

# ACTS CHAPTERS 5:17-42

## Boldness in Suffering for the Gospel



**5** 2-Year-Olds - Kindergarten  
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**Teacher Tip.** Some of your preschoolers may know very few adults in the church. Even if your church is not very large and most families know one another, the twos and threes may know the pastor and other adults only by sight, not as people who care about children and want them to learn about Jesus. That's why we suggest helping your class learn the names of the church workers who care about them and encouraging your pastor to visit with the children. Whomever you choose to visit your classroom, chat with them ahead of time about the length and purpose of the visit. Have them say two or three sentences about themselves and why they like to help children learn about Jesus. Suggest showing an object or talking about a picture to hold the students' attention, speaking in simple words and sentences.

**Going on an Adventure Map.** Cover a large portion of one wall with white butcher paper approximately 4' high and 10' long. On the paper draw a simple map of the Mediterranean area including all the areas where Paul's journeys will take him. This map will be left up for the remainder of the book of Acts. Show the children where today's Bible Adventure will take place (Jerusalem) and label the cities, countries, and bodies of water. The children can color the water areas with blue crayons, making waves. Show the children a picture from your Bible and how you are trying to copy that picture onto your big piece of paper.

**Overnight in Jail.** Cover a large box with white butcher paper and draw black lines on it to represent a jail. Leave two open ends so the children can crawl through the "jail." If you have your temple box from last week, bring it also. Twos and threes will love to just crawl through the boxes and play in them. As the children go through the "temple" and "jail," say, "The apostles were teaching about Jesus at the temple. The apostles were put in jail by the jealous temple leaders." Explain the difference between the temple and a jail.

**God Heals Activity Page (2.ACT05ECGF1).** Supplies: GF1 picture of people, small Band-Aids, and crayons. Give a GF1 picture and three Band-Aids to each child. Tell the children, "God healed the man who couldn't walk. (*Put a Band-Aid on his leg while you are saying this.*) You can put a Band-Aid on his leg, too." Do this for the blind man (eye) and deaf man (ear). Then let the children color the picture. Talk about how God is so powerful that He can make people well. "In our Bible Adventure today, we will hear about a lot of sick people who were coming to the apostles to hear about how God could make them well."

**“I Will Build My Church” Puzzle.** Bring large poster board, a marker, and tape. Draw a large church on the poster board; the more detail, the better. Cut out the church, then cut it in several pieces. For two-year-olds, cut the poster board into four pieces. For three-year-olds, cut the puzzle into five, six, or seven pieces. Draw or tape a person on each piece of poster board. Put tape on the back or edge of each piece. Give each child a piece of the church. On a flat surface or wall, try to “build” the church back into its original shape. Emphasize teamwork. When the church puzzle is completed, talk about how Jesus’ church is built of individual people. “Let’s sing the ‘Apostle Song’ from the song section, remembering how God was building His church family in Jerusalem.”

**Sneaking under the Bars.** Ask two children to hold up either end of a broomstick that has several strips of black plastic bag or crepe paper hanging down from it. Talk about how this looks a little like a jail with bars. The rest of the children line up and try to crawl under the black bars without touching them. Line up on the other side and try again. “In our Bible Adventure today, we will hear about two of the apostles who get out of jail, but they don’t have to crawl. I wonder how they get out of jail?”

**Playing with Locks.** At a table, provide several padlocks or other locked items like a suitcase or box that you might have at home. Allow children to unlock and lock them. Tell the children to listen for a lock in the Bible Adventure today.

**Jail Gate.** Supplies needed: craft or popsicle sticks and liquid glue. Make a “jail” gate with sticks by laying out four sticks vertically with a half inch between each stick. Then glue two sticks across them horizontally. This will hold the sticks all together to make a gate. Don’t use too much glue or it won’t dry quickly enough. Work in an area where the gates won’t need to be moved to dry. Those who choose to work at this activity should make enough gates for each person in class. After the gates have dried, the project can be finished later in the lesson (see Look section).

**Play Dough.** Make angels out of play dough with angel cookie cutters or trace around angel stencils. “In today’s Bible Adventure, we will hear about an angel who rescues two apostles from jail. The jail guards do not see the angel nor do they see the door of the jail open or close. God sent the the angel as a messenger to tell the apostles to keep teaching about Jesus in the temple even though it was making the temple leaders mad.”



### *Presentation Ideas*

**Pictures 2.ACT05ECGF1 - 2. ACT05ECGF6.** Color the pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save the pictures for review in the next lesson.

**Wall Map.** Stick the apostles on a wall map near Jerusalem with sticky tack. Let the children stick more colored dots around the area of Jerusalem. Jesus’ church family was growing in Jerusalem as the apostles preached in the temple area. More and more people were believing that Jesus was the holy Messiah.

**Temple and Jail Buildings.** Use your temple box and jail box at the appropriate times in the story. Point to them or actually have someone crawl in them at the right times.

**Whip Prop.** Make a “whip” out of a paint stick and shoe laces. Staple the shoe laces onto one end of the stick. When you get to the whipping part of the Bible Adventure, show the children your whip. Say things like, “This is sort of what a whip looks like. A real whip was much bigger. The temple leaders didn’t want Peter and John talking about Jesus so they tried to hurt them. They hit Peter and John on their backs with a whip.”

**Tell the Truth Review.** Have several objects handy, like a toy car, toy airplane, book, puzzle, pencil, and a Bible. Get excited and tell the children, “We are going to play a game about telling the truth.” Have the children sit in their story circle. Remember, with twos and threes, this must be done quickly. Hold up an object like the car and say, “I am holding an airplane.” Ask the children, “Am I telling the truth? Is this an airplane?” Let the children answer. Do this several more times, telling the truth on some of the objects, but lying on others. Save the Bible for last. Hold it up and say, “I am holding the true Word of God. Everything written in the Bible is from God and is true. We must always listen to what the Bible says and tell the truth.”

### ***Bible Adventure for 2s & 3s***

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF1 picture.)** God gave the apostles great power to make people well. God healed everyone who came to the apostles. The sick people lined the streets waiting for Peter and John to pass by. They hoped that if they could just get in Peter’s shadow as he passed by, that would make them well. *(Point to Peter’s shadow on the picture.)*

God did powerful miracles in peoples’ bodies, but the best thing He did was put the Holy Spirit in peoples’ hearts when they believed in Jesus.

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF2 picture.)** The Sadducees, who ruled the Jewish people, didn’t like all the attention the apostles were getting. The Sadducees were jealous of the apostles, and so they had the temple guards grab Peter and John and put them in jail.

