



## LESSON 74 SKIT

Principle: We are helpless without Jesus.

Bible Character(s): Peter, John

Scripture Reference: Acts 3: 1-10



**PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Before this weekend, read through Acts 3:1-10. This

passage recounts Peter and John healing the lame beggar. This man had been crippled since birth, and spent each day laying at the Temple gate begging for money. Upon asking Peter and John for money, we see Peter reject his request for money and instead provide something of much greater value: physical healing. Through the name of Jesus, a miracle was performed for a helpless man, who responded by praising God. As you read this passage, think about your own helplessness. We are also beggars who beg for things we do not need. Many times we think we know what we need and we go after it, without even considering that God has something even better for us. We forget that we are helpless without Christ. In what areas of your life are you begging for things that you think will bring you fulfillment? How are you closed off to the power of God, relying on yourself rather than Him? How can you recognize your need for Jesus today? God has so much to give us. We are missing out on what He has for us when we are choosing to not fully grasp His truth



**BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes**

### 1) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

### 2) Welcome Cabins

### 3) Intro Song

### 4) Camp Competition

### Cotton Ball Competition

Have one camper from each cabin come up to the front, and have all of the classes move to the side of the room. Explain to the campers that they need to move as many cotton balls from one line to the other (tape lines will be on the floor). They will have Vaseline put on their nose and that is the only way they can transfer the cotton balls. They cannot use their hands, can only shake off the cotton ball from their nose. Give each team a pile of cotton balls. The camper who moves the most cotton balls in 2 minutes wins the camp banner.

## **5) Worship Set**

### Worship Connector

What are some things that you need your parents for? (Allow responses.) Food, a home, money, clothes; these are all things that you need from your parents. We are helpless without our parents to provide these things for us. There is another way that we are helpless, that even our parents cannot help us with. We are sinners, and the Bible tells us that the only thing we deserve for our sin is death. The only payment for that penalty is perfect blood. But we are not perfect, and the one thing that we need more than anything is Jesus. We are helpless without Him. If you believe and trust that Jesus is your Savior, then you are restored to new life in Him. He saves us from our sin and gives us the gift of eternal life. As we sing this next song, think of our need for Jesus.

## **6) Skit**

Jesus Gives Real Life

### **ProPresenter:**

Slide: "Answer the Question" game show title

### **Roles:**

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

### **Props:**

Separate carpets to have half on side A and half on side B

### **Script:**

Staff Member: Welcome to Camp Grace. And welcome to..."Answer the Question!" That's right. Today, you have the opportunity to play a game I created: ANSWER THE QUESTION! (Show slide.)

I have a strong feeling that once you've played Answer the Question, it will catch on. I think this is going to be one of the most popular games ever. In fact, I think it will become a television game show. It will be bigger than [current popular game show]! You'll notice that the carpets have been separated into two groups. This side of the room will be Team A. This side of the room will be Team B. I will ask Team A a question. They will work together to come up with an answer. Then, I'll ask Team B a question. Ready? Let's play Answer the Question!

Question 1 is for Team A. After Jesus rose from the dead, before ascending to heaven, He gave the disciples a job to do. He said they should go to all the world and make disciples. What do we

sometimes call this job given by Jesus? Talk amongst yourselves. (Pause to give Team A the time to come up with the answer.) Time's up. What is your answer? (The Great Commission.) Congratulations, you've just answered a question!

Now, Team B, it's your turn to answer the question. When Jesus ascended to heaven, he promised a gift to the disciples. What gift did Jesus promise to leave with the disciples? Talk to each other about possible answers. (Pause to give Team B the time to come up with the answer.) Time's up. What is your answer? (The Holy Spirit.) Team B, you've just answered a question!

Storyteller: I don't want to interrupt, but I came to tell the Bible story. First, tell me about this game you've created.

Staff Member: Answer the Question! Don't you think this will be the next big thing?

Storyteller: Well, I only saw a little of it. Maybe I missed something. I saw you ask questions. Each team answered the questions. What did I miss?

Staff Member: What do you mean? That's the game. I ask questions. They answer the questions.

Storyteller: Is there a score? Is there a prize? What's the point?

Staff Member: No, there's no score. There's no prize. There's just the satisfaction of answering questions.

Storyteller: I don't know a lot about creating a game, but I have played a few. It seems to me that your game is just questions and answers. With some challenges, score keeping, and maybe even prizes, it could be an incredible game.

Staff Member: Hmmm. Maybe you're right. Maybe I need to do a little work to make it a better game. What do you guys think (to the campers)? Okay, I'll work on it. Thanks for the feedback.

Storyteller: Before you work on improving your game, stick around for the Bible story.

Staff Member: I'd love to. What are we talking about today?

Storyteller: We're talking about a story found in Acts 3. It's about Peter and John, two disciples. One day Peter and John were walking to the temple and they saw a beggar at the temple gate.

Staff Member: We don't see beggars as often as the people in those days did. A beggar is someone who begs for money.

Storyteller: This beggar was a man who had been crippled since birth. He couldn't walk. Day after day after day after day...he sat at the same temple gate, begging some of the same people for money.

Staff Member: It doesn't sound like an exciting life at all. Every single day he did the same thing. He was living, but he wasn't living a very full and exciting life. You know...it's like my game. You pointed

out that simply answering questions over and over without any challenges, scores, or prizes made my game less exciting than it could be.

Storyteller: This life of begging was all this man had ever known. He didn't know the one person who could make a real difference in his life. Without Jesus, he had no real joy. He had no hope. He had nothing to look forward to.

When Peter and John came by the beggar that day, Peter told the man that he had no silver or gold. He told the man that he had something far better. So, with the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter healed the crippled man. The man who had never walked before walked. He ran praising God. The gift that only Jesus could give allowed this man to have a different life - a life of joy, hope, and purpose.

Staff Member: Without Jesus, our lives are kind of like my game of questions and answers. There's no real point to our lives.

Storyteller: With Jesus, we have joy, hope and a purpose for our lives. That's exciting. Let's pray.

Thank You, Jesus for all that You add to our lives. You give us hope. You give us joy. You give us a purpose. Amen.



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