

Small Group WEEK 6

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Theme: Zapped – Plugging into God’s power helps me see and do what I should.

Bible Story: Peter Heals Beggar (Acts 3)

Bottom Line: God gives me the power I need to help others.

Memory Verse: “But he kept believing in God’s promise. He became strong in his faith. He gave glory to God. He was absolutely sure that God had the power to do what he had promised.” (Romans 4:20-21, NIV)

Catch On: Make the Connection (do after Power Up Large Group)

Make the connection of how today’s Bible story applies to real life experiences through interactive activities and discussion questions.

1. Spotlight (*Application Activity*)

What You Need: Flashlight, mirror

What You Do:

1. Look over the discussion questions and the experiment.

Pre-Experiment Questions

1. Why do people use flashlights?
2. If you shined the flashlight at a mirror, what would happen?
3. If you changed the position of the mirror, what would happen to the light?





Experiment Instructions

1. Give one child a flashlight and another child a mirror.
2. Ask the kids where they think the light would go if the child with the flashlight shined the light at the mirror.
3. Choose a target (can be another child) to be hit by the light.
4. Briefly allow kids to take turns with the flashlight and mirror to hit various targets both near to and far from the group.
5. Each time they hit the target, encourage them to say one way they can help someone else in the upcoming week.

What You Say: “In our experiment today, we used a mirror to bring light to different people or things in the group. We could have shined the light directly on those things, right? Instead, we chose to use a mirror. The flashlight shined light on the mirror and the mirror shined light on the targets. That reminds me of what we’re talking about today! **[RECYCLE] God gives me the power I need to help others.** It’s possible for God to help others without me, right? Of course it is . . . God can do anything! God chooses to allow me to help others. When we are ‘zapped,’ God gives us His power and we are able to use that power to help others. **[RECYCLE] God gives me the power I need to help others.**”

2. Acts in Action (*Bible Story Review*)

What You Need: Bibles.

What You Do:

1. Read the following passages as a group.
 - a. Acts 3:1-2
 - b. Acts 3:3-5
 - c. Acts 3:6-8
2. Let the group work together to decide how to act out the verses.
3. If time permits, repeat in fast motion, slow motion, or backward.

What You Say: “You know, when Peter and John went out that day, they weren’t planning to heal a man. They were planning to go pray. Isn’t it AMAZING what God can do when we allow Him to help us? Peter and John saw the man sitting outside the temple gates. The man asked for money, but with God’s power Peter healed the man. Not only did God give Peter power to help the crippled man, but **[RECYCLE] God also gives me the power I need to help others.** Be on the lookout for ways you can help others today!”





3. Say a Little Prayer For Me Prayer

What You Do:

1. Divide kids into pairs
2. Encourage the kids to tell their partner something that they would like to pray about.
3. After a minute or so, instruct the kids to pray for each other.
4. Pray for the group that God will show them ways that they can use His power to help others this week.

What You Say: “There are so many ways that we can help others. We’ve already talked about a lot of them today. Did you know that praying for others is a way that you can help them? Let’s take a few minutes to put what we’re learning into practice! Let’s pray for each other. When we’re ‘Zapped,’ God’s power is in us. It will help us to do things that we might be scared of doing. I can’t wait to hear about how God gives you the power you need to help others!

PLEASE KEEP KIDS IN YOUR SMALL GROUP UNTIL ALL KIDS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP

