



Heroes of the Faith Lesson 8 - Peter and John

Read the Bible passages aloud. Then, answer the questions together. Be sure everyone has a chance to speak.

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.



All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded!

Acts 3:1-10, NLT

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”

In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

[1 Corinthians 12:12-27, NLT](#)

To Discuss:

- What did Peter and John do for the man at the temple gate? How do you think the man felt afterward?
- Why do you think Peter and John were such a good team? How did their differences help them serve God together?
- What is something you think you are good at?
- How do you think God can use that gift to help others?
- Can you think of a time when you needed help from someone else to finish a task?
- Why is it important for people to work together, like Peter and John did?

Activity: Build a Team Challenge

Gather simple building supplies (e.g., marshmallows, toothpicks, straws, paper clips. You could also use legos or other building toys) and give each family member a unique set of materials.

Work together as a family to build the tallest and strongest structure you can in five minutes. You can share supplies but must decide together how to use them.

- What made your structure strong?
- How was each person’s role or material important?

- How is building this structure similar to being part of God's church?