

# PRIMARY PAIRS



## Power to Work for Jesus

Have you ever wanted to have great power? Well, let me tell you about the most wonderful power of all—the baptism of the Holy Spirit! It gives power to work for Jesus.

This is a very important gift. Some people say that little children won't understand what it means. But Jesus loves the children. And He wants them to know about this wonderful power.

The Bible tells about the very first baptism of the Holy Spirit. Just before Jesus went to Heaven, He told His disciples to go to the city of Jerusalem. He told them to wait there to receive the promised Holy Spirit.

God had known that when Jesus went back to Heaven all His friends would be very sad. Whenever they had needed help they had always gone to Jesus. So God had promised to send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would help them. Let's see what happened on that special day.

There were about 120 people in an upper room of one of the houses in Jerusalem. That's a lot of people in one room! They had been there for many days. But they were all happy. They didn't argue and they didn't complain about anything. God had given them a special love for each

other. They all loved Jesus and wanted to obey Him.

They had been praying for many days. But on that special day, as they were all together, they suddenly heard a sound! It was like a great and mighty wind swooshing through the house! And the Holy Spirit filled each of them! They felt so wonderful. All of a sudden they began to speak in different languages! It was a special sign to let them know that God had given them the gift of Power He had promised.

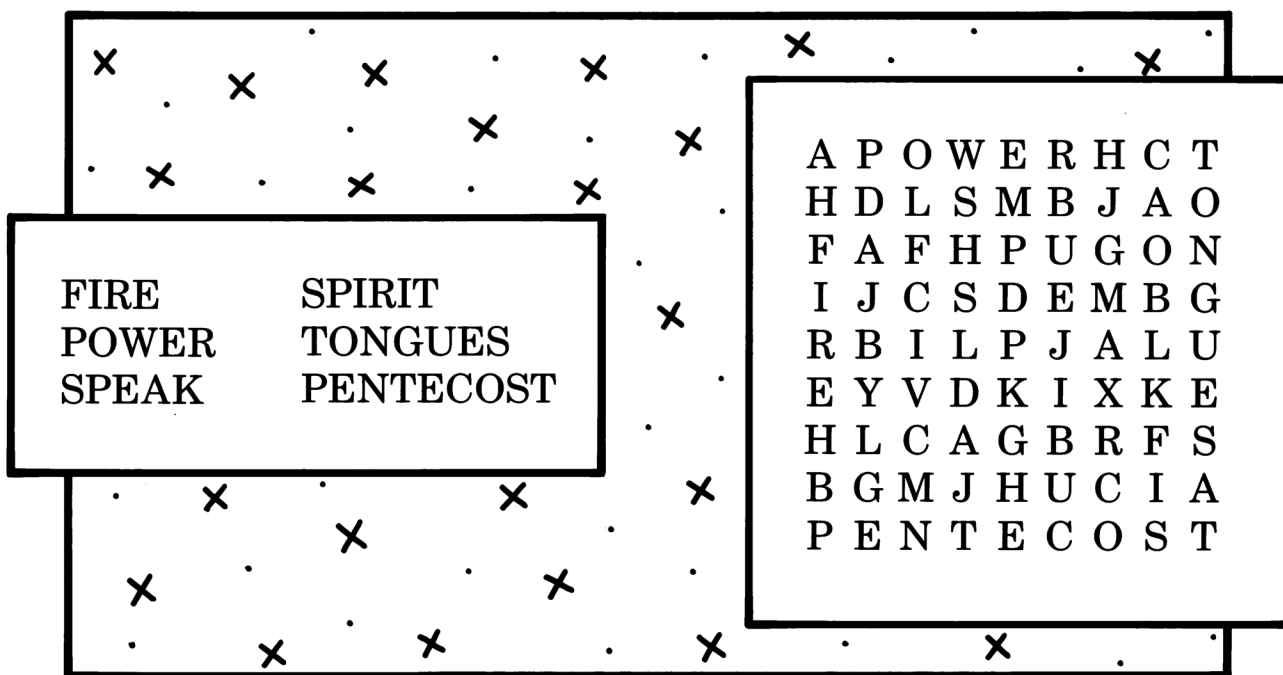
There were many people in the city of Jerusalem. Some of them were visiting from faraway countries. When they heard the people in the house speaking in some of their languages

they were very confused. They didn't understand what was happening. So Peter spoke to them and said, "Listen to me. This is the special gift that God promised." He spoke to them for a long time and told them many things about God's promise.

