

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD IS PROVIDER

Beggar at the Gate Acts 3

A beggar asked Peter and John for money. God worked through Peter to heal the man's crippled legs. When the people gathered to see the miracle, Peter was able to tell them about Jesus.

JUST FOR FUN

Play "Simon Says." One parent will be "Simon." Other players must do what Simon says, as long as the phrase "Simon says" comes before the command. As Simon, give your family the instructions to walk, leap, and praise God. Then, read **Acts 3:1-10**. Discuss what the beggar was asking for and what Peter said to him. Explain to your children that after the beggar was healed, he walked, jumped, and praised God. God knew what this man needed better than the man did. Pray together, thanking God that He knows what we need too!

Did You Know?

- When the beggar first approached Peter and John, he didn't ask for healing. He asked only for money.
- God knew that money wouldn't ultimately satisfy the man. He knew the man needed both physical and spiritual healing.
- The miracles the disciples performed helped them get the attention of the crowd so they could tell them about Jesus.

Young children are notoriously egocentric—you may find that your child has tantrums when she doesn't get her way. Remember to be consistent as you set boundaries to guide her course.

Teachable Moments

- How do you think the beggar felt before he was healed?
- How did the beggar feel after he was healed? How do you know?
- Why did God heal the crippled beggar?

Remember Verse

*You have made known to me
the paths of life;
You will fill me with joy in
Your presence.*

Acts 2:28

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may God be your provider this week and every week. May you trust in Him to guide you as He shows you the path that leads to life.