

different languages, so that the many, many people gathered in Jerusalem could all hear the story of Jesus, many others decided to belong to the church, too, and day by day new people came to tell Peter and John that they believed. What busy, happy days those were, and we can imagine that the disciples were working hard all day long, preaching and teaching and answering questions.

One day at the hour for prayer they were going into the temple. At the gate of the temple they saw a lame man. Every day his friends brought him there, and as the people passed in and out he held out his hand begging for money. Many knew him, for he had been doing this for a long time. It was the only way that he could make a living, for he did not know how to do anything else. He had never been able to walk in all his life, and his feet and ankles were as weak as those of a tiny baby.

When the lame man saw Peter and John, he asked money of them, as he did of everyone else. But Peter and John had no money. They had left their fishing boats and their nets, with which they had made their living, and had followed Jesus to become "fishers of men." But they did not hurry away or speak unkindly to the begging man. They stopped, and Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

That surely was a strange thing to say to a man who never had taken a step in his life, but the lame man knew that Peter and John were not making fun of him, and when Peter

took him by the hand the man stood up. And suddenly the poor, weak bones were strong. Full of joy he followed Peter and John into the temple, "walking and leaping and praising God." Peter and John had given him a gift worth more to him than all the money in the world, and they had told him that the gift came to him through believing in Jesus.

The crowds, filled with wonder, followed Peter and John and the lame man to Solomon's porch. These must be very wonderful men, they thought. But Peter and John wanted them to honor only Jesus, so Peter said, "Why do you look at us, as though by our own power we had made this man walk?" And then he talked to them of Jesus and his power and his love. He reminded them of how "The Prince of Life" had been killed, and he told them that that same Jesus in heaven was waiting to save and to bless all who would believe and trust him.

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

Let us give freely of our money gifts, for without them we cannot send the story of Jesus to other lands. But let us remember that we have other gifts of love and of service that are often worth more than money.

HANDWORK. The sand table would be a great help in this lesson, or a model of the Temple. Or a temple plan such as is pictured in the back of many Bibles, may be shown. If the children are making the candles suggested in the *QUARTERLY*, they might speak of some one whom Christ had healed, some incident of which this lesson is a reflection.

FROM THE PLATFORM

**T H E N E E D
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Ask who, in the lesson, pictures **THE NEED OF POWER** (Print). The scholars will at once answer: The helpless cripple who was laid daily at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. Bring