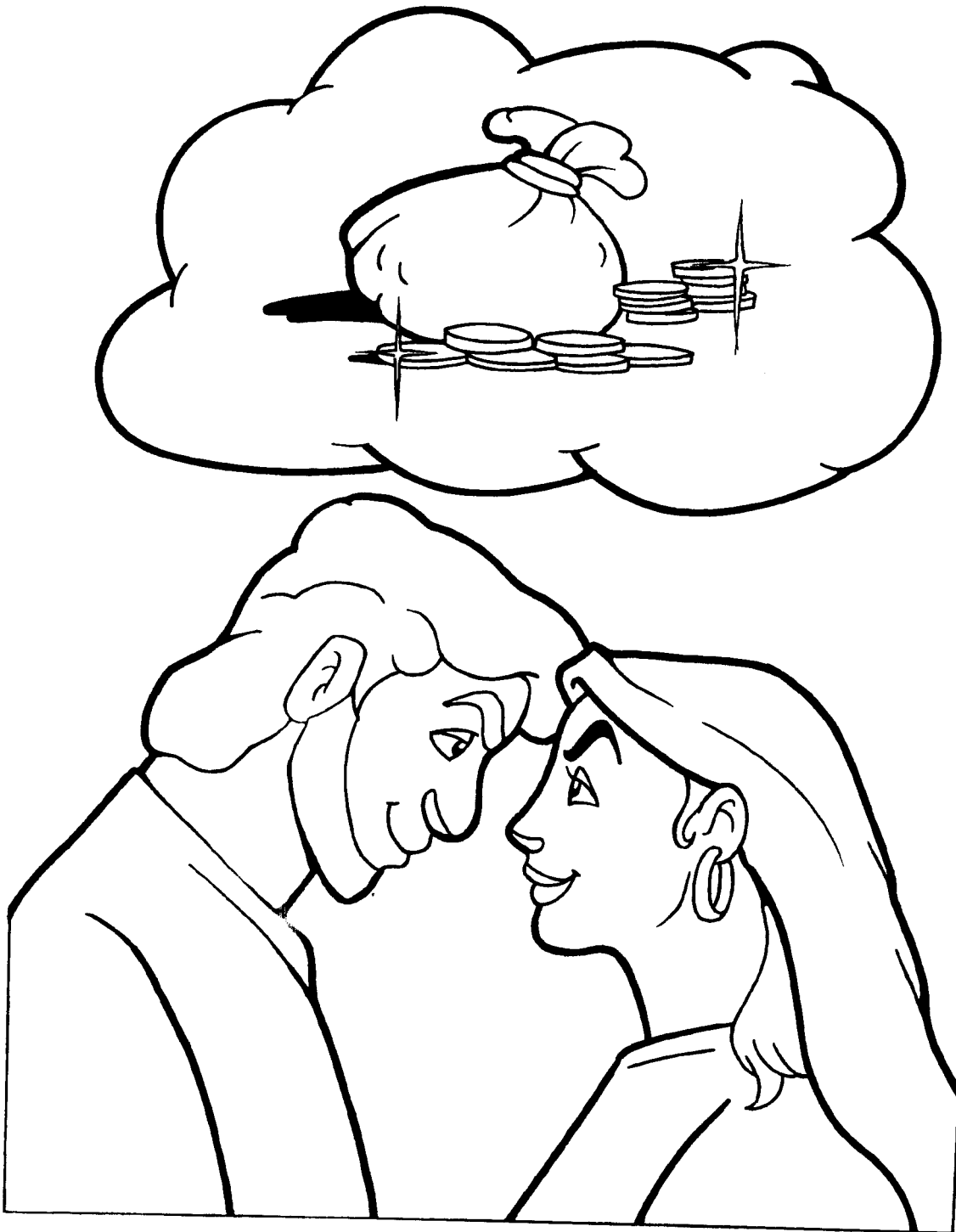
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THE MAN AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

Acts iii: 1 to 31.



