

Noticing others

You can do this session with your children any time you like. The story is taken from Acts 3:1-10. If you want to read it online just go to this link: <https://www.biblegateway.com> and type the passage in the search engine.

Start

Have you ever felt ignored? How did it feel?

Bible story

One day, 2 of Jesus' followers: Peter and John were walking to the Temple in Jerusalem to pray. It was around 3 o'clock in the afternoon. As they were on their way, there was a man who hadn't been able to walk since the day he was born. He was carried to the temple gate where he would sit and ask people for money. A lot of people would have done as they usually did which was just walk by and not notice him. But Peter and John did something different. As they were about to enter the temple, the man asked them for money. Instead of just walking by, Peter and John stopped. Peter said, "Look at us!" The man looked at them hoping maybe he might get something. Peter said, "I don't have any money, but I can do something else for you." Then Peter said, "In the name of Jesus, stand up and walk." Peter then reached out his hand and helped the man stand up. It was incredible! He'd never been able to walk a single step in his life, but now he could walk! He was so happy! He went into the temple with Peter and John, walking and jumping because he was so happy. Everyone else saw him and were amazed. They couldn't work out how this had happened, but Peter explained that it was Jesus's power that had made the man walk. He was then able to tell them more about who Jesus is and why he is so amazing.

How do you think the man felt when Peter and John stopped to speak to him?

How do you think he felt when he was able to walk?

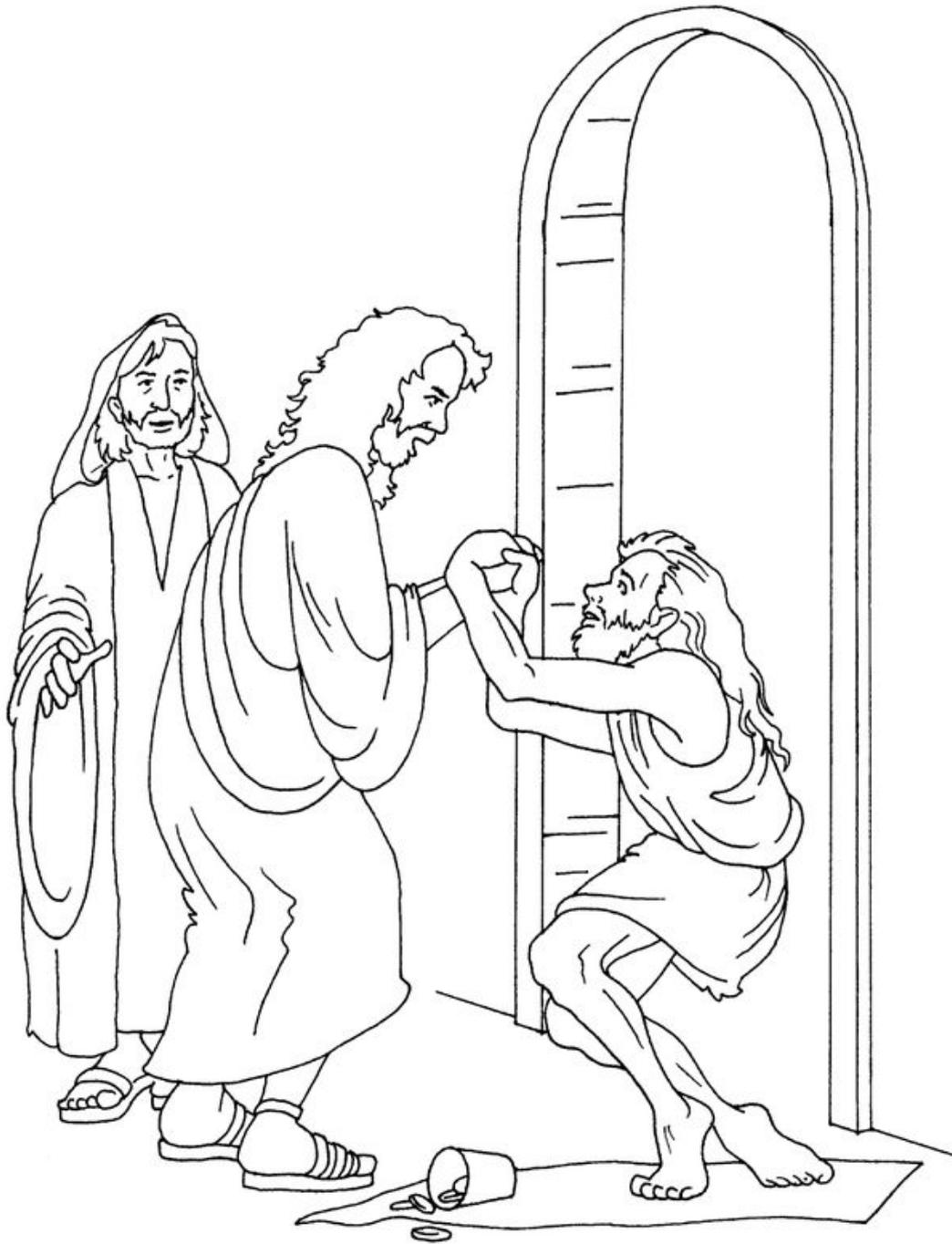
What to do next

Below are some suggestions:

- You could chat about your favourite part of the story.
- You could re-create the story with lego/plasticine.

You could pray together. Below are some ideas for prayer:

- Thank Jesus that he loves us and notices all of us.
- Pray for anyone you know who maybe feels lonely or ignored. Ask Jesus to show them he loves them.
- Pray for people round the world who are ignored. Ask Jesus to show them he loves them.



"Peter and John heal a lame man." Acts 3:1-26

Peter and the Lame Man Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

L E S T I O N S R E Q U A M C
O M H M Y R N O S R A M R O O
L O E P I T R D O L J O H N R
A C L U W A L K R F A C R E M
R Z P R I L R U L L U T R Y I
M R I P I A P O S T L E S E E
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ANKLES
APOSTLES
FEET
HEAL
HELP

JOHN
MONEY
PETER
TEMPLE
WALK