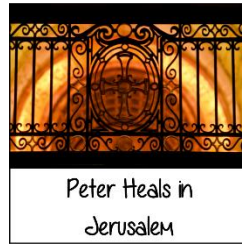


# God's Story Our Story



**April 10, 2016**

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of wonder and amazement, we are in awe of the miracles around us. Help us to see you in all things, and keep us mindful and present. Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." Acts 3:6*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**Peter and John offered healing in Jesus' name as their witness to Jesus' love for humanity. The people who were used to seeing the man asking for alms were filled with wonder and amazement at the sight of the lame man walking. There are many things about Jesus and about God's world that can fill us with wonder and amazement. Are we open to seeing?**

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, Acts 3:1-10, *Peter Heals in Jerusalem*

Monday, Acts 4:1-22, *Peter and John before the Council*

Tuesday, Acts 4:23-31, *The Believers Prayer for Boldness*

Wednesday, Acts 4:32-37, *The Believers Share Their Possessions*

Thursday, Acts 5:1-11, *Ananias and Sapphira*

Friday, Acts 5:12-16, *The Apostles Heal Many*

Saturday, Acts 5:17-42, *The Apostles Are Persecuted*

**How did early believers back up their words with their actions?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Who in your community has a need that you could fill? Ask your pastor to connect you with people who could use the gifts you have to offer.**

**What fills you with wonder and amazement?**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Keep two jars on a counter in your kitchen. Throughout the week, put a dollar in one jar for every time you catch yourself with a negative thought or action. Put a dollar in the other jar for every time you catch yourself with a positive thought or action. At the end of the week see which jar has more money. Donate all the money to a local charity.**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God bless others through the gifts you share. Amen.**