THE two apostles, Peter and John, were one day going up to the Temple at the afternoon hour of prayer, about three o'clock. They walked across the court of the Gentiles, which was a large open square paved with marble, having on its eastern side a double row of pillars with a roof above them, called "Solomon's Porch." In front of this porch was the principal entrance to the Temple, through a gate which was called "The Beautiful Gate." At this gate outside the Temple, they saw a lame man sitting. He was one who in all his life had never been able to walk; and as he was very poor, his friends carried him every day to this place; and there he sat, hoping that some of those who went into the Temple might take pity on him and give him a little money.



PETER AND JOHN AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

In front of this man Peter and John stopped; and Peter said, "Look at us!"

The lame man looked earnestly on the two apostles, thinking they were about to give him something. But Peter said:

"Silver and gold have I none; but what I have that I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!"

[676] And Peter took hold of the lame man's right hand, and raised him up. At once the lame man felt a new power entering into his feet and ankle-bones. He leaped up, and stood upon his feet, and began to walk, as he had

never done before in all his life. He walked up the steps with the two apostles, and went by their side into the Temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. The people who now saw him leaping up and running, knew him, for they had seen him every day sitting as a beggar at the Beautiful Gate; and every one was filled with wonder at the change which had come over him.

After worshipping and praising god in the Temple, the man, still holding fast to Peter and John, went out with them through the beautiful Gate into Solomon's Porch. And in a very few minutes a great crowd of people were drawn together to the place to see the man who had been made well, and to see also the two men who had healed him.

Then Peter stood up before the throng of people, and spoke to them.

"Ye men of Israel," he said, "why do you look wondering on this man? Or why do you fix your eyes upon us, as though by our own power or goodness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob has in this way shown the power and the glory of his Son Jesus; whom you gave up to his enemies, and whom you refused before Pontius Pilate, when Pilate was determined to set him free. But you refused the Holy One and the Righteous One, and chose the murderer Barabbas to be set free in his place; and you killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead. We who have seen him risen, declare that this is true. And the power of Jesus through faith in his name, has made this man strong. Yes, it is faith in Christ that has given him this perfect soundness before you all. Now, my brothers, I am sure that you did not know that it was the son of God and your own Saviour whom you sent to the cross. Therefore turn to God in sorrow for this great sin, and God will forgive you; and in his own time he will send again Jesus Christ. God who has raised up his Son is ready to bless you, and turn away every one of you from his sins."

While Peter was speaking, the priests, and the captain of the Temple, and the rulers, came upon them; for they were angry as they heard Peter speak these words. They laid hold of Peter and [677] John and put them into the guard-room for the night. But many of those who had heard Peter speaking believed on Jesus, and sought the Lord; and the number of the followers of Christ rose from three thousand to five thousand.

On the next day the rulers came together; and Annas and Caiaphas, the two high priests, were there, and with them many of their friends. They brought Peter and John and set them before the company. The lame man

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who had been healed was still by the side of the two apostles. The rulers asked them:

"By what power or through whom have you done this?"

Then Peter spoke boldly to the priests and the rulers. He said: "Ye rulers of the people and elders, if you are asking us about the good deed done to this man who was so helpless, how it was that he was made well, I will tell you that by the name and the power of Jesus of Nazareth, whom you put to death on the cross, whom God raised from the dead; even by him this man stands here before you all strong and well. And there is no salvation except through Jesus Christ, for there is no other person under heaven who can save us from our sins."



PETER AND JOHN BEFORE THE RULERS

[678] When these rulers saw how bold and strong were the words of Peter and John, they wondered, especially as they knew that they were plain men, not learned in books, and not used to speaking. They remembered that they had seen these men among the followers of Jesus, and they felt that in some way Jesus had given them this power. And as the man who had been healed was standing beside them, they could say nothing to deny that a wonderful work had been done.