One of the things that Peter told the people is still very important to us today. He told them that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all those who love God. That means it is for you and me too! It is a wonderful gift. It helps us to understand God's Word. And it makes it easier to tell others about Jesus. God can work wonderful miracles through His helpers who have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

## Hidden Words

Find and circle the words that are hidden in the puzzle below.



# Preparing for This Bible Lesson

## ***Parent's Corner***

The power of the Holy Spirit is the subject of this lesson. Explain to your child that many things need power to make them work. A simple way to show him this is to have him go around your house counting the many things he can find that have cords on them. Describe how the plug connects the object to a power source and makes it able to work properly.

Use this to illustrate that God has a special power for each one of us—a power that will help us really “work” as Christians.

## ***Time Together for Family Devotions***

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Acts 1:8

MONDAY: Matthew 3:11

TUESDAY: Luke 11:13

WEDNESDAY: Luke 24:49

THURSDAY: John 14:26

FRIDAY: Acts 4:31

SATURDAY: Acts 13:52



## ***Bible Text***

Acts 1:4,8; 2:1-6,14-18

## ***Memory Verse***

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. — Acts 1:8

# Real Power

The Holy Spirit has power! Read the questions in the boxes below. Circle the two best answers for each question. If you need some help read the Scriptures in each box.

1. What did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit would do?  
(John 16:13)

Glorify Jesus

Make you rich

Show you the truth

2. How does the Holy Spirit help us?  
(Acts 1:8)

Gives us power

Helps us work for Jesus

Helps us take pictures

3. What kind of attitude should a Christian have?  
(Matthew 22:37-39)

Love only Christians

Love God with all your heart

Love your neighbor

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# PRIMARY PALS



## The Miracle at the Gate

Peter and John were on their way to the Temple. They were going to pray to God. They missed Jesus. He had gone to be with His Father in Heaven. But they remembered how He had taught them to pray. They knew that someday they would be with Jesus again. But for now they would continue to pray and work for God as Jesus had told them to.

At the Temple there was a certain gate that was called Beautiful. By that gate sat a beggar. This beggar was a lame man who had never been able to walk. As a little boy he had never run with other children. And now that he was grown up, he couldn't work like

other men. Every day his friends would carry him to the gate of the Temple. He sat there all day and asked people for money.

When Peter and John walked through the Beautiful gate the lame man called to them. He begged them to give him some money. Both of them turned to look at the lame man. Then Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold to give to you, but I will give you what I do have."

The lame man must have been excited. He probably wondered what great thing Peter was going to give to him. He didn't know that Peter and John had a special power from God. It

was the power that God had promised to those who love Him. They could do miracles like Jesus had done when He lived on this earth.

Suddenly the lame man heard Peter saying, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Then Peter reached down and took him by the hand and lifted him up.

At once the man's feet and ankle bones got very strong! He could stand on them and they didn't hurt! He was so excited that he began to jump up and down! He walked all around! He praised God! He was healed!

Then the man went with Peter and John into the Temple. He was so happy, he wanted to give thanks to God for healing him. He was no longer a lame man! He could walk!

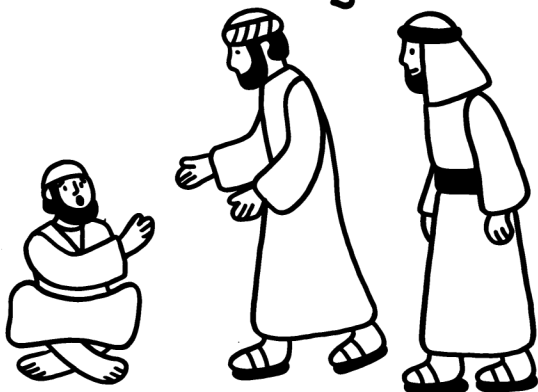
All the people at the Temple saw the man walking and praising God. They knew that this was the man who had begged at the gate of the Temple. Now he could walk! They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Jesus had gone back to Heaven but the people could see that His miracles still happened. And they still happen today!