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF3 picture.)** During the night, an angel of the Lord came to the jail and opened the door. *(Put your index finger to your mouth as though telling the apostles to be quiet.)* The guards were standing outside the door, but they couldn’t see the angel or the door opening. God shut their eyes and their ears.

The angel led Peter and John out of the jail. When they were outside, the angel said to them, “Go to the temple again and preach about Jesus.” Peter and John obeyed the angel, and, when the sun came up, they went right back to the temple and began preaching again.

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF4 picture.)** The temple leaders didn’t know that Peter and John had gotten out of jail. In the morning, the temple leaders said to the guards, “Bring Peter and John from the jail. We want to talk to them.”

Then someone in the room said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching about Jesus!” The men of the Sanhedrin looked out the window and saw the apostles standing in the temple courts preaching. They said, “What is going on? Bring those men here to us!”

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF5 picture.)** The temple leaders said to the apostles, “We told you to stop preaching about Jesus! Why are you disobeying us?”

Peter and the apostles said, “We must obey God rather than men. God told us to preach about Jesus, and we have to obey Him. We are witnesses of Jesus.”

This made the temple leaders furious, and they wanted to kill the apostles right then and there. But they decided to give the apostles one more chance to stop preaching. They told the temple guards to beat the apostles on their backs with whips and then let them go. The temple leaders also said to the apostles, "Now stop preaching the name of Jesus!"

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF6 picture.)** The apostles were not sorry to get a whipping for Jesus. They went home with joy in their hearts. They knew that they would never stop teaching about Jesus because the Holy Spirit was helping them be brave witnesses. Every day they went back to the temple, and they went from house to house, teaching people that Jesus was the Savior from sin.

**Prayer.** Dear God, thank You that Jesus is alive in heaven with You. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who made the apostles brave to keep preaching so that we can hear about Jesus, too. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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### ***Aim Questions for 2s & 3s***

- 1. Who gave the apostles great power to make the sick people well?** (God.)
  - 2. Who was put in jail for teaching about Jesus?** (Peter and John.)
  - 3. Who obeyed God after they were whipped and continued to teach people about Jesus?** (Peter, John, the apostles.)
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### ***Bible Adventure for 4s & 5s***

**(If you have made a large map of Israel for the class, tape a picture of the apostles on Jerusalem.)** Jesus' church family was growing larger as more and more people in Jerusalem believed in Jesus every day.

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF1 picture.)** God gave the apostles great power to make people well. God healed everyone who came to the apostles. He healed the man who couldn't walk. *(Point to one of the people in the picture.)* He healed the man who couldn't see. *(Point to another person in the picture.)* He healed the man who couldn't hear. The sick people lined the streets waiting for Peter and John to pass by. They hoped that if they could just get in Peter's shadow as he passed by, that would make them well. *(Point to Peter's shadow on the picture.)*

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The temple police locked the door and kept the key. They put strong guards outside the jail door and said, "Don't let anyone take these men out of jail!" *(Shake your index finger.)*

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF3 picture.)** During the night, an angel of the Lord came to the jail and opened the door. *(Put your index finger to your mouth as though telling the apostles to be quiet.)* The guards were standing outside the door, but they couldn't see the angel or the door opening. God shut their eyes and their ears.

The angel led Peter and John out of the jail. When they were outside, the angel said to them, "Go to the temple again and preach about Jesus. Don't be afraid of the temple leaders. God wants you to keep being witnesses for Jesus." Peter and John obeyed the angel, and, when the sun came up, they went right back to the temple and began preaching again.

**(Show the 2.ACT05ECGF4 picture.)** The temple leaders didn't know that Peter and John had gotten out of jail. In the morning, the seventy men of the Sanhedrin got together to decide what to do with the apostles. They said to the temple guards, "Bring Peter and John from the jail. We want to talk to them."

The temple guards went to the jail, but when they opened the door, Peter and John were gone. The temple police were surprised because the jail door was locked and the guards were standing by the door. They said to the guards, "Where are the apostles? How did they get out of jail?"

The guards said, "We have been here the whole night and we didn't see anyone coming in or going out of the jail. We don't know where they are."  
*(Shrug your shoulders as you spread your arms out, palms up.)*

The temple guards ran back to tell the temple leaders that the apostles were not there. The priests and leaders wondered what was happening. Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching about Jesus!" The men of the Sanhedrin looked out the window and saw the apostles standing in the temple courts preaching. They said, "What is going on? Bring those men here to us!"

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This made the temple leaders furious, and they wanted to kill the apostles right then and there. But, one of the Sanhedrin, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, said, "Don't kill them. Let's wait and see what happens. People will probably stop listening to their preaching soon, and then they will stop."

The Sanhedrin listened to Gamaliel. They decided to give the apostles one more chance to stop preaching. They told the temple guards to beat the apostles on their backs with whips. The temple leaders said to the apostles, "Now stop preaching or you will be sorry!"

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#### ***Aim Questions for 4s & 5s***

- 1. Why did the temple leaders and the Sadducees put Peter and John in jail?** (They were jealous because God had given the apostles power to heal sick people.)
- 2. What did the angel do?** (Opened the jail door at night and told Peter and John to keep preaching about Jesus.)
- 3. What happened to the apostles when they obeyed the angel and kept preaching?** (They were beaten and told to stop preaching.)
- 4. Who did the apostles obey, the Sanhedrin leaders or God?** (God. Say the Acts 5:42 memory verse.)



## LOOK

**Aim Questions.** Tape the Aim Questions to the ends of the whip prop (See Presentation Ideas.) and ask a child to whip the air (or some harmless item) in hopes that one of the questions will come off. He can then take it to the teacher to be read.

**Snack Idea.** Eat bread (or crackers) and drink water like Peter and John would have done in jail. You might put all the children under the tables and pretend that they are in jail. Serve the food through a small opening.

**Transition Idea.** This idea can be used throughout the lesson as a transition from one activity to another. Pretend that it is very quiet in the jail and you are trying to sneak out. Tiptoe quietly to your next location.

**Jail Coloring and Lacing Activity (2.ACT05ECGF2).** With a paper punch, punch six holes spaced across the top and bottom of a piece of black construction paper, about 3/4" from the edges. Give each child a 45" length of black yarn to lace through the holes, top to bottom, so that they look like jail bars. Tape the ends to the back of the construction paper. Color a GF2 picture of Peter and John in jail. Cut the borders off the picture and glue or tape it behind the yarn bars on the black construction paper. (To make the picture fit behind the yarn bars, reduce the picture size a bit, or cut along the bottom line of the jail, cutting around the guard's feet and spear so that they remain on the picture. Glue the words to the bottom of the page. Review the Aim Questions as the children work.

