

New lesson plans each Sunday

GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Peter and John

Today's story shows the wonders of Jesus and his amazing power to heal. During biblical times, poor people who needed assistance would sit by the gates of the temple and ask for help from people who passed by. People sometimes would give them money, food, or clothes. People during this time were instructed by Jesus to give to everyone who asked. In this story, a man crippled since birth is sitting by the temple gates and begging.

Then the man is healed. He joyously walks, leaps, and praises God. The man who was crippled has been healed and is able to walk. You may also encounter people who need help. You might not always know what to do. We can't always heal everyone, but we can help with a small task or help one person at a time. This story also includes amazement and surprise, which are common responses to these kinds of healings. Like many of the stories in this unit, there is great mystery in what happened, allowing you to wonder about Jesus and his teachings, healings, and ministry.

Faith Word

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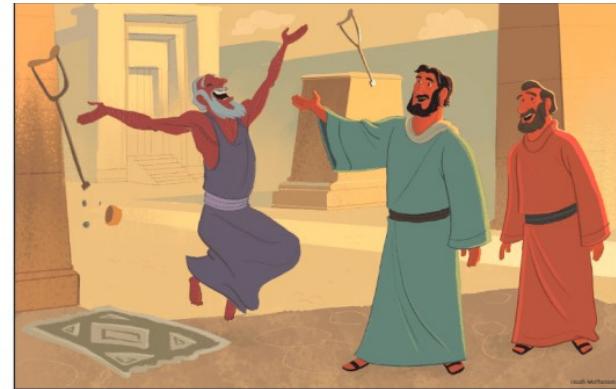
To offer God's blessings to others.

Wonder Question

How else can you share the love of Jesus with others?



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Jesus said, "Go and help others." Luke 10:37

Spiritual Practice

In the Bible story, we learn about a man who jumps for joy. He was healed. Can you jump for joy?

Each day this week, find something that makes you jump for joy. Share with your family something you are happy or joyful about and then jump up and down together.



Although we can't gather together, we can still gather with Christ.

We do miss our church family but the church is WHERE WE ARE!

Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.

Peter and John

Acts 3:1-26

Peter and John went to the temple to pray. As they were walking into the temple, they saw a man who could not walk. He was lying down by the temple gate. Every day the man sat there and begged people for money.

Peter and John entered the temple. The man saw Peter and John, and he asked them for money. Peter said, "I do not have money to give you, but I have a better gift. I can give you Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, get up and walk!" Peter took the man's right hand and helped him get up.

