

# JIGSAW@HOME



The theme this month in Sunday School is 'The Church Grows' from the book of Acts. We are learning about two men who shared their faith with others, Peter, who heals a crippled man and miraculously escapes from prison and Paul who was shipwrecked. Here are some activities you could do together with your family. Have fun!

## YEAR 3

### UNIT 9: THE CHURCH GROWS

#### LESSON 1: PETER HEALS A CRIPPLED MAN



### BIBLE BLAST

Today's lesson is all about 2 of Jesus' disciples, Peter and John going off to the Temple to pray as they did every day.

It is found in **Acts 3:1-11**. *Read the passage together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.*

This passage tells of the miraculous healing of the paralysed man. But even more than being healed he heard about Jesus Christ and was saved and was so excited!!



The Book of Acts is a continuation of the narrative of the Gospel of Luke. The book is the first piece of written history of the Christian Church and therefore regarded with great importance. It was a time when Christian ideas & beliefs were being formulated & when the church as we know and love it grows today!

Today's story of Peter and John shows one of the many stories of how the Apostles spread the word of God after Jesus' death. In this miracle, Peter heals a lame man. The lame man asked for money but Peter gave him something even better, healing, and belief in Jesus Christ.

## THINK !



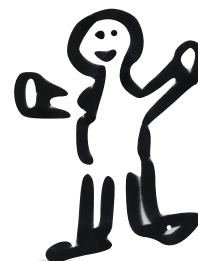
## Sticky Plaster Prayers

We want to pray for healing on our World, Communities and Family.  
(Especially those who are sick)

Take 3 sticky plasters each.  
Draw the world, your house and yourself on a page.

Think about each of the pictures:  
**The world** in which we live in at the moment.  
**Our homes** and neighbourhood we live in.  
**Ourselves** and family and those close to us.

Chat about what we would like God to help with and then stick the sticky plaster on top and PRAY together.



## Memory Verse

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE  
to learn Philippians 4:13 in Makaton  
(a Signs & Symbols language)  
Find it on our YouTube channel  
Downanddromore



**'For I can do everything  
through Christ,  
who gives me strength.'**  
**Philippians 4:13**



Today we meet two men called Peter and John and they are going to the temple to pray. As they walk to the temple they meet a man sitting begging. This man cannot walk, he is crippled, in fact the Bible tells us that he has never, ever been able to walk. He was born without the power of his legs! Every day the man's friends would carry him and leave him to beg for money.

The crippled man had a daily routine to go to the temple every day. Peter and John also had a daily routine of spending time with God in prayer, this time they went to the temple. As they pass the crippled man the man asks them for some money.

Peter responded in quite a strange way. He replied with, "Look at us!" When Peter said, "Look at us!" The man gave them his full attention expecting to get something. What do you think the man expected to get? **STOP and think about this question.**

Sometimes what we think we need and what we really need are not the same. God knows what our most important needs are - to know Him!

### Age 5-7

Who were the 3 men in our story?  
Where were Peter and John going?  
Who did Peter and John have helping them?  
How did the man react when he was healed?

### Age 8-10

Can God perform miracles today?  
What did the man want and what did the man need?  
What was the name of the gate the man sat outside? Why did he sit there?



The need this man had was not only a physical one. His physical need was to be able to walk so he could work and make money and no longer have to beg. But more importantly he had a spiritual need. He needed to know Jesus as His personal friend - just like Peter and John! Notice the man's response to the power of God in his life - **"walking and jumping, and praising God."** Are we like that?

## CRAFTS

### LAME MAN DANCING

Make your own lame man dance.  
Draw the head & body onto paper (Card is best). Cut out 4 strips of coloured paper - 2 arms and 2 legs, making the legs longer than the arms. Concertina each strip and glue or cellotape them onto the body. Colour in your man. Take a piece of wool or string and tie it to the head and get your lame man to dance!