The rulers sent Peter and John out of the council-room, while they talked together. They said to each other:

"What shall we do to these men? We cannot deny that a wonderful work

has been done by them, for everyone knows it. But we must stop this from spreading any more among the people. Let us command them not to speak to any man about the name of Jesus; and let us tell them that if they do speak, we will punish them."

So they called the two apostles into the room again, and said to them: "We forbid you to speak about Jesus, and the power of his name, to any man. If you do not stop talking about Jesus, we will lay hands on you, and put you in prison, and will have you beaten."

But Peter and John answered the rulers:

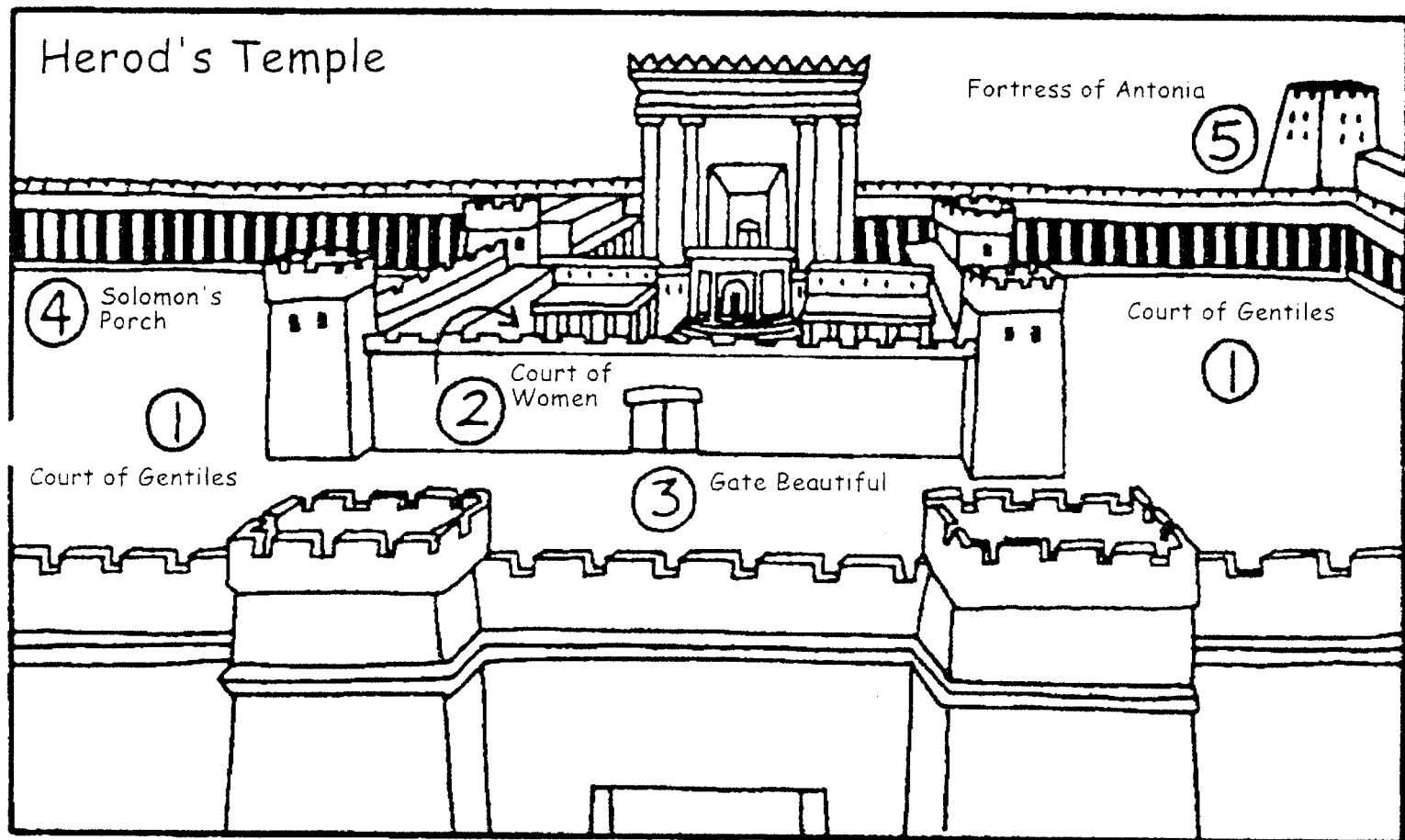
"Whether it is right to obey you or to obey God, you yourselves can judge. As for ourselves we cannot keep silent; we must speak of what we have seen and heard."

