

The Story:

³ ¹ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

² And a man lame from birth was being carried in.

People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple.

³ When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms.

⁴ Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us."

⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶ But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."

⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

⁸ Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

⁹ All the people saw him walking and praising God,

¹⁰ and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple;

and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Story learning techniques:

Babel Walk:

Spread out. Work independently. Ignore everyone else.

1st time through: Walk around while you read the story out loud.

2nd time through: Walk around while you read the story out loud with gestures.

3rd time through: Walk around while you read the story out loud making gestures, but speak with expression (any expression or emotion).

4th time through: Stand still. Glance at a line of text (1-2 seconds), close your eyes, say that line out loud with gestures & expression. Repeat for each line of the story.

5th & more: Tell the story out loud, walking, gesturing & with expression, looking at the page as little as possible.

Define your Episodes

3-5 episodes of 1-5 actions, thoughts, phrases, etc.

The Storyteller’s analysis: look for the teller’s “footprints”:

- Sequences, series & repetition
- rhymes and alliteration
- ‘sound’ words (onomatopoeia)
- words of direction, tone, emotion, pace

Biblical analysis

- timeline: what happened before, what happens next?
- Simple Word study: various translations, Concordance
- Commentaries: Culture, customs, politics & social setting
- Bible studies & discussion groups

Personal analysis


- does this story relate to something in your life?
- Have you been in a similar situation?
- Do you identify with one of the characters?

Practice, Practice, Practice

These steps are circular & concurrent, NOT sequential.

Acts 3:1-10 "Silver and Gold" (NRSV)

Biblical Analysis: **Where does it fit?**



Peter Heals the crippled beggar