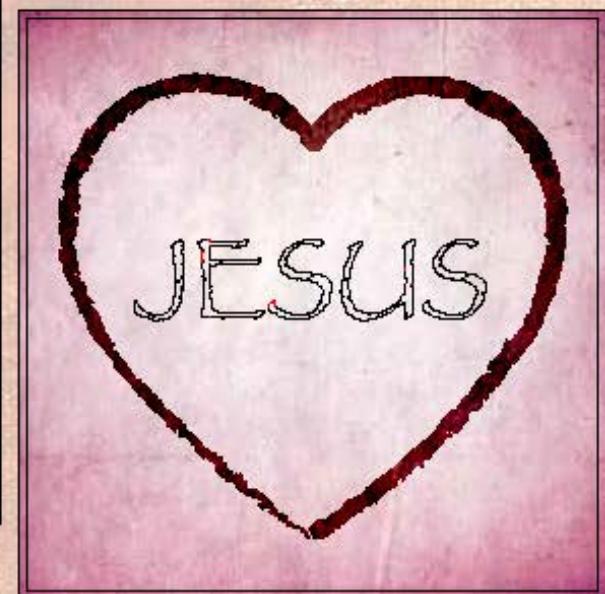
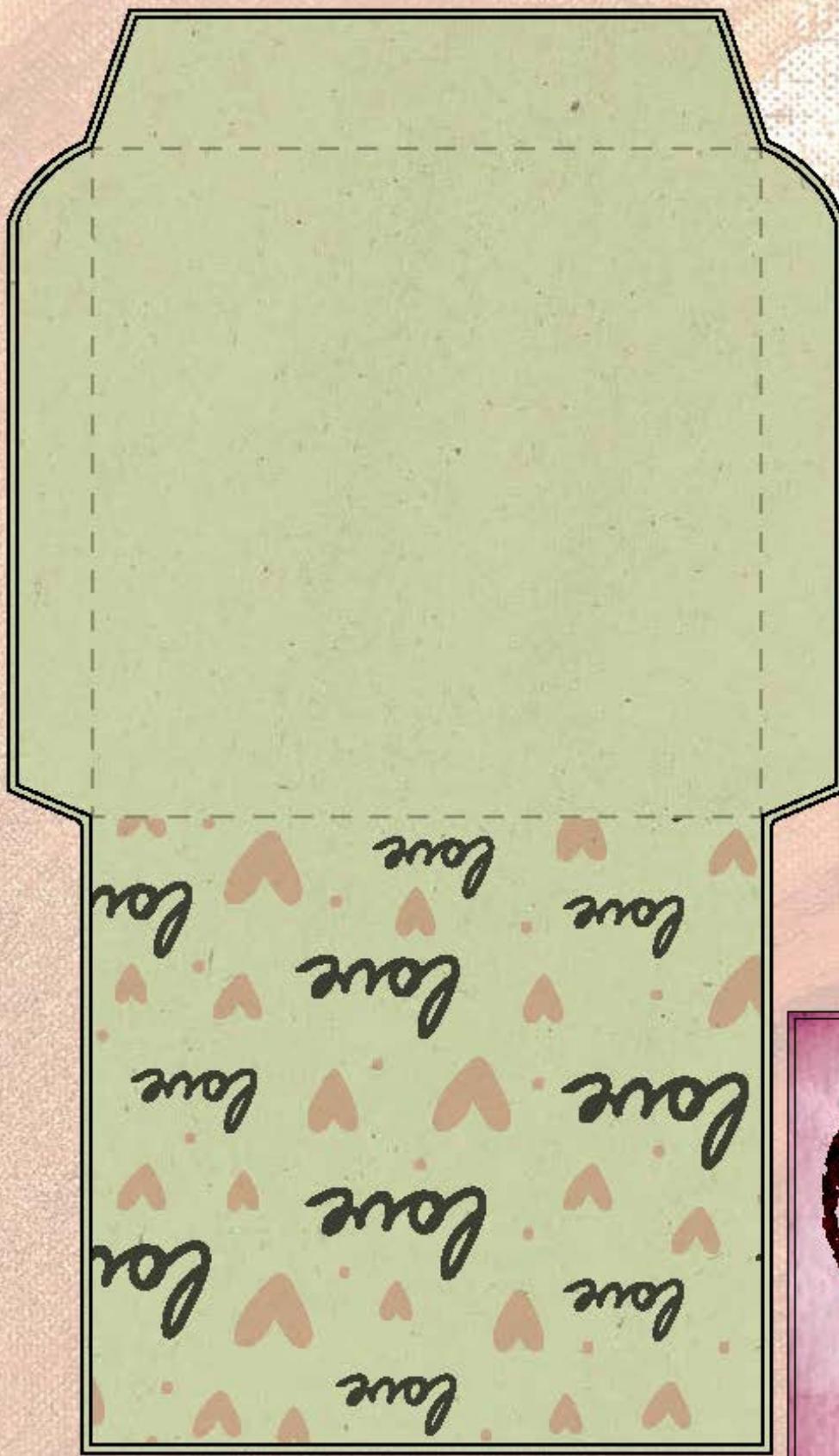
At once, the man's feet and ankles became strong, and he jumped up and started walking. The man went into the temple with Peter and John. Everyone who saw the man was amazed!



I wonder: When have you been amazed?

