

## **Family Worship Response**

### **Elementary**

**Purpose:** It was three o'clock in the afternoon on what seemed to be an ordinary day. Peter and John were going to the temple for their usual prayer time. A man who was crippled from birth was carried to the temple gate for his daily time to beg. But God's Holy Spirit was about to move. As the man asked Peter and John for money, suddenly, Peter declared healing for this man in Jesus' Name. The man leaped up and, for the first time in his life, was able to enter the temple to praise God! What made the difference? God's Holy Spirit awakened Peter and John to the need around them. Then, the Holy Spirit gave them power to accomplish healing in Jesus' Name. How many needs are around you today that you've never noticed? How many times have you felt the desire to do something to help but lacked courage?

**Supplies for Activity:** *for each person*

- Journal or paper (younger students can draw a picture)
- Pen, crayons, or markers
- Bible

**Activity:**

- Put on some worship music such as "Break Every Chain", "Spirit Breakout" or "Open the Eyes of My Heart".
- Read the following passages:
  - o Psalm 25:4-5: "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long."
  - o John 16:13: "But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come."
- Ask God to show open your eyes today to see the needs around you.
- Write down any thoughts you have about what God is saying to you or just discuss this as a family.
- Pray for God's Holy Spirit to give you power to do what He wants you to do today.

## **Family Discussion**

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**God Statement:** The Holy Spirit is Powerful

**Family Verse:** Philippians 3:10a "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings..."

**Blessing:** Family, may you know that God gave you the gift of the Holy Spirit because He loves you so much. May you rely on the Holy Spirit to give you the power to live for God every day!

**Discussion Questions: (Acts 3-4: Encourage children to look up the verses!)**

1. How did God use Peter in the beggar's life? Acts 3:6-8  
(Peter saw the man's need and healed the man in Jesus' Name).
2. How did God use the beggar's healing to bring others to Him? Acts 3:9-10, 4:4  
(People were astonished, praised God, and thousands became Jesus' followers!)
3. How does God use people today? 1 Peter 4:10 and James 5:16  
(The same way! God uses the gifts He gives us to serve others!)
4. How are you able to hear God's voice? John 14:26  
(The Holy Spirit helps us hear God's voice.)
5. How have you seen God's power at work in your life or the life of someone else?

**Prayer Time:** Take time for prayer requests or praise reports (something you are thankful that God has done). Afterwards, take time to pray as a family.

# Family Activity

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### **The Holy Spirit is Powerful Activity Purpose:**

Acts 1:8: (Jesus said) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

God loves everyone and He is always working to bring people back into relationship with Himself. He sent Jesus to take away our sins that separate us from Him. When we declare Jesus as Lord of our lives, He sends His Holy Spirit to live in us. The Holy Spirit not only changes our lives, but He also gives us power to bring His Kingdom to earth!

In our lesson today, Peter and John met the deepest need of the man who begged for a living. The man asked for money that would've provided temporary help, but God wanted this man to be healed! Peter, combined with God's Holy Spirit, helped bring God's Kingdom to earth through the powerful Name of Jesus.

In our activity today, we'll see how a few chemicals combined can bring a powerful reaction!

### **Supplies Needed:** (You choose: one per person or one demonstration for everyone)

- Empty water bottle
- 1 Balloon
- 1 funnel
- 1 cup of vinegar
- 1/3 cup of baking soda

### **Action:**

Have someone try to blow up the balloon alone (don't get it wet inside!)

Say, "Sometimes it's hard to blow up a balloon. But it's easy with some help!"

- Stretch the balloon over the end of the funnel and pour into it the baking soda.
- Rinse off the funnel and use it to pour the vinegar into the empty bottle.
- Gently stretch the opening of the balloon over the top of the bottle. Make sure the balloon is hanging down at the side to keep the baking soda from falling in.

Say, "Let's see what happens when we lift the balloon..."

- Lift the balloon to allow the baking soda to fall into the vinegar.
- Watch how the balloon begins to inflate!

Say, "Just like this balloon needed help to be what it was made to be, we need the Holy Spirit to give us power to be whom God created us to be!"