The rulers were afraid to do any harm to Peter and John, because they knew that the people praised God for the good work that they had done; and they would be angry to have harm come to them. For fear of the people, they let them go. And being let go, they went to their own friends, the company who met in the upper room, and there they gave thanks to God for helping them to speak his word without fear.



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(ACTS 4:1-31)



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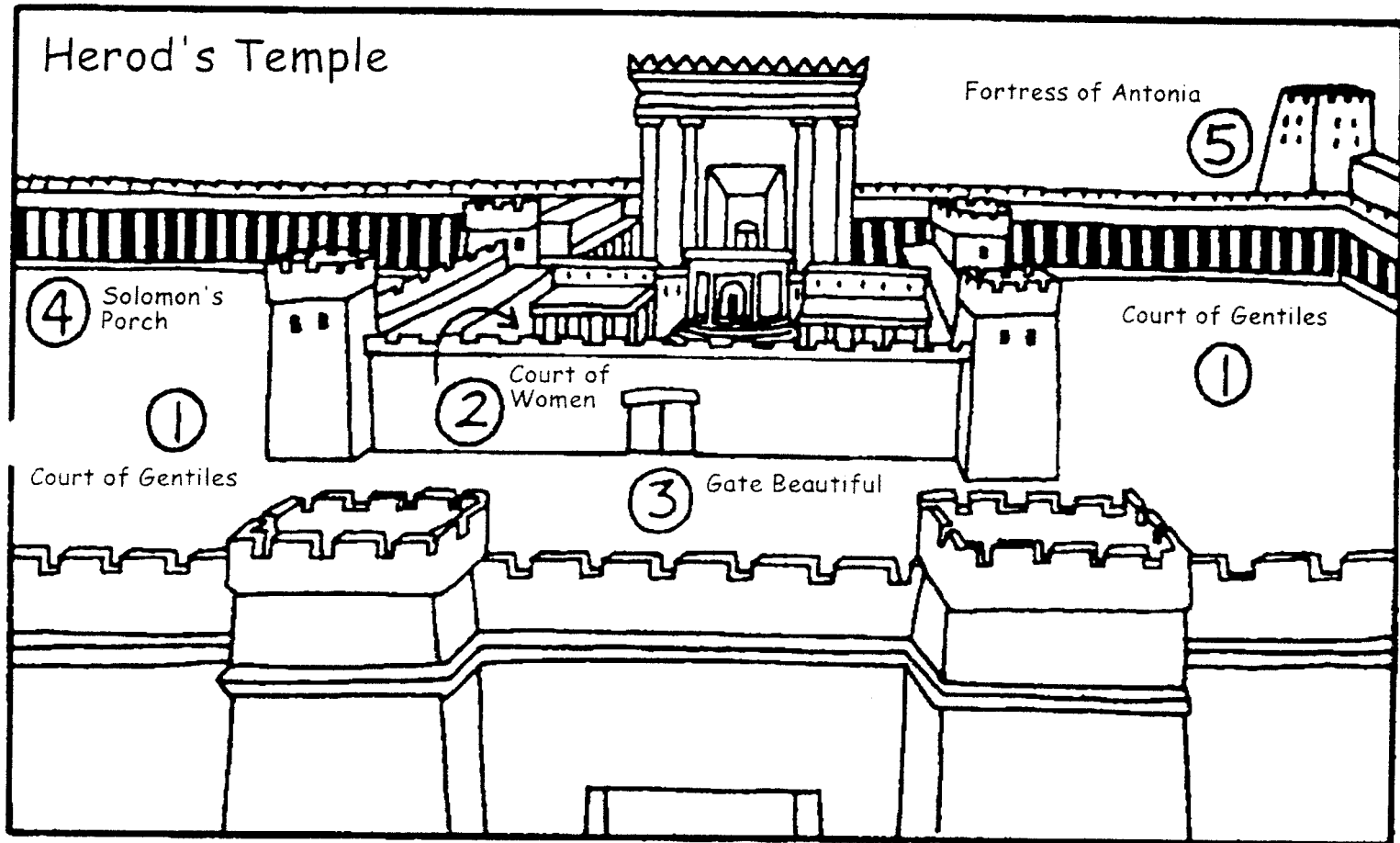
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A Crippled Man Healed