## Circle the Word

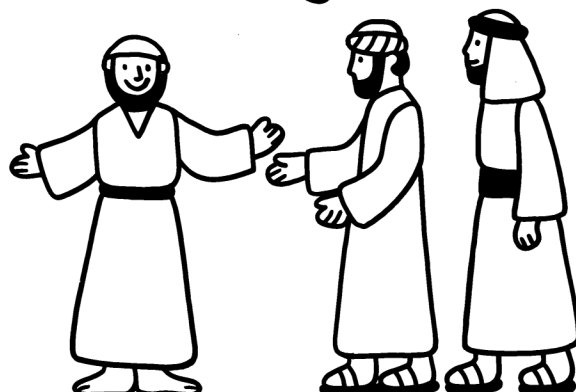
Draw a circle around what the lame man asked Peter and John for.

Food Money Clothes  
Flowers



Draw a circle around what the lame man received.

money Bread  
Healing Water



# Preparing for This Bible Lesson

## ***Parent's Corner***

Make a finger puppet to use as a prop while studying this lesson. Help your child draw a simple outline of a person's body, but tell him not to draw the legs. Instead, at the base of the form help him cut out two small holes big enough for him to slip his index and middle fingers through.

Draw features and clothing details on the puppet, then cut it out.

As you read this lesson together, have your child use the puppet to act out the different parts of the story, from sitting at the gate, to walking, and leaping, and praising God!

## ***Time Together for Family Devotions***

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Acts 3:6

MONDAY: Acts 4:14

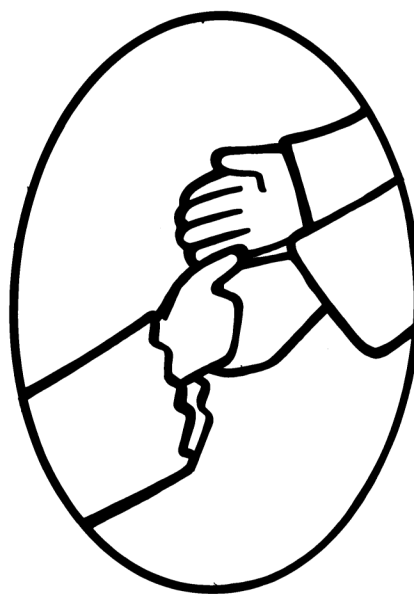
TUESDAY: Acts 4:13

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 5:15

THURSDAY: James 2:17,18

FRIDAY: I Corinthians 15:58

SATURDAY: Galatians 6:10



## ***Bible Text***

Acts 3:1-10

## ***Memory Verse***

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. — Acts 3:6

# Which Half?

Color the picture that shows what the man did after he was healed and could walk.

Hint: "He leaping up stood, and walked." Acts 3:8



Color the picture that shows how the people felt when they saw the man walking and praising God.

Hint: "They were filled with wonder and amazement." Acts 3:10



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## Tell the Good News!

The children in the Bible class sang a song they had just learned. The words rang out, “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel.”

Jennifer raised her hand and asked, “Teacher Matt, what does Gospel mean?”

“Thank you for asking that question, Jennifer,” said Teacher Matt. “Maybe some of you other children are wondering the same thing. Gospel means Good News. And the Good News is that Jesus forgives sins.

“Do you remember that in our story today Philip preached to the man from the country of Ethiopia? The man had

been reading from the Old Testament part of our Bible. He was reading about Jesus but he didn’t know that. He needed someone to help him understand what he was reading. So God sent Philip to help the man and teach him that Jesus was God’s Son. That day Jesus forgave the man’s sins and he became a Christian. The man was very thankful that Philip obeyed God. Philip had been a missionary for God.”

Then Teacher Matt told the children that a special person had come to visit their department. The lady was Teacher Anne, and she was a missionary. She was going to tell them about people in a faraway country.

"Hello, boys and girls," said Teacher Anne. "I want to tell you about a country called Korea."