**Jail Gate Activity (2.ACT05ECGF7).** Let the children color the jail gates that were made during the Hook time, the GF7 apostles, and the GF7 angel. Cut out the angel and the apostles; then glue the apostles' picture behind the gate and the angel on top of the gate. Sing the "I Am Glad" song and ask the children these questions:

"Did the apostles get put into jail because they were preaching about Jesus?"

"Did an angel from God open the jail gate and let them out?"

"Did the angel tell the apostles to keep preaching about Jesus?"

"Did the apostles keep preaching about Jesus even though they got a whipping?"

"Should we talk about Jesus to our friends?"

**Good News Cross (2.ACT05ECGF8).** When the apostles witnessed to people about Jesus being the Savior, they always told about Jesus dying on the cross and then coming back to life. Use the GF8 cross to review the memory verse and the Bible Adventure. Begin with the cross folded up in a square. As you unfold the pieces of the cross, you will see the Bible Adventure in pictures. Let the children color the pictures on their crosses, fold them into squares, and then tell the story as they unfold them.

**Witnessing around the World.** Using a world map laid on the floor, let children take turns tossing a coin onto the map. Say the name of the country on which it lands, and have a child say, (hands cupped around mouth) "To you people in \_\_\_\_, Jesus is the Savior. Believe in Him." Identify where all the church missionaries are located on the map.

**Preaching and Teaching Mobile (2.ACT05ECGF9).** Supplies: set of GF9 Bible Adventure pictures, craft or popsicle stick, three pieces of yarn in different lengths, and coloring crayons or markers. Give each child a set of pictures with a hole punched through the top of each. Give three pieces of yarn in three different lengths and one craft stick to each child. Let the children color their sticks and pictures. Then tie one end of the yarn onto the stick and the other end onto a picture. Do this for each picture. The pictures will hang from the stick like a mobile. As you are doing this activity, sing the Bible Adventure review song and ask questions about the pictures.

**Bible Adventure Review (2.ACT05ECGF1 through 2.ACT05ECG6).** Place paper clips on the GF1 through GF6 pictures that represent parts of today's Bible Adventure. Place these paper clipped pictures in a large box (like the jail box used during the Hook time). Using a stick with a string and magnet at the end, let children take turns "fishing" for a picture and then sharing what it had to do with the Adventure.

**Story Reinforcement Role Play.** The "John and Peter" song retells the story today. You can sing it with the children, but it may be a bit difficult for them, so another option would be to role-play the story. Use the jail box from the Hook time. Make name tags to hang around each child's neck which identifies him or her as either one of the temple priests, John/Peter, angel (who could act on God's behalf to release John and Peter—see song) or people at the temple who hear the Good News. Bring dress-up clothing for the apostles, guards, and angels. Record the song ahead of time and practice role-playing the song a few times. You can either have the children keep their same roles so that they can "perfect" their actions, or change roles so that they can have the opportunity to play different characters in the story. Another option would be to only use one or two of the verses which you think would work best. Role-playing the story needs to be supervised for twos and threes. Remind them of the story and allow them to play.

**Memory Verse Review.** Record your voice saying the Bible verse. As the children hear the verse, ask them, "If you are witnesses, sharing what you have heard, what are you going to tell others?" Record the children saying the verse together into the tape recorder. Play it back and talk about being witnesses and telling others what you have heard about Jesus. Record the children witnessing for Jesus and telling their friends, "Jesus is alive and He loves you!"

### **Songs.**

#### **Acts 5:42 Memory Verse Song (tune: "Ten Little Indians").**

1. Day after day, in the temple courts  
And from house to house, they never stopped teaching  
And proclaiming the good news that  
Jesus is the Christ.
2. Acts chapter five, verse forty-two-o.  
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**Acts 5:29 (tune: "Rock-a-My-Soul").**

"We must obey God rather than me-e-en!"

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Acts five, twenty-nine.

**The Apostle Song (tune: "A-B-C" song).**

Peter and Bartholomew

They're disciples one and two.

After them Philip and John

Matthew, Thomas and Simon

Then the Jameses--there are two

Here is Judas and Andrew.

Now at last, get this straight,

Is Matthias, who came late.

Jesus chose them, now you know.

Will you follow Him also?

**John and Peter (tune: "Clementine").**

1. In the city, in the temple they were telling the Good News,  
But the temple priests got angry, so they locked them in a room.
2. Oh my goodness, oh my gracious, what should John and Peter do?  
God was faithful; He released them, and He told them what to do.
3. "Keep on telling about Jesus, so that everyone may know  
And may join God's chu-urch family." When they heard this, they did go.
4. To the temple in the city, the apostles went to teach.  
"Jesus is alive and loves you," John and Peter said to each.
5. Oh my goodness, oh my gracious, this is wonderful Good News!  
Since I know it's true and faithful, now I'll share it wi-ith you.

**Bible Adventure Review Song (tune: "The Farmer in the Dell").**

1. A-preaching they did go; a-preaching they did go.  
Faithful to Jesus, a-preaching they did go.
2. To jail they did go; to jail they did go.  
Faithful to Jesus, to jail they did go.
3. The angel said, "Go back!" The angel said, "Go back!"  
Faithful to Jesus, the angel said, "Go back!"
4. The apostles obeyed, etc.
5. The apostles were whipped, etc.
6. The apostles were glad, etc.