MEMORY VERSE: "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." James 5:15

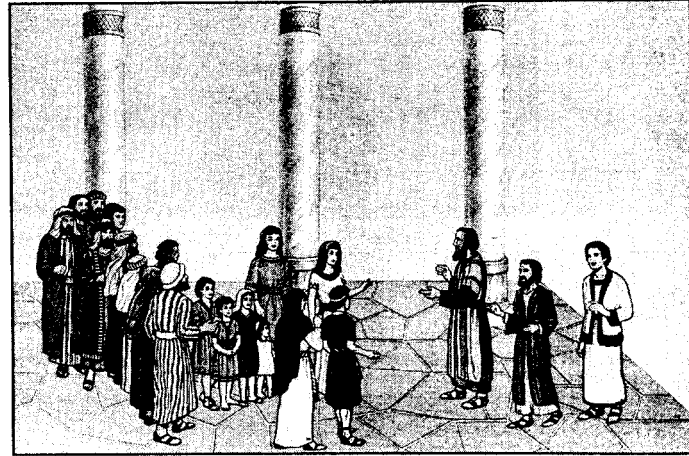
SCRIPTURES: Acts 3:1-11

AIM: We should do what we can to help others.

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In Jerusalem there was a poor lame man. He had never been able to walk. Because there was no work he could do, he had to sit outside the Temple and beg people for money.

Every day his friends carried him to the gate which was called Beautiful. There he was left for the remainder of the day. Many people passed by the man on their way to and from the Temple, and often they gave him money.

One afternoon Peter and John were going to the Temple to pray. When they came to the gate they heard someone say. "Please, sirs, give me some money."

Peter and John stopped. "Look at us," Peter said.

The man looked at Peter and John eagerly expecting a gift. But Peter said, "Silver and gold I don't have, but such as I have I give you; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

The man looked at Peter. Peter reached out and took him by the hand and pulling him to his feet. And as he did, the man felt his ankles and feet grow strong.

All of a sudden he realized he was standing by himself! He jumped. He walked. He ran. Right into the Temple yard he ran, shouting and praising God. There was never a happier man!

People already in the Temple saw him, and they were

amazed. "Isn't that the lame man who sits at the Beautiful Gate asking for money?" they asked one another. "What has happened to him?"

Quickly the people ran to where the man was standing with Peter and John. They wanted to know who made the crippled man well.

Peter said to the people, "Why are you surprised at what has happened to this man? And why do you look at John and me as though we made the man walk? It was Jesus, the one you put to death on the cross, who made this man strong. Faith in Jesus' name has healed this man." Peter then told the people that they must be sorry for what they had done and God would forgive them.

The people listened to Peter. Many were sorry and asked God to forgive them.

All this happened because Peter and John and the crippled man had trusted Jesus to help them.

Many times Jesus uses other people to help us get well. He uses doctors and nurses, and sometimes He uses ministers like Peter and John. But it is Jesus who truly makes us well.

Aren't you glad He helped Peter and John to make the crippled man well? Don't you love our kind and wonderful Jesus?

