

## WEEK 2

### LESSON GUIDE

## ONE STEP

### BIG IDEA

Take another step – pray for others.

### BIBLE

**Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate:**  
Acts 3

## SUNDAY: COMMUNITY GROUP TIME

*(Please start your classroom time at 9:45-50)*

### ACTIVITY | Activity Pages

- INSTRUCTIONS:
  - *Hand out Activity Pages as given by Kid Director*

### WELCOME!

#### Star Cards”

- Attendance
- Bring Someone?
- Bring Your Bibles
- New Bible Verse! – Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

### MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

- "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
- INSTRUCTIONS: *Say the memory verse aloud for the kids as you do the hand motions. Have the children repeat after you but be sure to segment the verse to help kids get the words and motions correct.*
  - *The heavens* (Sweep your arms over your head to the right.)
  - *Declare* (Cup hands to mouth.)
  - *The glory of God* (Hands spread out and gesture up into the sky.)
  - *The skies* (Sweep your arms over your head to the left.)
  - *Proclaim* (Cup hands to mouth.)

- *The work of his hands* (Hold up both hands and wave them.)

Great Job kids!!

- You all are so impressive and do such a great job with the memory verse!!

### ACTIVITY | Asteroid Toss

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the children stand in a circle. Depending on how many children there are, give two to three children an "asteroid" (a ball made out of foil or a small ball covered in foil). Have the children toss the ball to one another, calling out the name of the friend to whom they want to throw it. Alternatively, if it's easier, you can ask the children to kick it to one another.*
- This game might have felt a little crazy since so many "asteroids" were whizzing by.
- Did it help to call out the name of the friend you wanted to pass the "asteroid" to?
- Was it easier to be ready and catch the ball when a friend called your name?
- It's good to let your friends know you're praying for them. It may comfort them and help them feel loved.
- No matter how many prayers we toss up, God is always listening and able to answer all our prayers.
- Take another step – pray for others.

### BIG IDEA | Take another step – pray for others.

- *Take another* (Raise up one foot.)
- *Step* (Step down with the same foot.)
- *Pray* (Make praying hands.)
- *For others* (Point to other kids around the room.)

Let's head to Main street together to learn more about how we can pray for others!

*(Line Up for Main Street at 10:05)*

## MAIN STREET

*(Main Street starts at 10:10)*

*What's Up Kids!!* It's so good to see you all this morning! I've been waiting ALL week to be here with you!

And today is extra special! We are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of our series – "One Small Step!"

Did you know that a long time ago, it seemed impossible for anyone to go to space. Many people dreamed about it, but it took many years before anyone could fly into space.

- But, now, we send astronauts and rockets into space ALL OF THE TIME!

But it all started by people taking one small step of believing that going to space was possible.

Well, today, we're going to learn about two of Jesus's disciples and something they did for a man who needed help. And in just a little while, we're going to see what first steps they took.

But, before we open our Bibles...let's stand and sing some songs to God!

### **MUSIC** | Worship in the House!

- *Silver And Gold*

*Peter and John went to pray  
They met a lame man on the way,  
He asked for alms and held out his palms,  
and this is what Peter did say:*

*"Silver and gold have I none,  
but such as I have give I thee,  
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
rise up and walk."*

*He went walking and leaping and praising God,  
walking and leaping and praising God,  
"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
rise up and walk."*

- *Building Up The Temple*

*Building up the temple  
Building up the temple  
Building up the temple of the Lord.*

*Brother won't you help us?  
Sister won't you help us?  
Building up the temple of the Lord.*

*So high, you can't get over it.  
So low, you can't get under it.  
So wide, you can't go around it.*

*You must come in at the Door!*

You guys did so great!! And you sang so good!!

- So proud of you!

Ready to hear this week's story?

From last week's lesson, who can tell me what Jesus' instructions were before He went into Heaven?

- To wait for the Holy Spirit and then go out into all the world and tell everyone the good news of Jesus

So, this week we're going to hear how Jesus' disciples took another step to follow his commands.

**SCRIPTURE** | Acts 3 (Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate)

[Read or Summarize Acts 3:1-10]

One day Peter and John went to the Temple area. It was three o'clock in the afternoon, which was the time for the daily Temple prayer service. <sup>2</sup> As they were entering the Temple area, a man was there who had been crippled all his life. He was being carried by some friends who brought him to the Temple every day. They put him by one of the gates outside the Temple. It was called Beautiful Gate. There he begged for money from the people going to the Temple. <sup>3</sup> That day he saw Peter and John going into the Temple area. He asked them for money.

<sup>4</sup> Peter and John looked at the crippled man and said, "Look at us!" <sup>5</sup> He looked at them; he thought they would give him some money. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold, but I do have something else I can give you. By the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth—stand up and walk!"

<sup>7</sup> Then Peter took the man's right hand and lifted him up. Immediately his feet and legs became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk. He went into the Temple area with them. He was walking and jumping and praising God. <sup>9-10</sup> All the people recognized him. They knew he was the crippled man who always sat by the Beautiful Gate to beg for money. Now they saw this same man walking and praising God. They were amazed. They did not understand how this could happen.

