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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

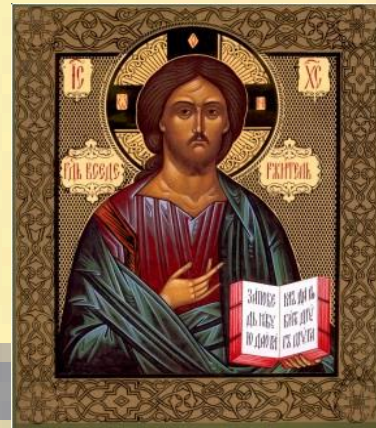
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



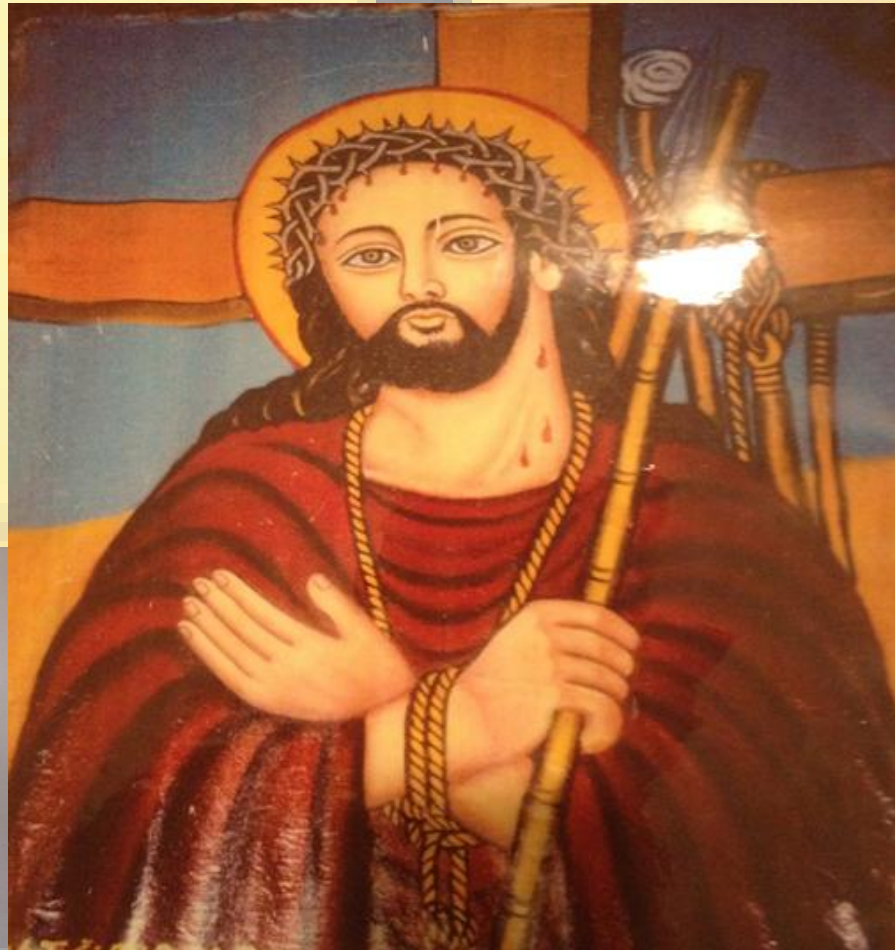
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



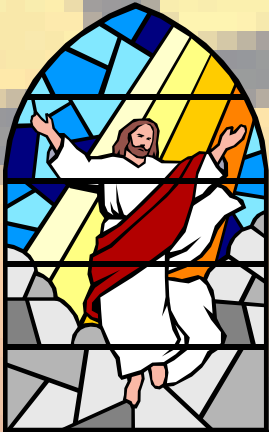
MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

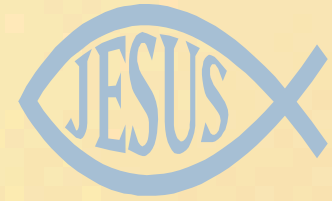
Recite Last week's memory verse

“ Love your neighbor as yourself “.

(Luke 10:27)

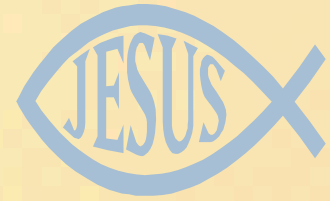


Review



1. What did the lawyer asked Jesus Christ our Lord?
 - What shall I do to inherit eternal life.
2. In Jesus' story where was the man going?
 - From Jerusalem to Jericho
3. Who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead?
 - Thieves.
4. Who came down and saw him first and Did he help?
 - A priest came down the road but he passed by on the other side.
5. Did the second man who came by the Levite help him?
 - No he did not he came and looked but passed him.
6. Who came the third time and did he help the wounded?
 - A Samaritan and when he saw him he had compassion

Review



7. What did the Samaritan man do?




- He bandaged his wounds, pour oil and wine and put him on his donkey to take him to an inn.

8. What did the Samaritan told the inn keeper the next day?

- He told him to take care of him until he returns



Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

The Apostles Courage & heroism



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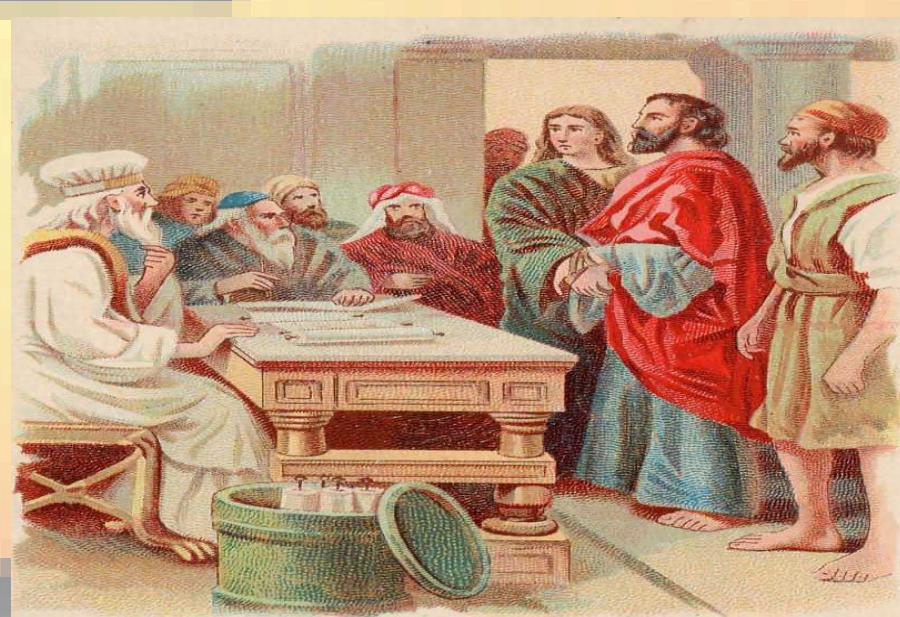
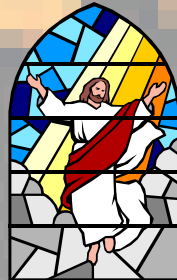
Memorize today's Verse

“For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved”

(Acts 4:12)



Practice this verse again during the week.



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THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN.
Acts 4: 1-14.
THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED.

Objective

To demonstrate Christian Courage



The lame man

- One day, Peter and John went together at the temple at the 3rd hour = 9 am to pray.
- There was a man lame from birth begging at the door of the temple.



Rise and Walk

- The man stretched out his hand to Peter and John expecting to get some money.
- Instead Peter looked at the man, and he healed him in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth saying “Rise and Walk”
 - Peter took the man by his hand and helped him get up.