Peter and John Spread Love

CELEBRATE
WONDER
Session 7 • Ages 3–5



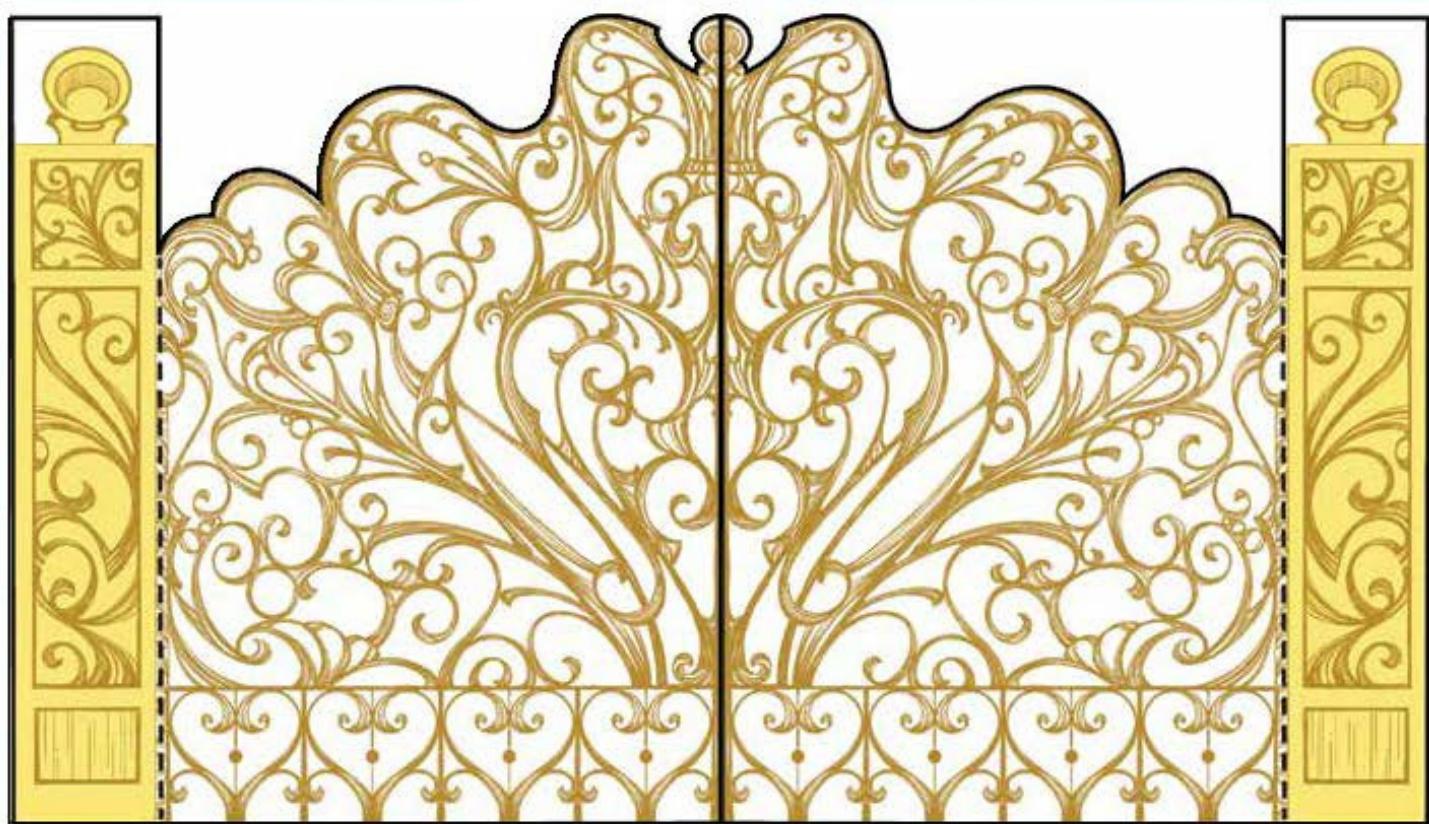
Instructions

1. Cut out the envelope and the Jesus card.
2. Fold the two side tabs on the dotted lines inward along the envelope template.
3. Fold the envelope in half, covering the folded tabs, and tape along the two sides.
4. Place the Jesus card inside the envelope, and fold down the top flap.

Peter and John

Open Gate

Cut out the gate and follow the directions below to assemble it.



**The community of believers
was one in heart and mind.**

Acts 4:32

Fold on
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lines.

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Peter and John

What Peter and John Shared

Assign roles and retell the story. Then respond to the story by answering the question on the following page.

Narrator 1: Peter and John were going up to the temple for prayer at three o'clock in the afternoon, the established prayer time.

Narrator 2: Meanwhile, a man who was crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day, people would place him at the temple gate known as the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for money from those going into the temple.

Narrator 1: When the man saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for money. They stared at him.

Peter: Look at us!

Narrator 2: The man looked at them, thinking they would give him money.

Peter: I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!

Narrator 1: Then Peter grasped the man's right hand and raised him up. At once the man's feet and ankles became strong, and he began walking around.

