

LET'S GO!

LESSON 4: TROUBLE! – ACTS 3-4



Along the way...

LEARN GOD'S WORD

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

- ACTS 1:8

TALK TO GOD

Dear God,
Sometimes it's not easy, but I want to do what you want me to do. Help me to remember to talk to you. Help me to listen to you and obey. AMEN

be joyful... be encouraged... be brave

Share the journey...
Parent/Child Activity

Today, the kids learned that it is more important to please God than to please people.

During the week, use this idea to help guide your kids in good decision making. Look for opportunities to ask your kids, "What would Jesus want you to do?" It's not about how we feel, it's not about pleasing people, it's all about honoring God with our words and actions.

Pray with your kids. Encourage them to be joyful and brave.



I wonder...

Introduction

Do you know what it means to be lame? (unable to walk). In God's story today, a lame man asks Peter and John for help. I wonder how Peter and John will help the lame man?

Where to...

Story

Read TROUBLE! from The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible, Harvest House Publishers (page 546). Or tell the story of Peter Heals a Lame Beggar/Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin from **Acts 3-4**.

Get packed...

Activity

Play a game of GOD OR PEOPLE

Write the word PEOPLE on a sheet of paper and write the word GOD on another paper. Put the papers on the wall a bit of a distance apart where the kids can see them. You will have some examples of decision to make that you will read to the kids. Tell the kids to listen to what you read then decide if it is something God would have them do or something people would have them do. If they think it is something people would say, they should stand by the PEOPLE sign. If it's something they think God would say, they should stand by the GOD sign.

Examples:

Listen to my parents

Do whatever I want

Clean up my toys

Make a mess in my room

Be kind to my friends

Help my parents with things that need to be done

Sit in front of the tv all morning

Share with my friends

Keep all my stuff for myself

Say mean things

Come up with some examples of your own. Let the kids think of some examples, too!

Let's go!

Application

The religious leaders got mad when Peter and John helped the lame man. Peter asked, "What do you think would be right – for us to do as men say, or as God tells us?" It's not always easy, but we should do what God tell us to do.