

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

**DATE:** 12/13/20

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 3-4

**LESSON:** Peter Healed a Man



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we talked about when Jesus' disciples first received the Holy Spirit. Today we're going to hear about some of the things the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the power to do.

**Copy Dance** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Pick one person to get up front and make up a dance. Play a song and everyone else has to copy their dance as closely as possible for the length of the song. When they're done, let someone else be the leader.

**Say** - Today we're going to see Peter do something He saw Jesus do almost exactly. Like Peter's copying Jesus. God gives Christians His Spirit so we can live like Jesus.



## LESSON - PETER HEALED A MAN

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Peter Healed a Man](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus' Spirit gave Peter power.** (Kids repeat!)

What did Jesus' Spirit give Peter the power to do? Heal a man who couldn't walk, just by telling him to walk! Whoa. Did this story remind anyone else of a story we learned about earlier when Jesus healed a different man who couldn't walk? Remember the story of the man who was lying beside the pool for years and years until Jesus told him to get up and walk?! Jesus was healing people with His words and His power when He was with the disciples. And guess what? He's still with them just in a different way! Now they have His spirit, INSIDE of them. Jesus' spirit gave Peter the power to heal the man in the same way that Jesus healed people. But that's not all...

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**Peter told others about Jesus' power.** (Kids repeat!)

Jesus' Spirit also gave Peter the power to preach the gospel. Do you know what it means to "preach the gospel?" It's telling others about how much Jesus loves them and all He did to save us and forgive us from our sins.

The religious leaders wanted to know how Peter healed the man? Peter told them it was Jesus' power. Don't forget! These are the same leaders who rejected and had Jesus killed. Do you think they liked Peter going around healing people and telling them about how powerful Jesus is? NO! They surely did not. So they ordered Peter and the other disciples to stop talking about Jesus! But the disciples were filled with Jesus' Spirit and they couldn't be quiet about Him. Jesus rescued them from sin and death, and they *had* to tell others so that they could be rescued from sin and death, too.

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**Peter prayed for God to keep giving them His Spirit and power.** (Kids repeat!)

The religious leaders did *not* believe that Jesus came back to life or that He was filling the disciples with His Spirit and power. And the leaders had their own power...

They had the power to get the disciples in trouble. But guess what? Peter and John knew that Jesus' power was greater! Peter and John went and met with some others who *did* believe in Jesus. They all prayed together that Jesus would keep filling them with His Spirit and His power, and that He would help them not to be afraid of the leaders. They knew they needed Jesus' Spirit and power inside of them to do the things they couldn't do on their own, the things that God wanted them to do. I wonder what all of that might mean for us...

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus gives His believers His Spirit and power.** (kids repeat)

When we believe in Jesus, He fills us up with His Spirit and power, too! We need Jesus' Spirit to help us do the things God calls us to do. What are some of those things? Loving others and being kind, forgiving people when they hurt us, sharing with others, giving God glory instead of ourselves. Those things can be really hard to do right? We can't be the people God wants us to be on our own, but God knew that! That's why He fills us up with Jesus' Spirit and power, so we can have a Helper who helps us live life the way God designed us to.



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [Life and Godliness](#)  
[James 1:5](#)

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you that You never leave us alone. Thank you for filling us up with the Holy Spirit who helps us. Please keep filling us up more and more with Jesus' Spirit and power so that we can do the things You call us to do. Help us to tell others about how wonderful You are. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What did Jesus' Spirit give Peter the power to do? *Heal, preach the gospel*
- What does "preach the gospel" mean? *Tell others about what Jesus did*
- Who is the most important person to listen to? *God*
- What do we need to pray for Jesus' Spirit to help us do?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out. If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of Peter healing the man.

**Parent Share** - Talk about a time when You needed the Holy Spirit to help you do something He was calling you to, big or small! We want our kiddos to know that we ask for, need and rely on Jesus' help even in the little things.

**Mirror, Mirror** - Two people sit facing each other and hold their hands out in front of them with their palms facing the other - each player's hands should be close to the other person's but not touching. Take turns leading and following. The object is for the leader to move their hands and for the follower to imitate as exactly as possible.