Man: (*Pantomime jumping up and walking around.*)

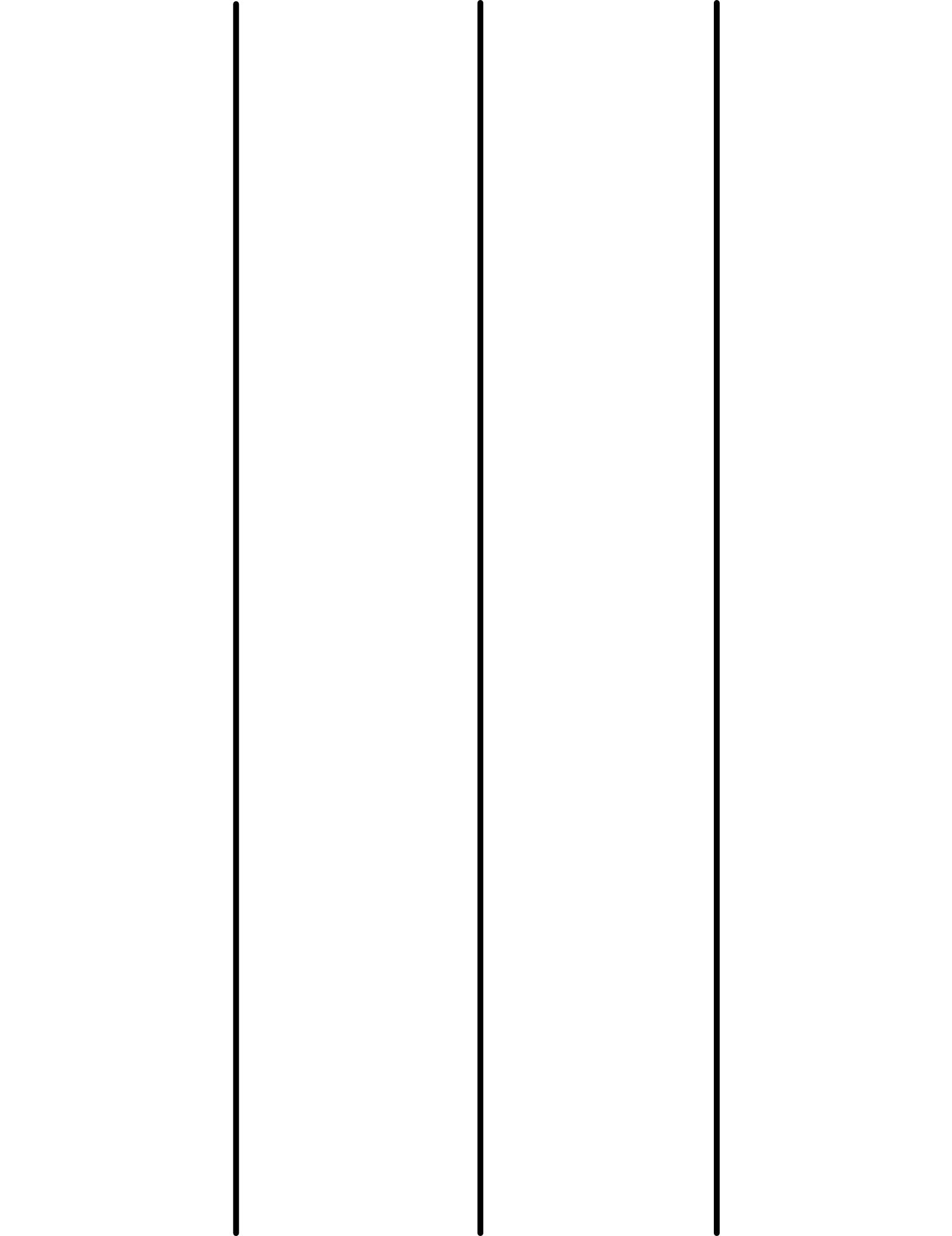
Narrator 2: The man entered the temple with Peter and John. He was walking, leaping, and praising God!

Man: (*Pantomime walking, leaping, and praising God.*)

Narrator 1: All the people in the community saw the man walking, leaping, and praising God. They recognized him as the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate asking for money. They were filled with amazement and surprise.

Community (class): (*Pantomime amazement and surprise.*)







LAKE OKOBOJI

UNITED METHODIST CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

<https://okobojicamp.com/>

Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp

Just off the shores of West Lake Okoboji lies more than 100 acres of beautiful camp retreat opportunities in the heart of the Iowa Great Lakes. Okoboji campers and retreat guests enjoy a wide variety of onsite activities such as archery, high ropes, go-karts, disc-golf, mountain boarding, canoeing, and so much more. At Okoboji Camp, Christ is shared through song, word, worship, and example by caring staff members. Lives are changed forever!