Jennifer and the other children sat on the edge of their seats as Teacher Anne started telling about her travels in Korea. She said she had gone there to tell the people about Jesus. She told about how little children walked for miles with their parents just to hear the Good News of Jesus and His love.

Oh, it would be wonderful to be a missionary, Jennifer thought. She loved Jesus very much. And she wanted others to know and love Him too. She could hardly wait until she would be big enough.

Just then she heard Teacher Anne

telling the children that God had a special job for each one of them to do. They could all be missionaries right now!

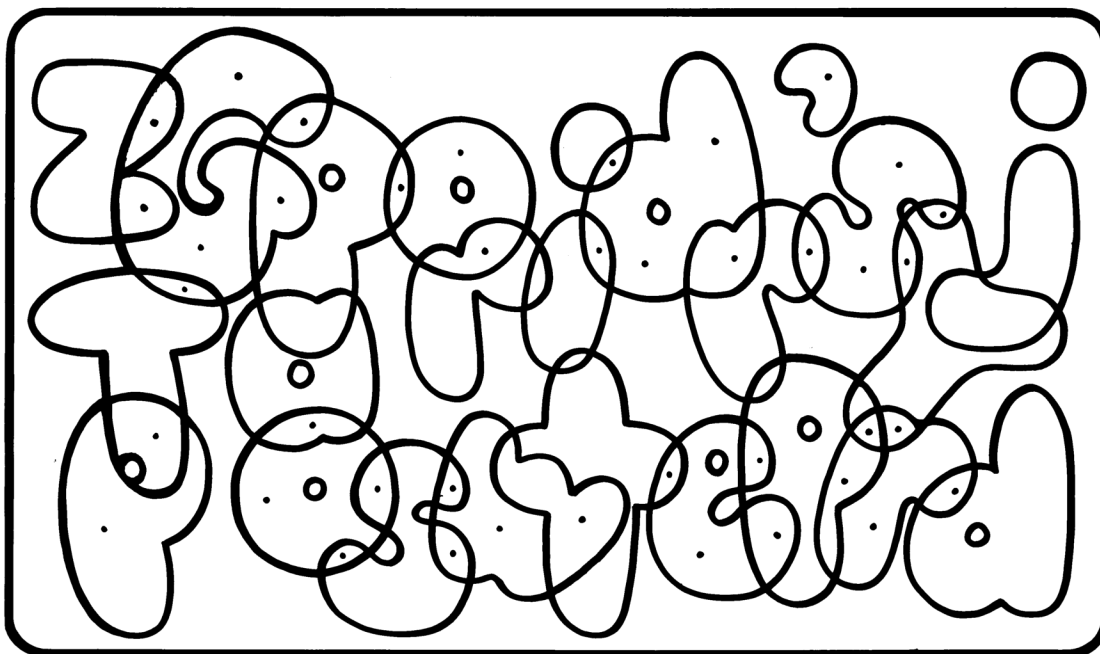
"Right now?" asked Jennifer.

"Yes!" answered Teacher Anne. "You can be a missionary by telling your school friends and your neighbors the Good News. Tell them that Jesus loves them and that He can forgive their sins. People all over the world need to hear the Gospel. That means even the people who live in your very own city.

"It doesn't matter how big or small you are, or where you live. What counts is that you are willing to follow Jesus anywhere and tell others about Him."

## Tell Others

What can we use to tell others about Jesus? Color red in the spaces that have a dot inside.



# Preparing for This Bible Lesson

## ***Parent's Corner***

Through this story of how Philip used God's power to witness to others, we want your child to learn that even young children can tell their friends about Jesus. The value of doing this can easily be visualized for your child.

Draw a simple diagram on a sheet of paper, beginning with a small circle at the top. Write your child's name inside the circle. Draw two more circles just below that circle, then draw a line from each of them to the top circle. Ask your child to suggest two people he might be able to tell about Jesus. Write their names in the two circles. Next, draw two more circles below each of the new circles, connecting them with lines also. Talk about these two people telling others the Good News they have heard. Write, in the new boxes, the names of others that these people might tell about Jesus. Continue to draw circles, until your paper is filled with people's names. When this is done, talk about how exciting it is to see the Good News of Jesus' love spreading throughout the world. How happy we are each time we use God's power to tell someone about Jesus.