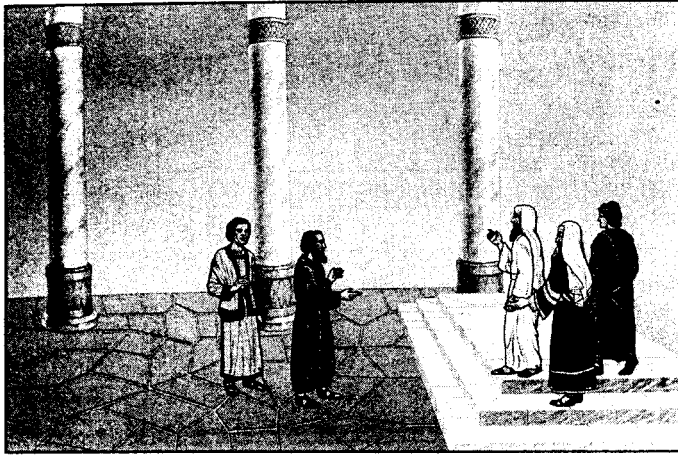
Peter and John Tell About Jesus

MEMORY VERSE: "They spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

SCRIPTURES: Acts 4:1-31

AIM: We should not be afraid to tell people about Jesus.

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To the crippled man at the gate of the Temple, Peter had said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth get up and walk." Right then the man stood and walked. Many people were talking about the miracle. Peter took advantage of this opportunity to tell them about Jesus.

The healed man and lots of people were very happy, but the priests were angry. They thought, "We got rid of Jesus but now His disciples are healing and all the people are following them."

The priest sent soldiers to bring Peter and John to them. They put these disciples in prison for the night. But Peter and John weren't afraid as they knew their Friend Jesus was hearing their prayers.

The next morning the soldiers brought Peter and John to the priests and rulers for a trial. "By what Power, or by what Name, did you make the crippled man to walk?" asked the rulers.

Without a trace of fear Peter replied, "By the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; by Him this man is standing before you well."

"And there is salvation in no one else," he added, "for there is no other Name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

So Peter told his story once more, speaking so boldly that the priests and rulers were astonished. They couldn't understand how a poor, uneducated fisherman could talk this. They remembered how Peter had denied Jesus three times at the crucifixion. They could see that Peter was not afraid anymore. As for the miracle that had taken

place, the priests couldn't say a thing. The man who had been healed was standing right there beside them.

When they called Peter and John back into the court, they were told to never again to speak about Jesus. But Peter and John courageously replied, "You decide whether God wants us to obey you instead of Him! We cannot stop telling about the wonderful things we saw Jesus do and heard Him say."