Oh wow! Let's talk about what happened in our story!

Two disciples, Peter and John, were going to the Temple to pray – this was their custom.

- Do you know how many times they typically prayed each day? **[3 times each day!]**

But, on their way into the Temple – who did Peter and John see at the gates? **[a crippled man.]**

- Which means, that this man wasn't able to walk.

And what did the man ask for? **[This man asked for money.]**

Peter and John had no money to give him, but they knew another way they could help.

- How do you think they could help him? **[Pray for him and teach him about Jesus]**

So Peter said prayed “**By the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth—stand up and walk!**”

And guess what?!?!

- HE DID!!

But, he didn't just walk . . . he jumped and praised God.

- **Can everyone jump up and down with me?**

Peter and John obeyed Jesus when He told them to go and teach the world about Him.

They also believed God could do *anything*.

- So they prayed to God to help the man walk.

And that's what prayer is – it is simply talking to God.

That's what Peter and John did. They asked God to do something they couldn't do on their own. They knew that God would hear their prayer and help.

Peter and John's small step of praying for others led to much joy.

Let's tune into Cali's World to see what she has to teach us about prayer!

### **VIDEO** | *One Small Step, Episode 2*

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).*

Well our time is over for this week! You guys have been great today!!

Let's go ahead and prepare to head back to our classes...but before we do, let's spend some time in prayer.

### PRAYER

- Call on someone to pray
- Or, have them repeat your prayer below
  - Dear God, thank you for listening to our prayers. Help us to pray for others because we know you care. Amen.

I hope to see you next week!

*(Line up to Leave UpTown 10:25-30)*

## TIME TO TALK

### DISCUSSION

- Who were the two disciples in the story? *Peter and John.*
- Who did they meet at the temple gates? *A man who couldn't walk.*
- What happened when Peter and John prayed for the man? *He walked and jumped and gave thanks to God.*
- Who gave Peter the power to heal the man? *God.*
- Who remembers the first step? *Believe in Jesus.*
- What's the next step we learned today? *Pray for others.*

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

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### CLOSING PRAYER



### ACTIVITY | Space In A Bottle

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids create a "galaxy" sensory bottle using empty plastic bottles with wide necks, baby oil, water, purple and blue food coloring, and coarse glitter (check out [this](#) page for more details). Once completed, have them shake it up and say a prayer for someone until all the glitter settles.*
  - **TODDLER HACK:** *Have a small pre-made sensory bottle ready for each toddler to play with. Offer star stickers to put onto the bottles. You can also make shakers by sealing [star sprinkles](#) or [confetti](#) into an empty plastic bottle.*
- When we pray to God, it can calm us down. God wants to hear our prayers and help us.
- So when we pray for others, we are asking God to help bring them calm and peace, too. Let's keep on practicing this. **Take another step – pray for others.**

## PLAY TIME

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute the [coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.*

### ACTIVITY | Space Play Dough

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Create space play dough by mixing regular play dough with fine glitter or following a homemade recipe ([like this one](#)). Give kids trays with different space-themed cookie cutters (rocket, moon, star, planet, astronaut, UFO).*

### ACTIVITY | Spacescape Art

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Using a white crayon or pastel, draw stars, moons, and planets on cardstock or watercolor paper. Give the children an assortment of watercolors and brushes to paint over and reveal a beautiful "spacescape."*
  - **TODDLER HACK:** *Toddlers imitate the behaviors they see. Model how they should be gentle with the toys, books, and other kids. When a toddler exhibits an opposite behavior, remind them of the appropriate actions by doing it with them.*

## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | Buzz Lightyear To Star Command



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose one child to be "Buzz Lightyear" and give them a blindfold. The rest of the children will spread out around the room. Then "Buzz" will call out "Buzz Lightyear" while the rest of the children call out "Star Command," similar to the game of "Marco Polo." "Buzz" will continue to call out and listen for the reply to try and catch one of the other students. When someone is tagged, then they will be the new "Buzz." Play for a few rounds.
- The key to playing this game was to listen for each other.
- Sometimes we may feel alone and "in the dark," but we can trust that God is always there for us. When we pray, God is listening.

### ACTIVITY | Star Catchers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids in two groups and stand in parallel lines facing each other, about eight to ten feet apart. These are the "stars." Select two kids or leaders to be "star catchers" who will stand in between the two groups. Chant together: "Star light, star bright, how many stars are out tonight?" At the last word, kids will try to cross the room to the other line, and the star catchers will try to catch a star by tagging them. The kids who get tagged become the new star catchers.
  - **TODDLER HACK:** Cut out large paper stars for toddlers to find all around the room. Sing a simple tune like "Jesus Loves Me" or "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" with kids as they play.
- Did you know there are billions and billions of stars in the sky? That's a lot of stars. God knows each one of these stars by name . . . just like God knows each and every one of our names.
- God is all-knowing and all-loving. God will "catch" our prayers when we throw them to heaven . . . not a single one slips by unheard.

### STORY TIME