## ***Time Together for Family Devotions***

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Mark 16:15

MONDAY: Luke 9:2

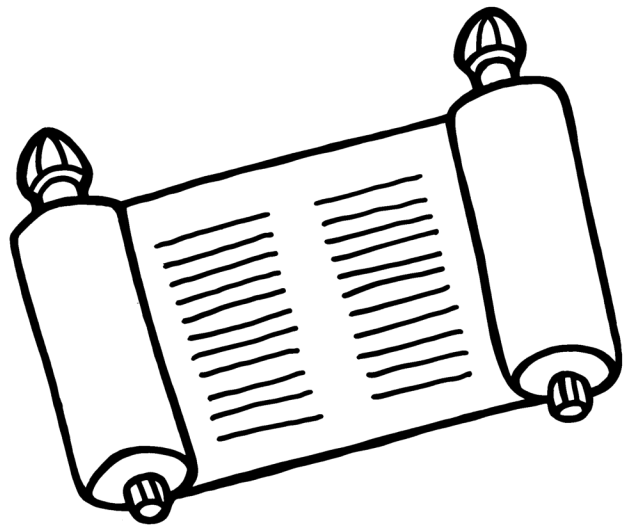
TUESDAY: Matthew 10:7,8

WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:20

THURSDAY: II Timothy 4:2

FRIDAY: Proverbs 11:30

SATURDAY: I Timothy 4:12



## ***Bible Text***

Acts 8:26-40

## ***Memory Verse***

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel  
to every creature. — Mark 16:15

# Philip Used God's Power

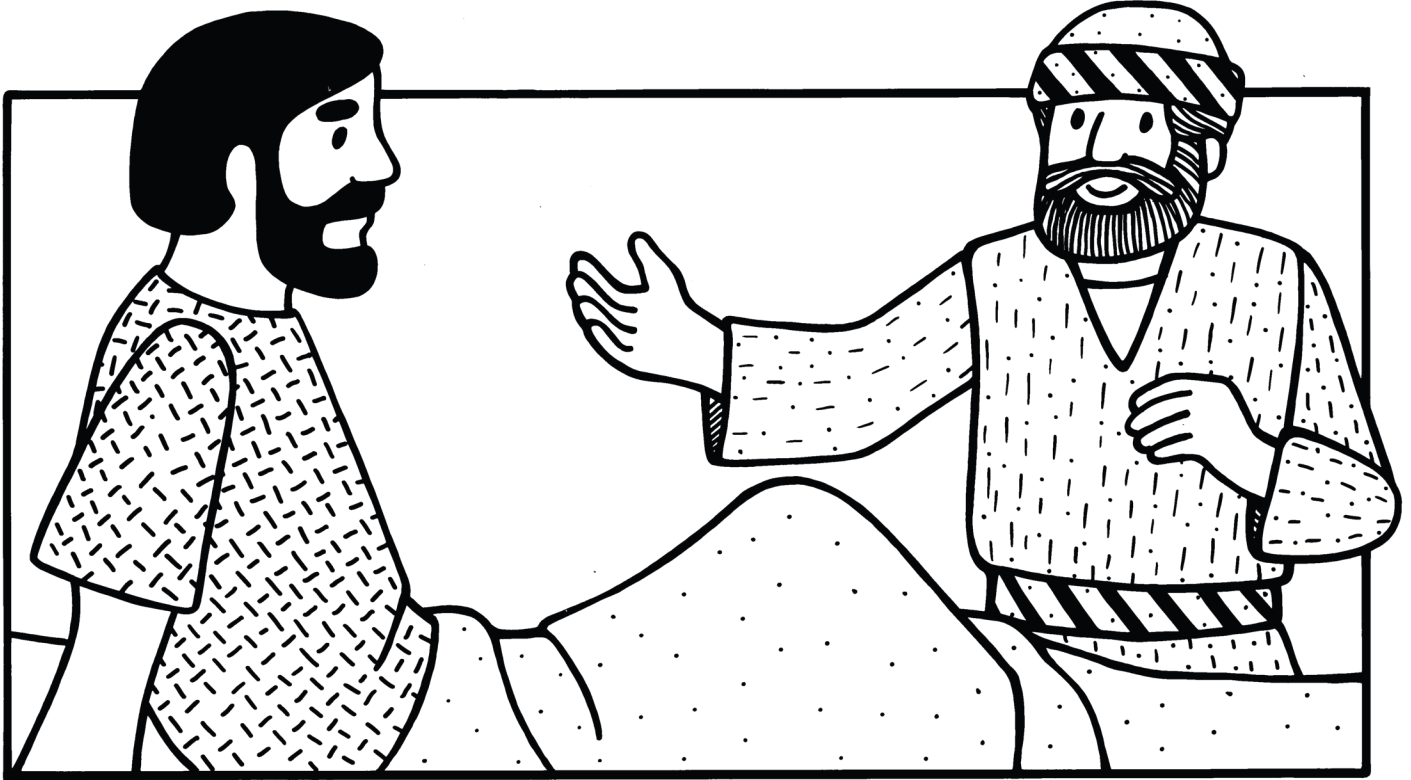
Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below. They are all from the Bible text which tells about Philip and the man from Ethiopia.

