



Lesson #2-30

PETER HEALS

Acts 3:1-10

**Key Verse:**

“I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.”

Acts 3:6

The Point:

What we do has the power to touch others with God's love.

Unit Theme (April 7—April 28)

God Works through Us

GIVING ALMS

Think of giving as worship.

Supplies:

† Bible

Instructions:

1. The man who Peter healed had been carried to the temple gate daily so that he might ask for gifts, or “alms” from worshippers. It was an important practice in Judaism to give to people in need as a part of their worship—an obligation of the faithful.
2. Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11. This commandment was deeply felt in the Jewish community. To care for those in need was part of the role of a righteous person. This is what led to people in need begging for gifts at the temple gate.
3. The man expected a gift of a few coins, but he never expected to be his situation to drastically change. Peter offered him healing and new life.
4. Often acts of charity are done out of guilt or out of a sense of superiority. Instead, we ought to remember that all we have is God's, and giving to those who are in need is a very real way of giving back to God.
5. In your small groups, discuss ways that you can “give alms” as a form of worship. Help each other come up with one specific way each of you can commit to giving back to God by giving to others.