“Such as I have give I thee.”—*Acts iii. 6.*

The joy of a miracle

- At once his legs became strong and he began to walk for the first time in his life.
- The man was so thankful and happy that he did not want to leave Peter and John
 - He went with them into the temple walking, shouting and praising God because he healed him.



ST. PETER AND ST. JOHN AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. . . . (Acts 3: 6)

Hearing = Believing

- The news of the miracle spread
- Everyone who saw him asked:
“How was he healed?”
- People gathered around Peter and John and the lame man who was healed.
- Peter preached to them, that when they hear and see the miracle they might believe and become part of the growing church of Christ.



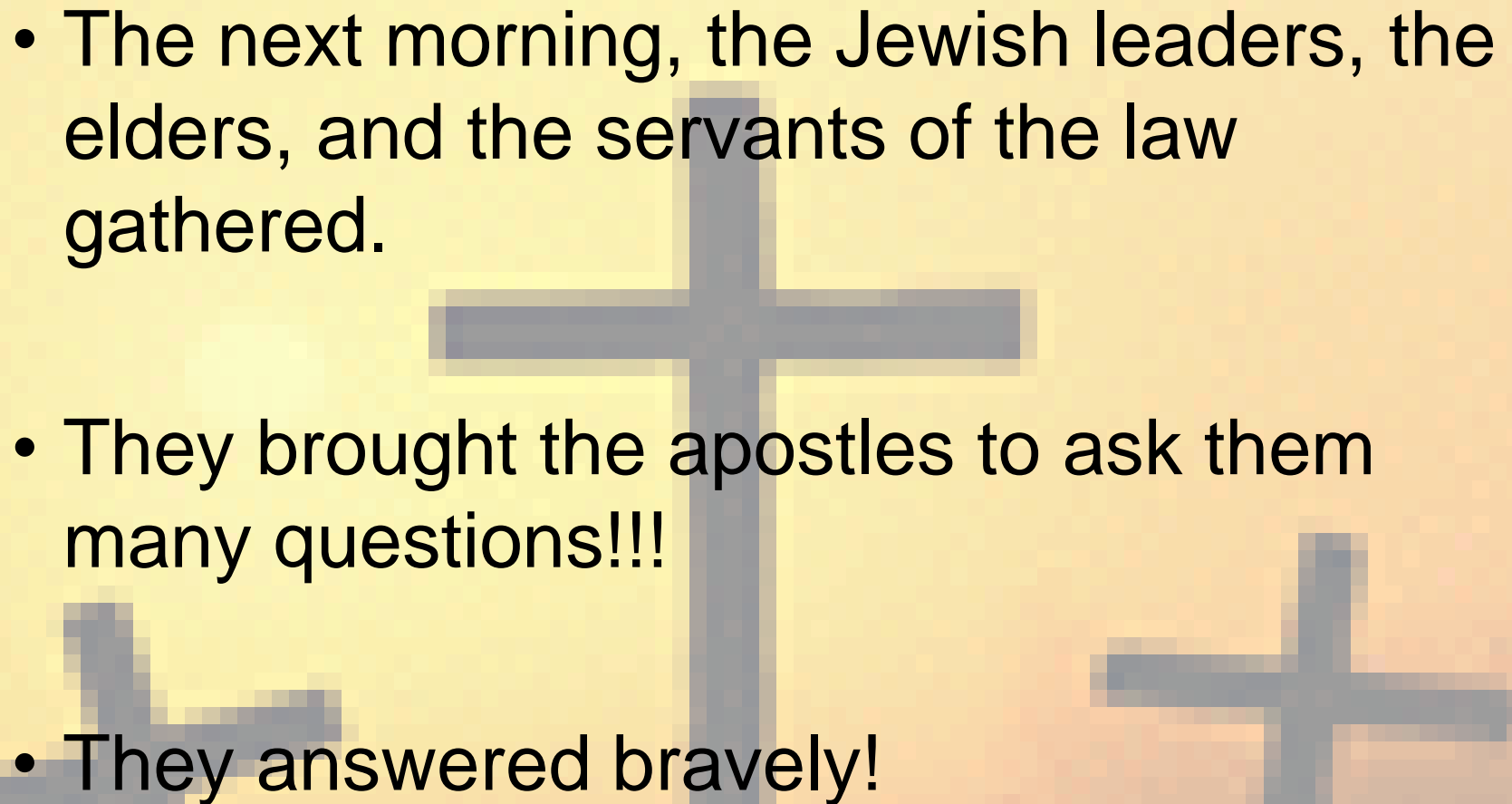
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In prison for the Lord