GAZA  
 READ  
 JESUS  
 WATER  
 DESERT  
 ESAIAS  
 PHILIP  
 SPIRIT  
 CHARIOT  
 PROPHET  
 WORSHIP  
 BAPTIZED  
 ETHIOPIA  
 PREACHED  
 JERUSALEM  
 REJOICING

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## Peter Uses God's Power

It was a very busy time for Jesus' helpers. They had received a wonderful power from God—the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now they were using that power to do God's work. Peter was one of God's busy helpers. He knew that people everywhere needed to know about Jesus. He traveled from city to city telling people that Jesus loved them.

One day Peter was in the city of Lydda. There he met a man who had been sick for a long time. The man had palsy and could not walk. He had been in bed for eight years! Peter went to the man and told him that Jesus would make him well. Then he told

the man, "Arise and make your bed."

At once the man got up! He could walk! He was well! He had been healed!

All the people in the city heard about the man. Everyone was so happy for him. Now they wanted to know Jesus. So they asked Jesus to forgive their sins and make them happy.

There was another city nearby called Joppa. In that city there lived a Christian woman named Dorcas. Dorcas worked all day long doing good things for many people. She made coats and other clothes for people who were too poor to buy them. Everyone

loved Dorcas because of her kind ways.

One day Dorcas got very sick. She was so sick that she died. The people of Joppa were sad at the loss of their dear friend.

Some of Jesus' followers had heard that Peter was nearby in the city of Lydda. Quickly, they sent two men to ask Peter to come to Joppa.

Peter returned with the men at once. When he entered the house, he went to a room upstairs. There Peter saw many of Dorcas' friends. The ladies cried while they showed him some of the beautiful clothes Dorcas had made.