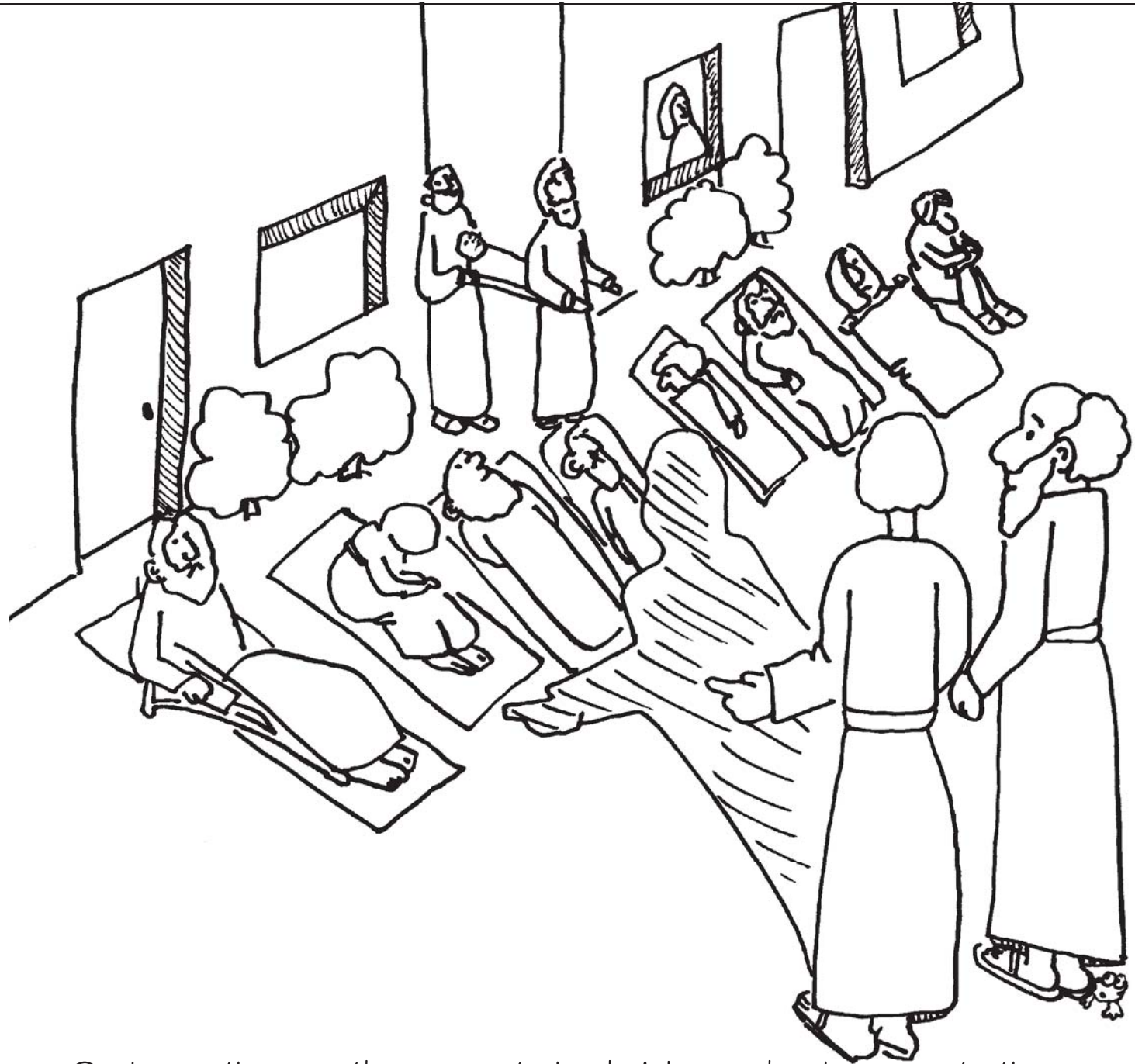
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**Witnessing Popsicle Stick Puppets (2.ACT05ECGF10).** Color and glue or tape a girl or boy GF10 happy-faced child onto one side of a popsicle stick and a Peter or John face on the back side. Have the children pretend to be Peter or John telling people that Jesus was alive. Turn the stick around and have them pretend to be the child telling the Good News to his friends. The witnessing popsicle children could review the Aim Questions and the memory verse, too.

**“Be Bold” Armband (2.ACT05ECGF11).** Have the children make “Be bold” armbands to help them remember to be bold and brave and share the Good News about Jesus. After they’ve made their armbands, you can march down the halls and sing, or divide the children into two groups and have them practice sharing about Jesus with each other. Do this by having one group sing to the other a favorite praise song. “We can be brave and bold in sharing the Good News that Jesus is alive just like Peter and John were brave and bold when they had to stand up against the temple priests who wanted them to be quiet. Let’s sing this bold and brave song about Jesus. You can take your armbands home so that you can sing it with your parents, too!”

**Preschool Page for Parents (2.ACT05ECPPP).** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the memory verse song.



God gave the apostles power to heal sick people who came to them.