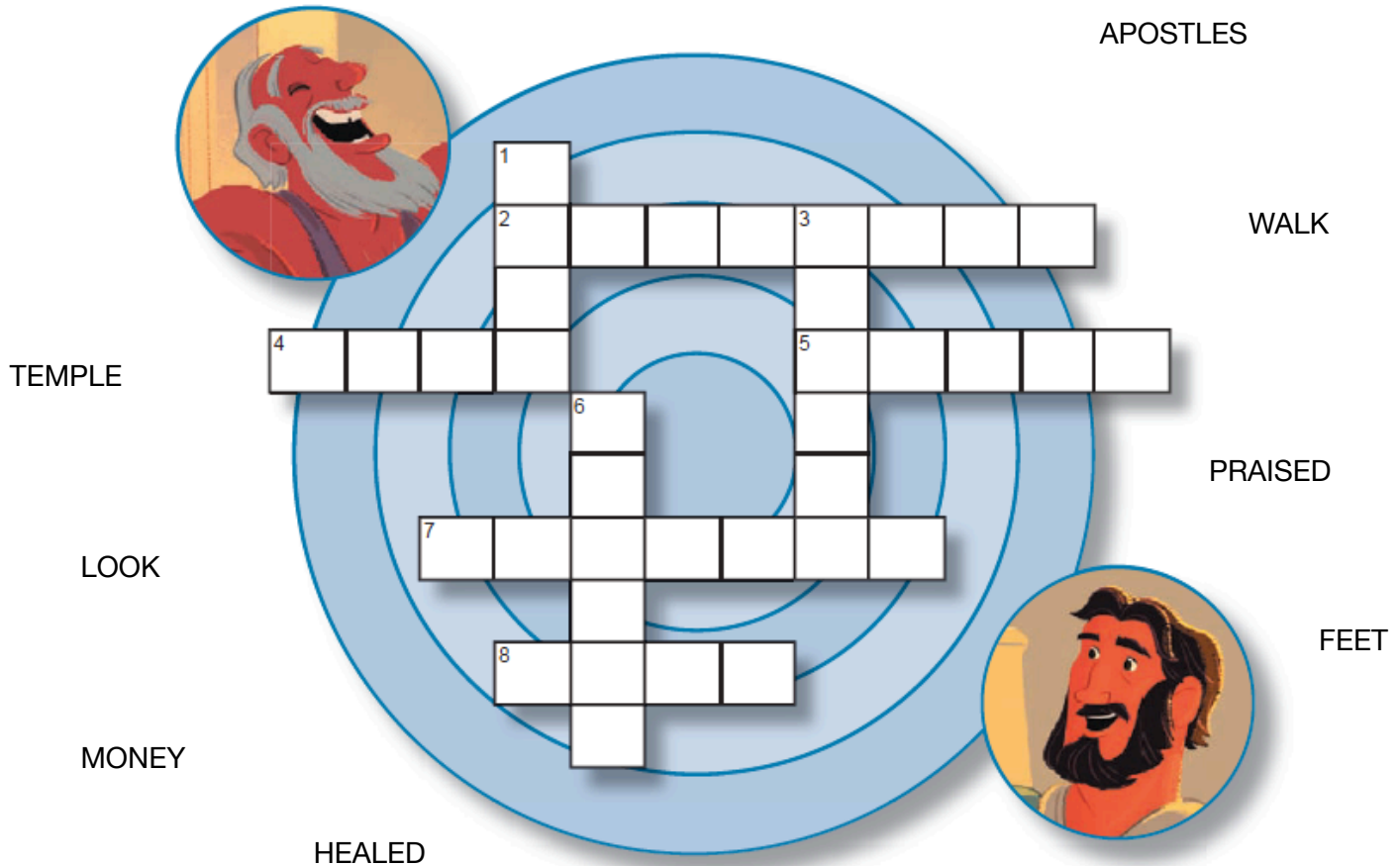
JIGSAW DDYC Pinterest site 'Year 3 Unit 9 The Church Grows'

A colouring page to print  
off, colour in and chat  
about the story together.



**WALKING & DANCING  
& PRAISING GOD !!**

## Peter and the Lame Man Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

2. Peter and John were two of these.
4. Peter told the man "\_\_\_\_\_ at us."
5. The man asked Peter and John for this.
7. After he was well, the man \_\_\_\_\_ God.
8. These have toes.

### DOWN

1. What Peter told the man to do
3. Peter and John were going there.
6. God \_\_\_\_\_ the man through Peter.