# Discussion Questions Course 405-3 Large Group

1. What is the answer to any trouble we may face?

# **Teaching**

Signpost #1

- 1. When Peter was arrested, what did the other followers of Christ do?
- 2. Did Peter seem to be very anxious in prison? Was he up all night worrying? Signpost #2
- 1. The apostles knew someone who helped them stay strong—someone who is stronger than all the problems of the world. Do you know who that is?
- 2. Peter looked into his eyes and gave the man what he had—the love and power of Jesus. What did the man do?
- 3. The man wanted to be healed physically—yet Jesus gave him far more. What did Jesus do?
- 4. In our Bible story today, when Peter healed the man who was lame, did he do it in his own name?

### **SuperVerse**

- 1. Why is it so hard to be patient in times of trouble?
- 2. Our SuperVerse tells us to do three things. What are they?
- 3. In the Bible story, what did the lame man do when he was healed by Peter through the power of Jesus?

#### **Praver**

- 1. Peter and the other apostles faced danger and persecution. They endured suffering and hardships. Was this because they sinned or disobeyed God?
- 2. Peter wrote two books of the Bible. Can you guess their names?

#### **Additional Activities**

#### Craft

1. If you were here for a previous lesson, how did Gizmo locate Peter in prison?

# **Bible Study**

# 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- 1. In verse 16, what happens to our physical bodies as we get older?
- 2. Is it the same with our spirits?
- 3. Our natural, physical bodies eventually grow weaker and wear out as we get older—but not our spirits. Why?
- 4. In verse 17, how are our natural or physical bodies like the troubles we face?
- 5. When you are young, 80 or 90 years old seems long; but, compared to eternity or forever with God, it is very short. How does God's glory compare to life's troubles?
- 6. According to verse 18, what should we focus on?
- 7. What is the difference between the troubles now and the things we cannot see?

#### 1 Peter 1:6-8

- 1. In verse 6, what can we look forward to in the future?
- 2. What must we go through for a while?
- 3. In verse 7, what does enduring trials show about us?
- 4. What is the testing of our faith with trials compared to?
- 5. Fire burns out the impurities and purifies the gold. How is this like our faith?
- 6. How valuable is true faith?
- 7. What is the reward for true faith?
- 8. In verse 8, what do we do even though we don't see Jesus with our natural eyes?

#### Romans 8:35-38

- 1. When problems arise, does it mean that you have done something wrong, or that God doesn't love you?
- 2. Look at verse 36—what does Jesus sometimes call us as believers and what does He call Himself?
- 3. Does a shepherd leave his sheep when danger comes?
- 4. Verse 36 is referring to Psalm 44:22. What do you think this is talking about in regard to our life on the earth?
- 5. In the Bible story, who did Herod kill?
- 6. Who was Herod planning to also kill to please the Jews?
- 7. In verse 37, even though we face troubles, danger, persecution, and other hardships—what do we have through Christ?
- 8. In verse 38, name the things that cannot separate is from God's love. Death, life, angels, demons, fears for today, worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell.
- 9. Does this study change the way you view trials and hardships; explain.