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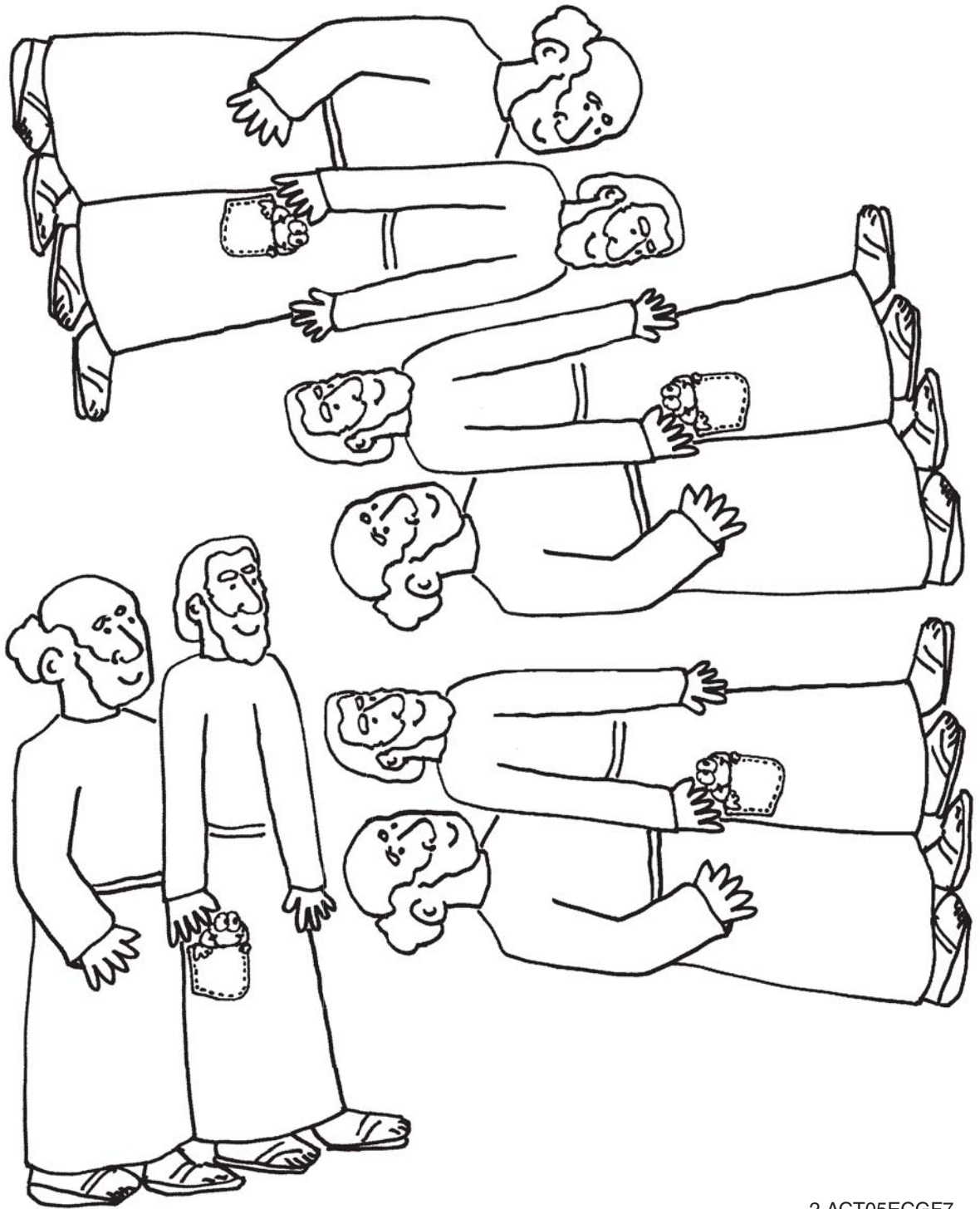
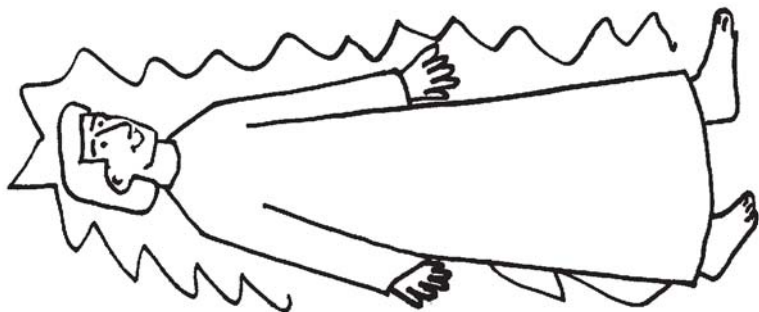
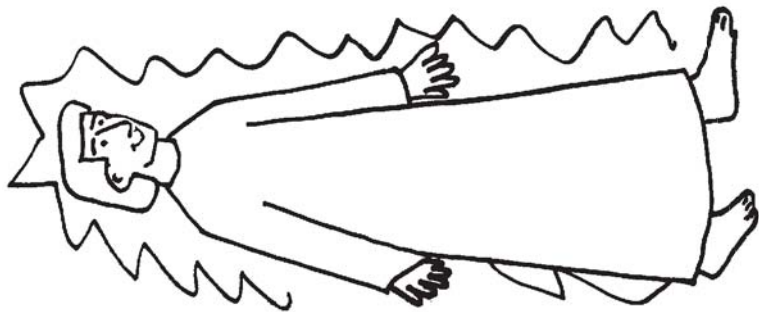
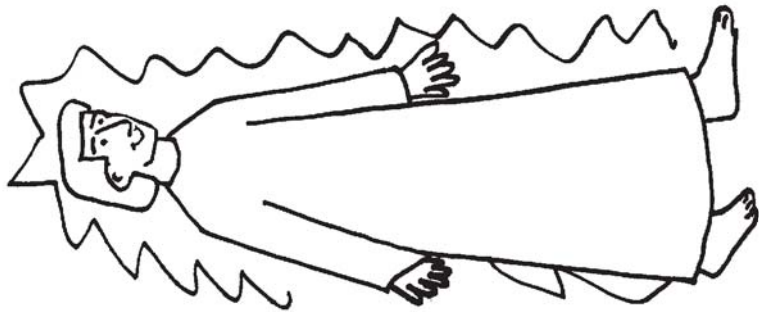
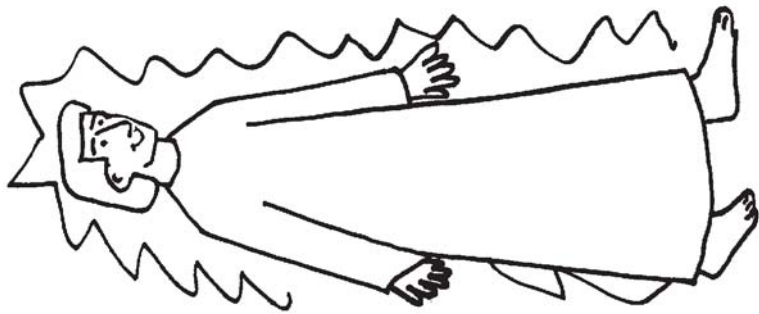
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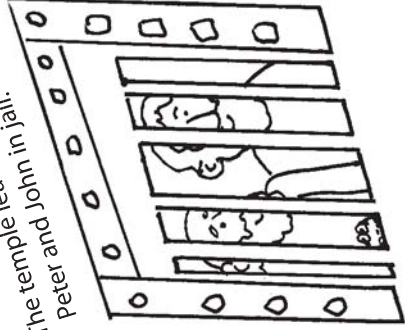
Peter and John told the elders of the Sanhedrin that they had to obey God and keep preaching.



Even though they were beaten for preaching, Peter and John never stopped teaching about Jesus.

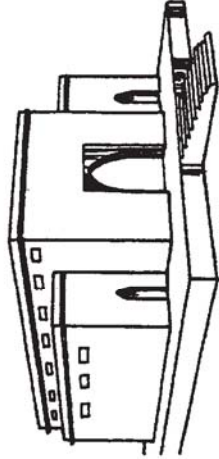


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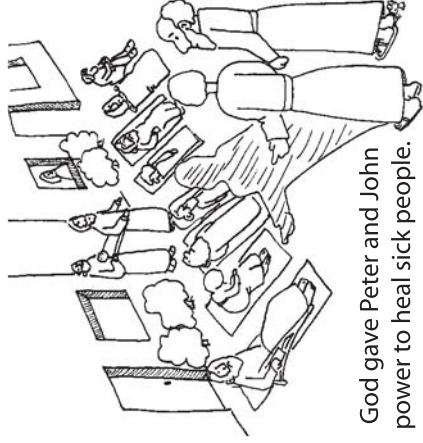