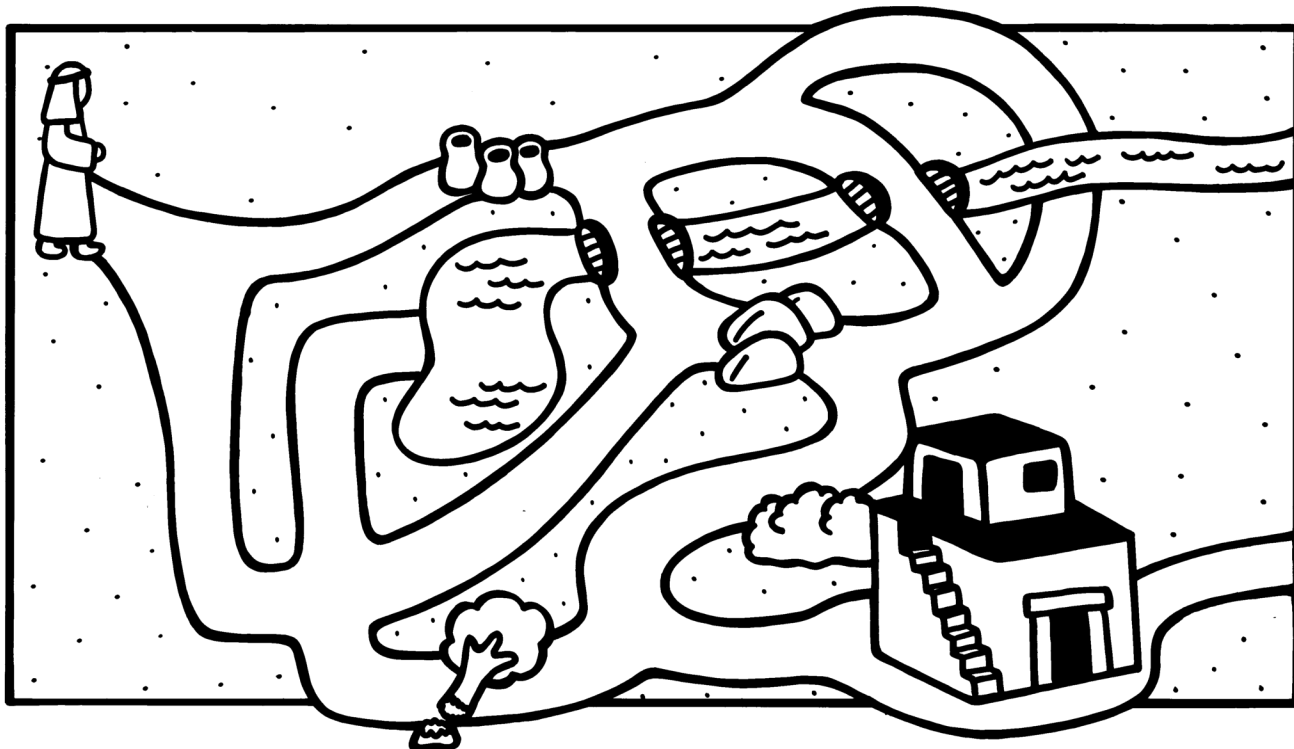
Peter told all the people to leave the room. When they were gone he knelt down and prayed. We don't know what

words Peter said but we know he was talking to God. He wanted Dorcas to be alive again. After Peter was through praying, he turned to Dorcas and said to her, "Arise." First, she opened her eyes! And then, when she saw Peter, she sat up! He took her hand and helped her to stand. Then he called all her friends and showed them that Dorcas was alive again. They were all so happy to see her! What a wonderful miracle God had done for their friend!

All the people who lived in the city of Joppa heard about this wonderful miracle. They could see that God had given power to Peter. Many of those people gave their hearts to God when they heard what he had done for their friend Dorcas.

## Which Way?

Help Peter find his way to Dorcas' home. Be careful of roadblocks.



# Preparing for This Bible Lesson

## ***Parent's Corner***

This lesson deals with how Peter worked for God. Help your child to understand that when we do good things for others, we are working for God just as Peter was. Discuss and make a list together of things a child can do for Jesus.

Here's an idea to help reinforce the concept of doing good. Early in the week, purchase an inexpensive cardboard puzzle (not too many pieces). Each time your child does something especially good, remind him that it is a part of working for Jesus. Reward him with a piece of the puzzle and encourage him to earn all the pieces so that he can have a complete puzzle to put together.

## ***Time Together for Family Devotions***

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Acts 9:34

MONDAY: Acts 4:13

TUESDAY: Acts 9:40

WEDNESDAY: Acts 3:6

THURSDAY: Luke 4:39

FRIDAY: Psalm 31:19

SATURDAY: Acts 5:15

# ARISE

## ***Bible Text***


Acts 9:32-42

## ***Memory Verse***

Jesus Christ maketh thee whole. — Acts 9:34

# Peter Worked for God


Miracles are gifts from Jesus. Many times God uses His helpers when He works miracles. Peter was one of God's helpers. Put the words below into the correct spaces to find out two of God's miracle gifts.



Died	Joppa
Live	Dorcas

\_\_\_\_\_ lived in the city of \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_,  
but when Peter prayed, Jesus caused her to \_\_\_\_\_ again.

Palsy	Aeneas
Lydda	Walked



\_\_\_\_\_ lived in the city of \_\_\_\_\_. For eight years he  
had \_\_\_\_\_. Peter told him Jesus had made him well and he  
\_\_\_\_\_ again.

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