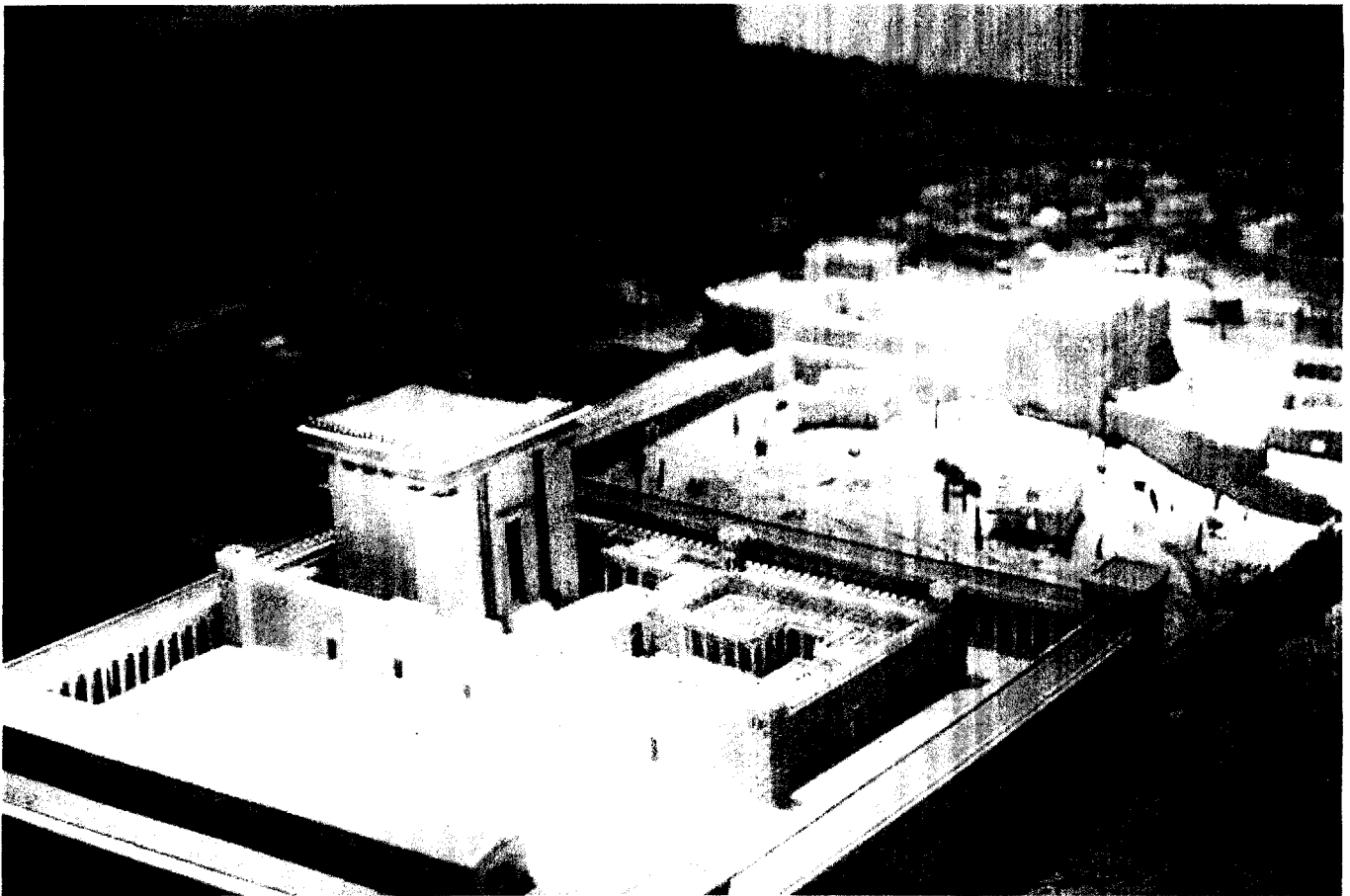
The priests and rulers became even more furious. They made many threats of what would happen to Peter and John if the two disciples continued to preach.

But in the end, Peter and John were released. The Jewish leaders did not dare punish them because so many people were now on the side of Jesus and His followers.

Peter and John went away with no thought of stopping their work. Later they had a wonderful time together thanking God for the way He had helped them and prayed for strength to witness yet more boldly in the future.

God heard their prayer. More power came from heaven. More great sermons were preached. Many signs and wonders were done among the people. The sick were brought to Peter and John and many people were healed. It was just like the days when Jesus had been there.

Jesus wants us to tell other people, both children and grownups, about Him. He wants us to trust in Him and not be afraid. He has promised to be with us just as He was with the disciples. Every chance we have we must be His witnesses.



Peter and John

Tune: Rescue the Perishing

Patsy Stevens



Pe - ter and John one day went to the tem - ple. Saw there a man who was
Then Pe - ter lift - ed him up by his right hand. His ank - les be - came as



