

Healing in the Streets

Acts 5:12-16; *The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 77, 78

I don't feel well," announced Katie. "My stomach hurts."

"My stomach hurts too," said her little brother Willie.

"I'm not feeling well either," added Mother with a sigh. "I think we all have a slight fever. Maybe we

should go to see the doctor." They hurried to Dr. Cato's office. The waiting room was full. But Dr. Cato would help them all. And she did. In a few days Katie, Willie, and their mother were just fine.

Peter and the other apostles helped a lot of sick people too. But they weren't doctors. They had a special kind of healing power. The Holy Spirit used them in a special way.



It was such an exciting time! The apostles were busy from early morning to night. "It's just like Jesus said it would be!" Peter exclaimed. He raised his long, strong arms in praise to the Lord.

"Remember what Jesus told us just before He went up into heaven? He said that we who believe on Him would touch the sick. And the sick would be healed!"

The other apostles nodded their heads in agreement. They had seen Jesus perform so many miracles. And they had

The Message

*I serve when I
bring healing to others.*

Memory Verse

*“Always give your-
selves fully to the
work of the Lord”*

*(1 Corinthians
15:58, NIV).*

heard Him promise to give power to His followers to do the same. Now it was happening. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit was using each of them in a mighty way! Signs and wonders! Healing the sick! Helping people in trouble!

The apostles and the new believers often met together on Solomon’s Porch at the temple. They never tired of sharing the good news about Jesus with each other. And they often prayed together there. Each day, more and more people believed in the Lord. Large numbers of men and women joined the group of believers.

Every day was a new adventure. (Every day is always an adventure when a person is being used by the Lord.) Life was full of miraculous moments. Sick people were brought out into the dusty streets. They lay there on their beds or mats in the hope that Peter’s shadow would fall on them. They believed they would be healed if it did.

Crowds of people came. Pushing, hurrying crowds. Not only from all over the city, but also from the towns and villages around Jerusalem. Cripples limped in from the countryside. Blind men and women were led into Jerusalem. People with evil spirits in them were brought. Anyone with sick relatives or friends looked for a way to carry them to the apostles. And the Bible says that

every one who came was healed! The good news about Jesus was spreading like wildfire!



S A B B A T H

DO With your family, visit someone who is sick. Share your Bible lesson with them and pray that God will bless them. Read together Acts 5:12-16 and tell the sick person that God loves them.

SING On your way home, sing together "This Little Light of Mine" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 134).

M O N D A Y

READ With your family, read the lesson story from Acts 5:12-16. Talk about your town. Where do people go who need healing? Who helps them? What kind of healing do they get? Where would you go if you had a sore throat? A broken leg? A high fever? A toothache?

DO Find out what to do if you are the first to arrive at an accident. Make a poster that tells and show it to your family.

DO Teach your memory verse to your family.

T U E S D A Y

READ During worship, review Acts 5:12-16. After each verse, tell what you might see on those streets that day. Name the kind of healing a crippled child needs. A deaf person. An unhappy family. A homeless man. A child who has no friends.

DO Decide on a person you will help today. A family member? Your teacher? Someone who is sick? How will you help? Make a plan and do it.

DO Sing together "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 132). Be sure to sing the fourth verse ("Give me love in my heart, keep me serving").

W E D N E S D A Y

SHARE During family worship today talk about healing at home and how your family can be ready when someone is sick or discouraged. Make a list of medical supplies you need. If necessary make a shopping list and plan to get what you need.

THINK What do you need to help someone who is discouraged? Tired? Hungry? What can you do to treat a burn? A cut finger?

DO Say your memory verse together, then pray that God will help you always to be ready to help others.

T H U R S D A Y

READ During worship read John 13:34, 35 together. What directions did Jesus give His disciples? What does He want us to do today? How can we be Jesus' disciples? Pray that God will lead you as you help others.

SHARE Put a self-sticking bandage in a plastic sandwich bag. Take it with you today and use it to help someone.

DO Stand in front of a mirror and say your memory verse. Then thank God for His healing power.

F R I D A Y

SHARE At worship time act out the Bible story. Then take turns telling how each person helped someone this week. How did the person who was helped respond? How did you feel about helping them?

READ Read together Isaiah 6:8. Talk about where God wants your family to be. Does He have a special place for you? Say your memory verse together.

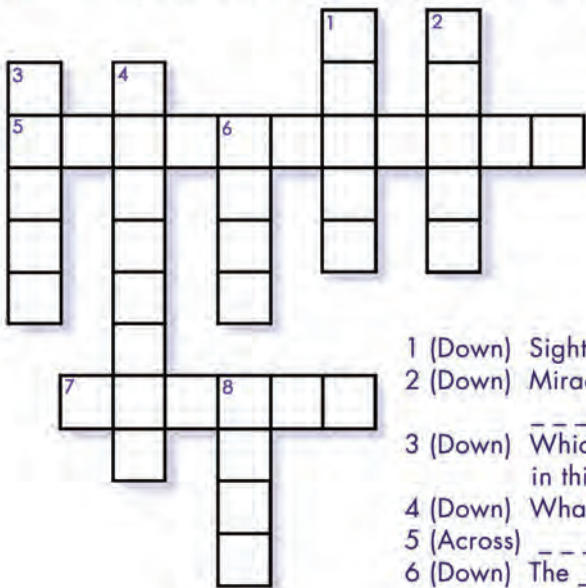
SING Sing "God Made Our Hands" (Sing for Joy, No. 57).

Christians in the first church met where everyone could see them even though they knew that they might be thrown in jail.

Miraculous Moments Crossword

PUZZLE

Directions: Answers to the questions can be found in your lesson.



- 1 (Down) Sight was restored to the _____.
- 2 (Down) Miracles happened because of _____ in Jesus.
- 3 (Down) Which apostle talks about Jesus in this lesson?
- 4 (Down) What happened daily?
- 5 (Across) _____ were cast out.
- 6 (Down) The _____ were healed.
- 7 (Across) The Bible says that everyone who came was _____.
- 8 (Down) The _____ could walk.

