

Peter's Escape from Prison: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I will freely give what I receive.

SuperVerse: Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" Acts 3:6 (NLT)

Bible Story: Acts 3:1–11; Acts 12:1–19

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Peter and John freely gave of what they had to the man who was lame. They also freely shared the Gospel of Jesus. God has freely given us so many things—even some things we may not realize!

- Superbook transports Joy, Chris and Gizmo back in time to meet Peter, Rhoda, Mary, and other followers of Jesus. The children learn how the power of prayer can lead to miraculous changes.
- In today's Bible Background video we'll learn more about Peter and his escape. We'll also find out about Herod Agrippa and his family who seemed to always conflict with Jesus and His followers.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Don't Keep It to Yourself! (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to give what you have received.

- Peter freely gave what he had—the authority and power of Jesus to heal and set the man free! We have received that same authority and power. These balloons represent just a few of the many blessings, riches and gifts we continually receive from God.

Game Instructions:

- One of the end players on both teams puts a balloon on their plates and then carefully passes it to the next player's plate. That player passes it to the next player, and so on. The balloon is received and given this way until it reaches the player at the other end of the line.

Teaching: Soak and Share (15 minutes)

Objective: Demonstrate how we should receive and then give.

- Peter and John were on the way to worship in the Temple. They didn't ignore or push the beggar aside—they shared what they had, the love and power of Jesus! Giving is good; but, we it is important to give with a generous and kind heart that is pleasing to God.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- In our next challenge on Card #2, you will read and discuss Hebrews 13:16. You are also challenged to find a family with a need in your neighborhood, at school, or in church and then pray each day for them.

SuperVerse: Superbook Correction (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- We must never underestimate what we have to give others in the name of Jesus! We carry priceless gifts from God inside our hearts—far more valuable than silver or gold!
- As children cover their eyes, use the list to change one word of the SuperVerse on the board to alter the meaning of the verse, then have the children look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word should be fixed. Write in the correct word, then repeat the process.

Prayer: Giving Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- God is generous with us so we can be generous with others.
- Today, we will begin our prayer by thanking God for all the blessings that He freely gives us. I'll open with a short prayer and say something I'm thankful for, then we will go around the circle and each of you will thank God for something that He has given freely to you. You simply need to say a word or two, such as "My home," or "Food."

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Match Game: Play a game to identify what we have to give. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Object Lesson: Discuss giving to others what we have received. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Coloring Activity: Color a picture of the lame man's healing. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Activity: Discuss Bible verses about people who gave freely. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Four boxes—each large enough to hold three inflated balloons
- Twelve round balloons—plus extras for breakage
- Paper plates—one per child plus extras

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three dry sponges; if possible, two should be very thin sponges that greatly expand when wet
- Large bowl of water
- Clear glass or plastic pan, dry
- Two towels
- Table
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- House of Prayer Page
- Cardstock
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App