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You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem. Acts 1:8



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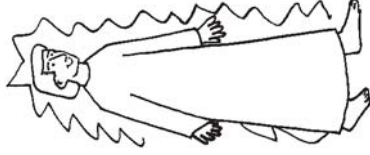


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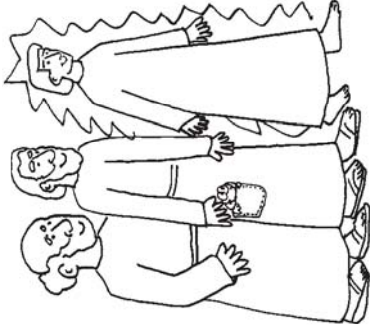
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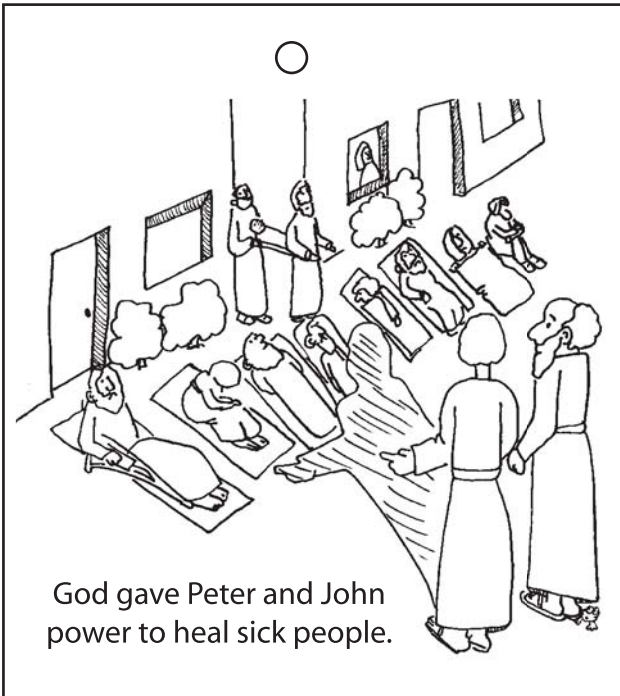
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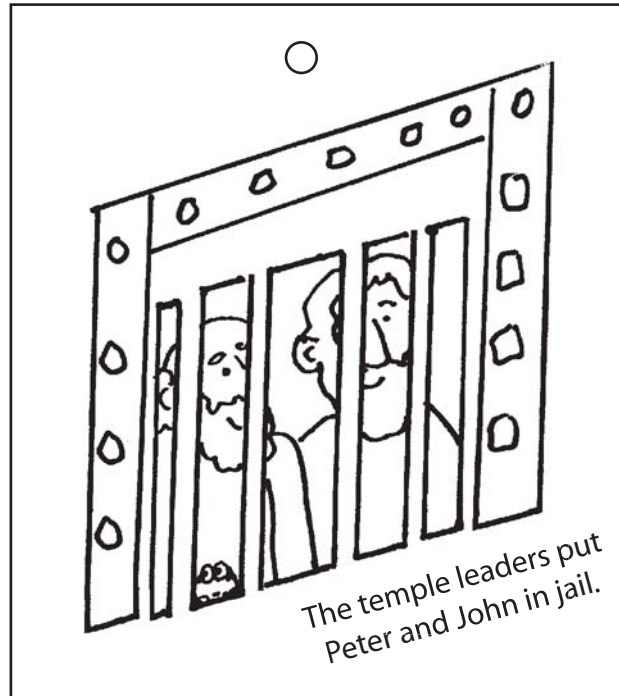
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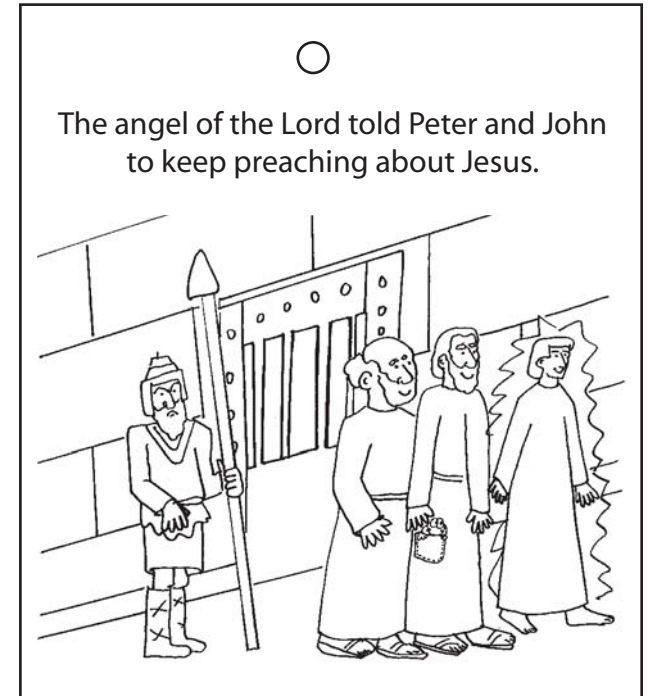
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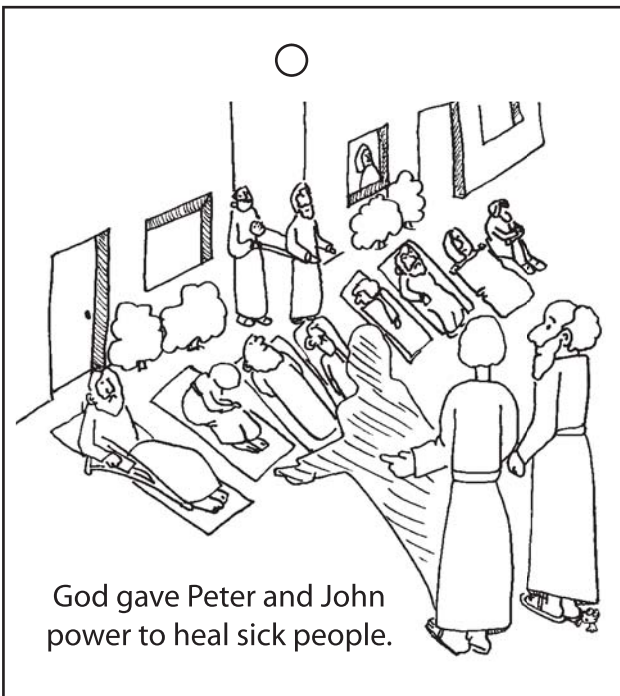
