

II. *The Wonder of the People*, vs. 9-11.—Who witnessed this miracle? Why were they in the temple at that hour? What did they know about the man? How did the miracle affect them? Why did they wonder?

III. *The Name of Jesus Christ*, vs. 12-16.—What led Peter to address the multitude in Solomon's porch? What did Peter say to them? Whom did he declare Jesus to be? With what crime did he charge the people? How had God glorified Jesus? Who were witnesses of his resurrection? What had healed this man? What is meant by *his name*? By *faith in his name*? What is said of his name in Phil. 2:9-11?

1. There are many things of more value than silver or gold.
2. We may do good without being rich.
3. Great blessings should be acknowledged with thankfulness and joy.
4. The name of Jesus Christ has healing power for the soul as well as for the body.

PETER AND JOHN BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

Lesson, Acts 4:1-18. Golden Text, Acts 4:12. Memory vs. 8-11. Catechism, Q. 87.

Introductory.—What miracle did Peter and John perform? What was its effect upon the people? What use did Peter make of it? Give an outline of his sermon. Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *The Apostles Arrested*, vs. 1-4.—Who arrested the apostles? Who was the *captain of the temple*? Who were the *Sadducees*? What made them so angry? What was done with the apostles?

II. *The Apostles Witnessing*, vs. 5-12.—Before whom were the apostles brought? What do you know of the persons here named? How were the apostles questioned? What help had they in answering? What was their answer? What crime did Peter charge upon them? What Psalm did Peter quote? What does this verse mean? In whom alone is salvation? Why only in Christ?

III. *The Apostles Threatened*, vs. 13-18.—What effect had Peter's speech upon the council? Why were they so completely silenced? What measures did they take? What did they say to one another? What did they say as to the facts? What plan did they propose? For what purpose? Why was *this name* so hateful to them? What did they then do?

1. The gospel when faithfully preached will meet with opposition.
2. Its enemies can bring no charge of evil against it.
3. If we have truly been with Jesus we will show it by our lips and lives.
4. Jesus is the only Saviour of lost sinners.
5. Those who reject this only Saviour must perish.

THE APOSTLES' CONFIDENCE IN GOD. August 7.

Lesson, Acts 4:19-31. Golden Text, Acts 4:31. Memory vs. 29-31. Catechism Q. 88.

Introductory.—Why were Peter and John brought before the Council? How were they questioned? What did they reply? What was the effect of their reply? What did the council command? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *The Courage of Confidence*, vs. 19-22.—What did the apostles reply to the command of the council? Why must we always obey God rather than man? How does this require courage? What gave the apostles this courage? What was then done? Why did the council let them go?

II. *The Rejoicing of Confidence*, vs. 23-28.—What did the released apostles do? What did the disciples do when they heard the apostles' report? Who had foretold this opposition to Christ and his followers? Who had joined hands against Christ? Whose purpose had they fulfilled? How did these things give them joy?

III. *The Prayer of Confidence*, vs. 29-31.—For what did the disciples pray? How did they ask God to show his approval? How was their prayer answered? What did the shaking of the place show? With what were they filled? What were they emboldened to do?

1. The Spirit of God will make the weak strong and the timid bold.
2. We must obey God, no matter who or what may oppose or try to hinder us.
3. God will stand by us if we stand by his truth.
4. In times of trial we should take counsel of God's people.
5. We should make God our confidence and seek his help in prayer.

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