

Third Sunday of Easter



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One afternoon Peter and John were going to the temple to pray. A man lame from birth was carried in to lie at the temple gate called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from the temple visitors. When Peter and John walked toward the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter said, "Silver or gold I have none, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ, stand up and walk." And Peter took the man by the hand and raised him up; and immediately the man's feet and ankles were strong. Jumping up, he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people recognized him as the one who asked for alms at the Beautiful Gate; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Peter said to the people, "Why do you wonder at this? Do you think by our own power we made him walk? By faith in the name of Jesus, we have made this man strong, and it is Jesus who has given this man perfect health.

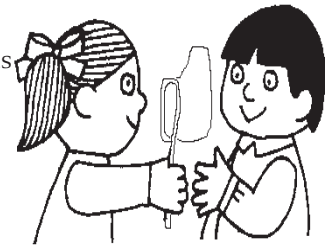
—Acts 3:1–16 adapted

Peter Heals like Jesus

Read the story about Peter healing the lame man from Acts 3:1-16 and *The Children's Illustrated Bible*. Discuss: What would it feel like to see someone being healed? What would it feel like to be healed? Would you be filled with wonder? Peter said that he and John didn't heal the lame man but rather Jesus healed him because of their faith. God has given us many wonderful things in our world. Some things seem like miracles. Do you wonder about things and how they happen? (Invite kids to share examples, such as why the stars twinkle, how the flowers open their petals.)

Blow bubbles using a wand. Discuss: Have you ever wondered how bubbles are formed from liquid soap? Each bubble is perfect, almost like a miracle. Bubbles are like Jesus' miracles. We don't always know how they happen, but we have faith in Jesus who does so many wondrous things. Invite kids to blow bubbles. See who can make the largest, smallest, or longest-lasting bubble.

Making miracles is easy when we invite God to help. Give each kid a self-adhesive label, and ask them to write a feeling they would like a healing for. Encourage them to think of a feeling they have rather than a specific situation. Have them stick the label on their shoulder. Then, with their bubble wands, have them blow bubbles on one another, sharing blessings with one another to feel the wonder of God. Ask afterward how the activity made them feel. Ask both the blessing giver and the blessing receiver.



The Giving Tree

Read about the tree who gave everything from *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein, then read Doctrine and Covenants 46:7c. Discuss: What gifts did the tree give to the boy? What gifts do you have to share? (giving money to the offering, sharing possessions with others, giving service to others and to the church, and giving our love to others). When we give, we share Jesus' love. Give each child a red heart, and have them write something they can give on it. Attach it to the tree to make a giving tree.



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Write gifts you have to share on the hearts below.