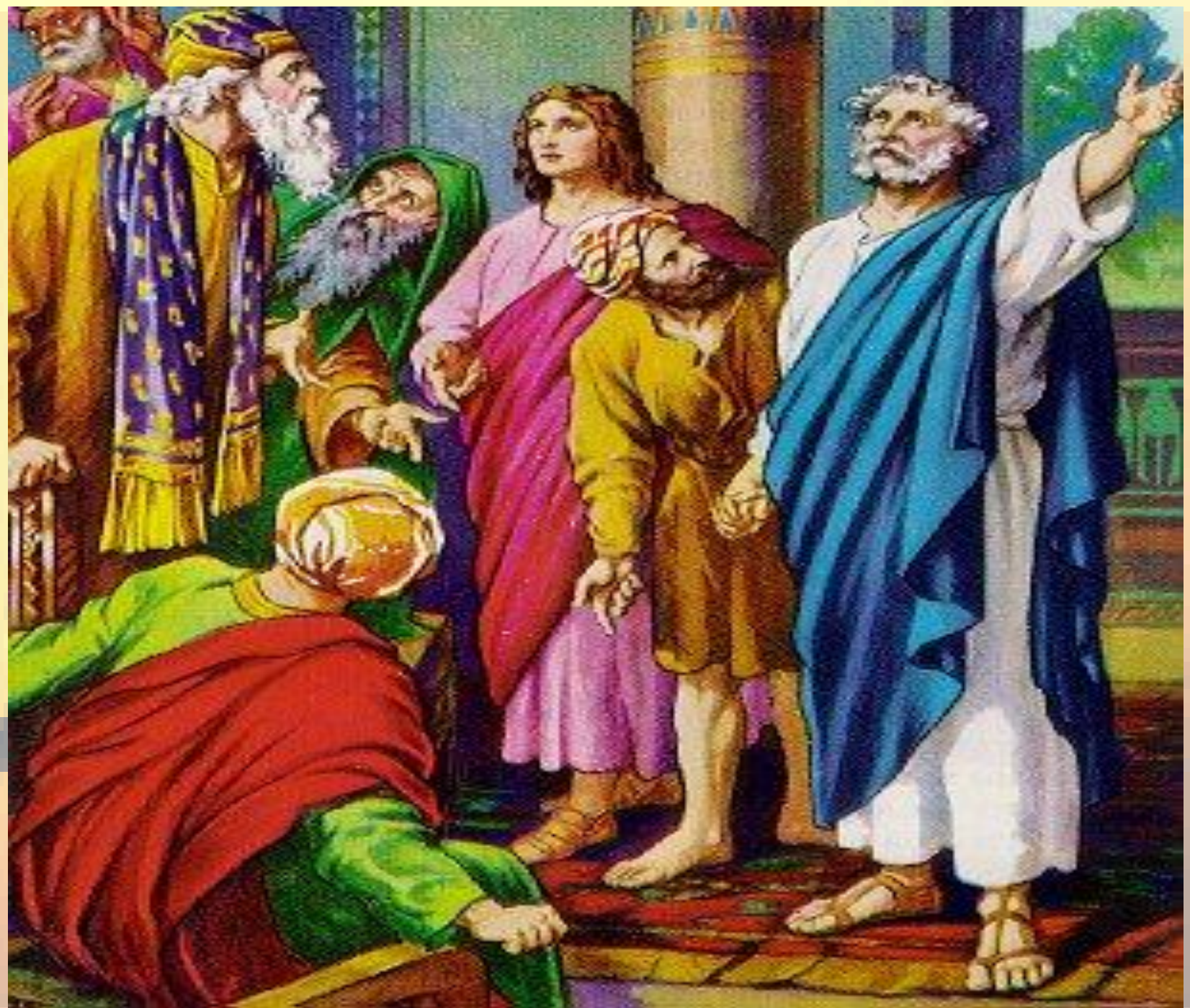
- The Pharisees did not like Peter and John preaching about Jesus Christ.
- They came and arrested them and took them to spend a night in prison.
 - They wanted to scare them and keep them silent.



