

# HEALING



## ACTS 3:1-10

Peter and John encounter a man who had been lame since birth begging at a main temple entrance called the Beautiful Gate. It's significant that this story is set outside the temple, signaling that God is on the move, out in the world.

The beggar asks Peter and John for money, but they stare intently at him. "Look at us," they say. This lame man expects charity, but he receives much more: the healing of his body, which restores him to community and connects him with real life, peace, joy and hope.

## TALK ABOUT THIS ...

What is your deepest need? What is our collective deepest need? Does being welcomed back into community fulfill this lame man's deepest need? Do we ultimately need each other, do we need acceptance and community, more than anything else?

Do we have the power to fill this need for the people we encounter in our neighborhoods? and schools? Do we have the power to fill this need for people around the world? Is this what Jesus means when he gives the disciples the power to heal? What role do we play in this story?



### PRESENCE

Is it interesting that this story happens outside the temple? Is God on the move? Where is God now?



### RELATIONSHIP

What does it mean to really look at someone? Do you forget sometimes to notice the people around you, and include them?



### PROGRESS

How can you bring hope and wholeness to our community through charity? How can you bring hope and wholeness to our community by working for justice and equality?

## FAITH<sup>5</sup> ... A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day. READ the Bible story. TALK about how the Bible story relates to your highs and lows. PRAY for one another's highs and lows, and BLESS one another.

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