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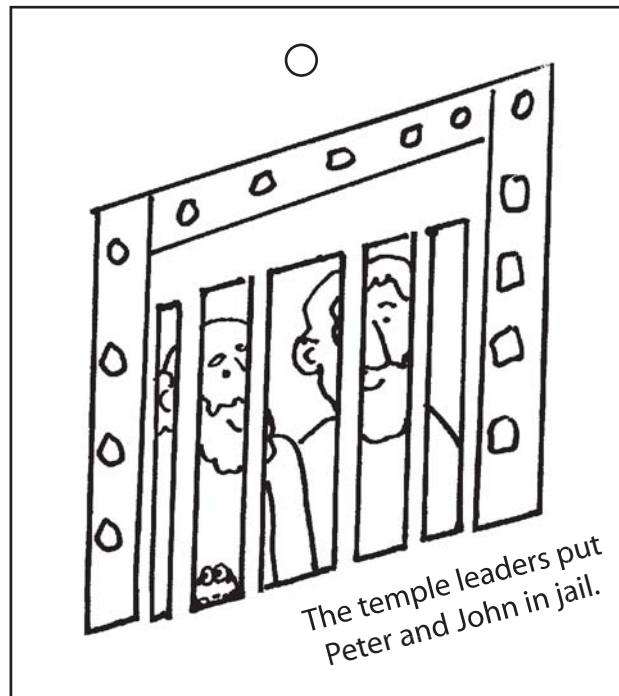
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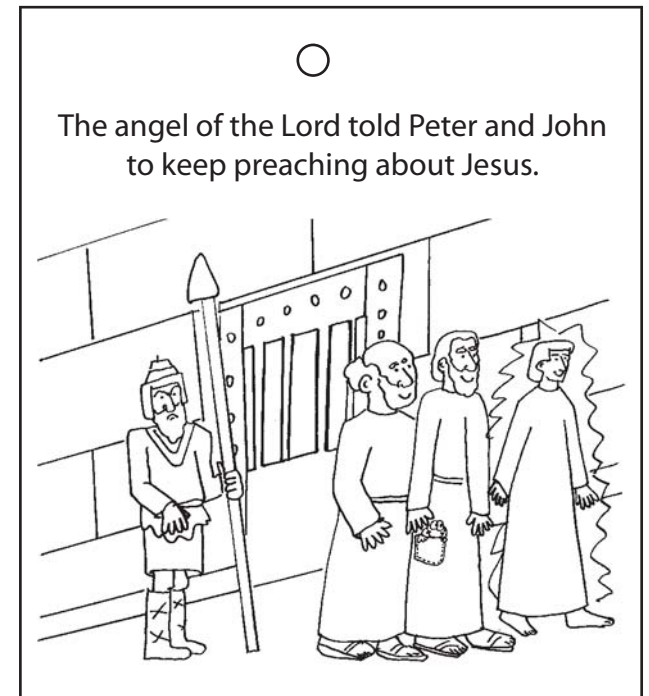
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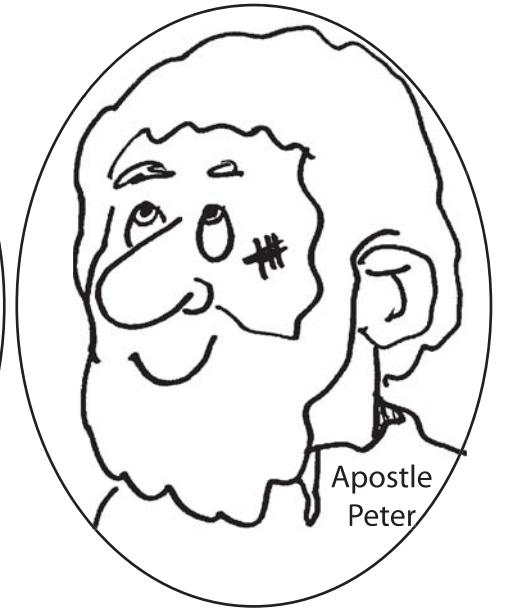
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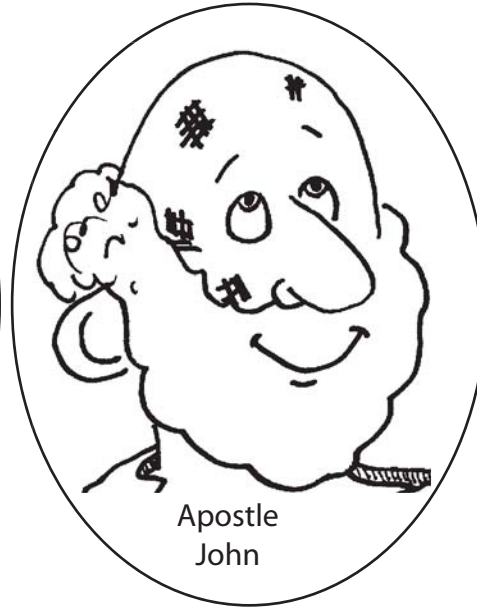
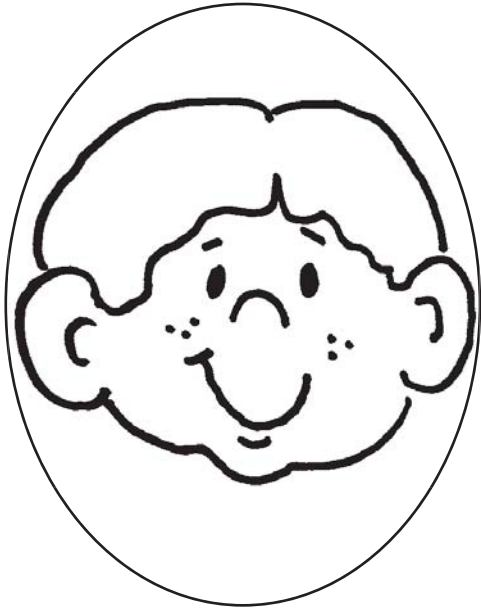
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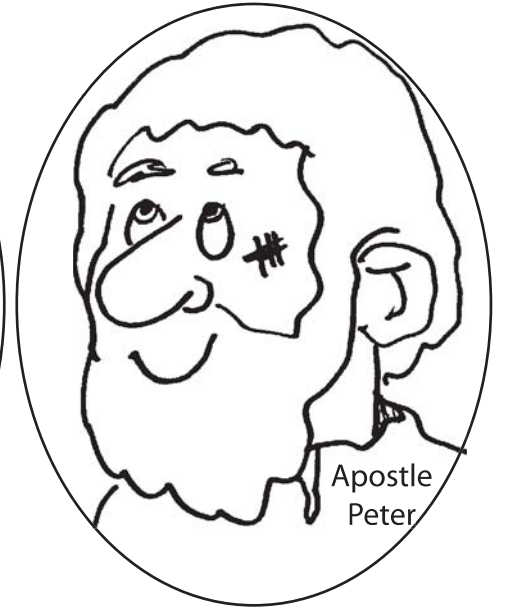
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Acts Chapter 5:17-42--Boldness in Suffering for the Gospel