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- The next morning, the Jewish leaders, the elders, and the servants of the law gathered.
 - They brought the apostles to ask them many questions!!!
 - They answered bravely!

Questioning

- Jews: “What is your name?”
- Peter: “Peter, a Christian”
- Jews: “What is your name?”
- John: “John, a Christian”
- Jews: “ how was the lame man healed?”
- Peter and John: “**In the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth whom you crucified and God raised Him from the dead on the third day and there is salvation in no one else.
 - The leaders were amazed
- Jews: “what was your job?”
- Peter and John: “ We are fishermen”



The Leaders were troubled

- The Leaders sent them out, and started discussing among themselves.
 - What shall we do with these men?
 - How did they have so much confidence?
 - They must stop preaching
 - What shall we do with the lame man who was healed?
 - He is standing with them as proof of the truth of the miracle.
 - We must threaten them and warn them.



No FEAR

- The leaders threatened the apostles:
 - “Under no condition should you speak or teach in the name of Jesus .”
- The apostles were not shaken:
 - “We cannot obey this order.”
 - “You yourselves judge which is right in God’s sight, to obey you or to obey God. For we cannot stop speaking of what we ourselves have seen and heard.”
 - **“The Lord is with us and we are not afraid of threats.”**



Courage and Power

- The leaders were annoyed
- They set Peter and John free because they feared the people who loved them.
- Peter and John went to the other disciples and told them what happened.



Prayer

- They prayed together so that the Lord might give them courage and power to speak about the Lord Jesus in public.
- “And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God.” (Luke 12:8)
- “He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.” (Revelation 3:5)

Think about it?

- What is the secret behind the courage of Peter and John?
 - Their faith in Jesus Christ
- Our Lord Jesus gives each of one of his children gifts to use for his glory
 - What are some of your gifts?
- Lets pray for all the ministers of this Good News = So the Gospel can reach to the whole world.

Conclusion

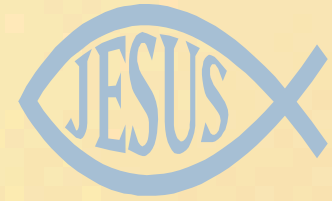
- The apostles were not afraid of men!!
- They knew that God was with them supporting them through miracles and so they had confidence!!!
- They were certain that men can not harm them except through the will of God.
- They were brave = strong in confessing the faith with no hesitation or shame.

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Pop Quiz



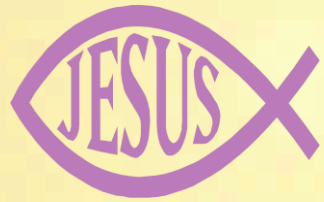
1. What are the names of the two apostles?
 - *Peter and John*
2. Who used to sit at the gate of the temple? Why?
 - *The lame man begging*
3. What did the two apostles give him?
 - *Not money, but a miracle of healing in the name of Jesus Christ*
4. Why did the man stick with them?
 - *He was thankful and so happy to be healed.*



The End

Next Week

We will learn about The Lord
is a Good Shepherd.





May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