SHORT STACKS - AGES 6-9

The BIG event for 6-9 year-old campers is back and better than ever! Archery, parachutes, canoes, song and dance, sleepovers and wagon rides are just the beginning of your giant adventure. Bring a friend and sign up today!

ADVENTURE CAMPS

At Okoboji, Adventure Camp is the premier event! Available for youth ages 9-17, all participants can expect to stay in a cabin with age-appropriate campers and awesome adult leaders. All Adventure Camps include your choice of activities through the famous Journey program and Camp Quest. Each session offers an exciting theme and no matter what you choose you'll find an adventure like no other! Looking for an upgrade? Each session has options available for extra fun!

CAMPERSHIPS
MAKING CAMP HAPPEN

If your student would like to attend Grace UMC has camperships available to help cover the cost.

Camper Sunday is Sunday, April 25th!!



Grace Following service on April 25th, join us outside for an informational & fun meeting about Okoboji's 2021 Summer Camp opportunities; followed by Backyard Camp-Out activities!!

Day Camp - AGES 4-6 - 10A - 7P

A special day for our youngest campers. Come to camp, take a wagon ride, play games, hear a Bible story, make a craft and much more! Our caring staff can't wait to spend the day with you!

GUARDIAN & ANGEL CAMPS - AGES 4-6 W/ADULT 11A - 10:30A

Bring a special person in your life to camp this summer! Okoboji's Guardian & Angel camps provide an opportunity for young campers to come to camp with their favorite adult family member or friend. You will spend the whole day together as you swim in the lake, ride a canoe, shoot archery, hear Bible Stories, ride the go-karts and have a campfire complete with roasted marshmallows!



COVID-19 AND CAMP - <https://okobojicamp.com/covid19-camp/>

Overnight Camp and Day Camp at LOUMC provide an opportunity for youth and families to meet new people, learn and try new things, and grow in their faith with Christ. We want both campers and families feeling safe, comfortable and excited about their camping adventure.

WHAT MIGHT BE DIFFERENT DURING MY TIME AT CAMP THIS SUMMER BECAUSE OF COVID-19?

Most of what our campers love about camp will still be part of this summer's experiences. Many activities will take place with smaller groups and increased sanitation measures. With COVID-19 conditions and safety guidelines changing regularly, we won't know until closer to our camp dates the impact on what campers can do and how they may do it, including camp and cabin capacities, camper activities, use of common spaces, and group gathering sizes.

AT HOME WEEKLY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Parents Page

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Adult Spiritual Practice

This story can evoke confusion or questions from children about how this man was healed. It might even bring up questions about why this man was healed and others are not. This week, practice open-ended questions with children, because you don't always know what your kids might say. It is important to let children process even the hard stuff.

Here are some questions to try:

- When a child doesn't make the best choice: "What could you have done instead?"
- When a child has an idea: "How are you planning to do that?"
- When a child is upset: "What happened?"
- When a child can't let something go: "Why is it so important to you?"

Upcoming Date:



Grace UMC would like to extend an invite to participate on our VBS float on **May 20th, 2021** for the Morningside Days Parade.

We would love some walkers and riders of all ages!

We will be looking for some help with storage of our float and having fun with the decorations in May.

Please let us know if you are available or have a space we could use.



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Get ready to join the Knights of North Castle on a quest for the King's armor!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Vacation Bible School
June 6-10
Ages Pre-K – 5th Grade

Online Registration is open
April 16th and in person Registration forms available after church starting April 18th from 11AM- 12PM

Invite Friends to come along our Adventure!

At Grace United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School, we will head to the frozen northland where we will become brave knights who will learn to be strong in the Lord.

Kids from Pre-K – 5th Grade will have a great week exploring Old and New Testament stories as they discover the protective armor of God – the belt of truth, the breastplate of justice, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation. Music and art, science and recreation, storytelling, snacks, and more will combine for a high-energy week of fun and learning you won't want to miss. We always need a team of leaders at VBS. If you would like to lead an activity, assist with music, help with snacks, or decorate, please contact Brock or Tamera in our office at 712-276-3452 or email at Christianed@gracesiouxcity.org.