## This is what I learned today!

God healed everyone who came to the apostles, but the best thing He did was put the Holy Spirit in peoples' hearts when they believed in Jesus. The temple leaders didn't like the apostles teaching about Jesus, so they put them in jail. During the night, an angel of the Lord opened the doors to the jail and told Peter and John to go back to the temple and preach again about Jesus. The next morning the apostles were found teaching in the temple, and the temple leaders sent for them. Peter explained that they had to obey God and not men. This made the temple leaders mad. They gave the apostles another warning and had the temple guards whip them. The apostles went home with joy in their hearts because they knew the Holy Spirit was helping them be brave witnesses for Christ.

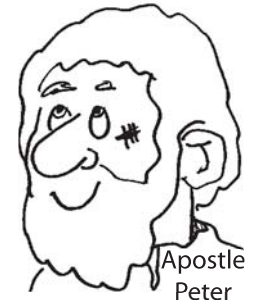
### Acts Memory Verse

Day after day, in the temple courts and  
from house to house, they never stopped  
teaching and proclaiming the good news  
that Jesus is the Christ. Acts 5:42

### Rejoicing in Suffering



Apostle John



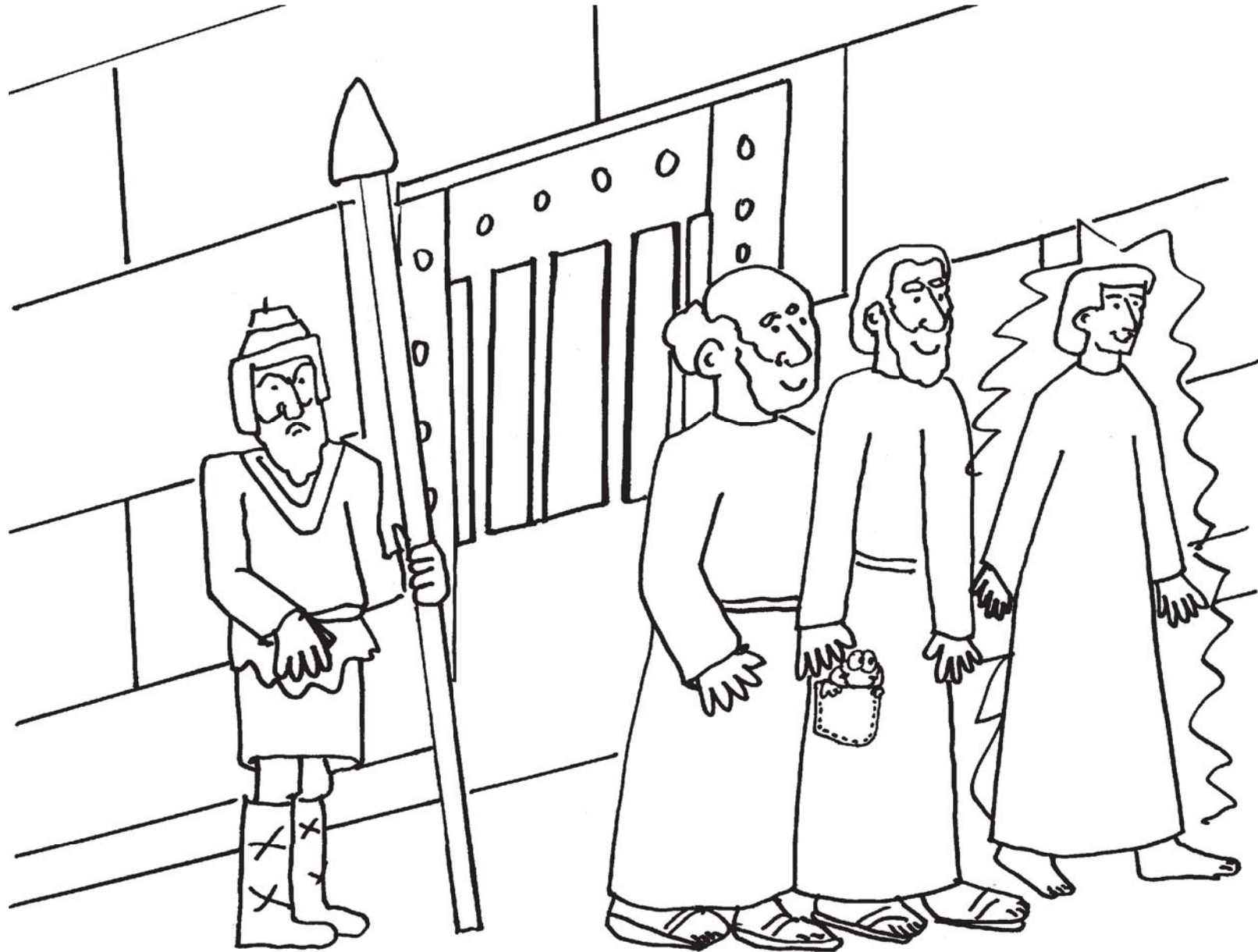
Apostle Peter

Cut apart Peter and John's heads above and tape them each to a spoon or craft stick to make puppets. Put Peter and John in jail (any box or basket) and warn them to stop talking about Jesus. Say, "Peter, no more Jesus! John, stop preaching about Jesus!" Let your child do the same. Then sing a praise song as you bob the puppets up and down happily. Sing the song below, "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy," "Do Lord," or any happy praise song as the puppets rejoice in the Lord. Bring out the Peter and John puppets and sing happy songs this week when your child is sad or suffering. We need to be reminded to rejoice in the Lord like the apostles.

#### Acts 5:42 Memory Verse Song "Ten Little Indians"

Day after day, in the temple courts  
And from house to house, they never stopped teaching  
And proclaiming the good news that  
Jesus is the Christ.

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During the night, an angel of the Lord opened the jail door and led Peter and John outside without the guards seeing them.