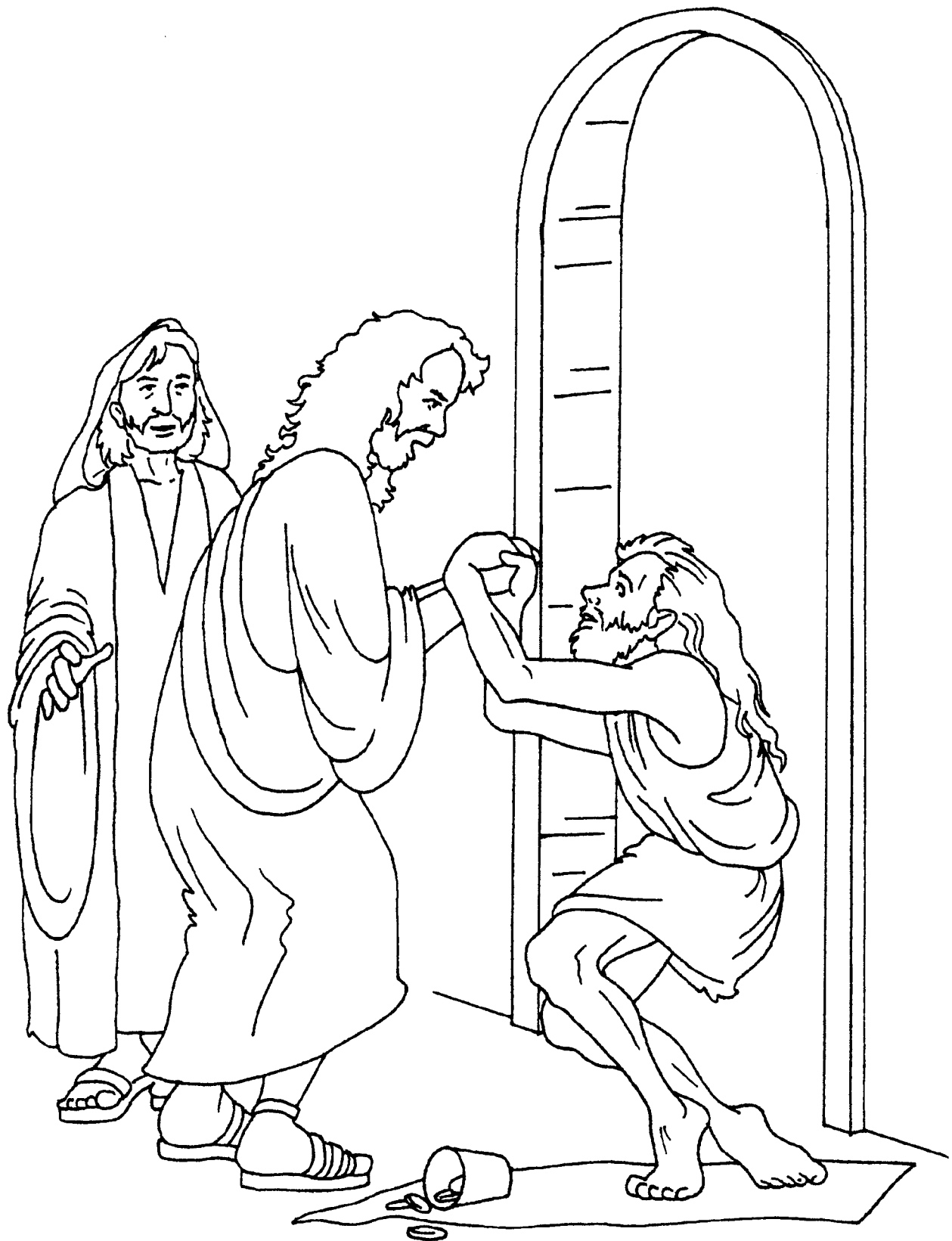
lame from his birth. From the gate Beau - ti - ful he begged for mon - ey.
strong as could be. He start - ed leap - ing and jump - ing and walk - ing.



They looked at him for they knew of his worth. Pe - ter then said to him,
Nev - er a man was as hap - py as he. Pe - ter said to the crowd,



"Sil - ver and gold have I None, but such as I have, I give to you.
"Je - sus has heal - ed him." He'll save you too If you tru - ly ~~be - lieve~~.
obey.



"Peter and John heal a lame man." Acts 3:1-26