

# THE UNSEEN KING

## Acts 4:1-22

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### Big Idea :

Peter was teaching that Jesus is alive and the only one who gives life forever. The religious leaders told him to stop, but he chose to obey God and carried on.

### Aim :

Let us trust and obey Jesus as the only one who gives life forever, even though we may not always be able show that to others.

# REVIEW

- What was Peter able to do in the name of Jesus? [Heal a lame man (Acts 3:8)]
- What did Peter say could happen when we turn to God and trust in Jesus? [Our sins can be 'wiped out' (Acts 3:19)]
- Why is 'Jesus' the only one who can do this? [Because Jesus is God's chosen, glorified servant (Acts 3:13)]

# INTRO ACTIVITY

READ THE  
STORY



































*Background (Acts 3):*

When Peter told a man who was over 40 years old, and who had been lame since birth, to get up and walk in the name of Jesus, the man entered the Temple courtyard leaping and praising God.



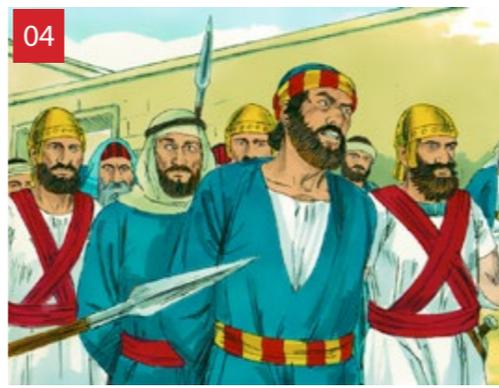
Crowds gathered, amazed at this miracle. Peter told them that this man had been healed in the name of Jesus and reminded them that they had handed Jesus over to be crucified. Then he declared that Jesus had risen from the dead.



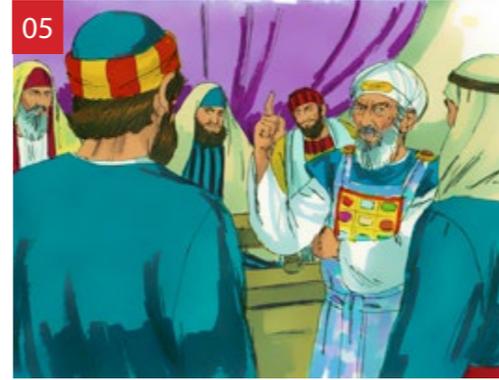
Peter urged them to turn back to God and have their sins forgiven.



Acts chapter 4: The captain of the Temple guard, the priests and the Sadducees were alarmed to hear Peter preaching that Jesus was alive. They seized Peter and John and put them in prison. However, so many people were convinced Jesus had risen from the dead that the number of believers grew to over 5,000.



The next morning Peter and John were brought before Annas the High Priest, the elders and teachers of the law. 'By what power or what name did you do this?' they demanded to know.



Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, replied, 'It is in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, who you crucified but God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.'

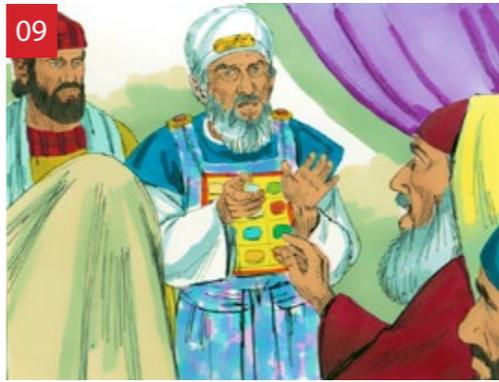


Peter continued, 'Salvation can only be in the name of Jesus. There is no other name with the power to save people from their sins.'



Those listening were astonished at the courage of Peter and John. As the healed man was standing before them they were lost for words. So they ushered Peter and John out while they discussed what to do.

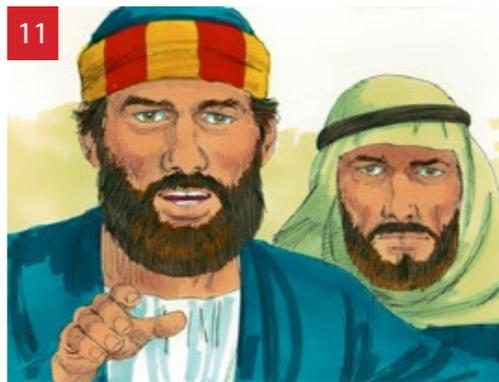




'What can we do?' they asked. 'Everyone has seen them perform this miracle so we cannot deny it. We must stop them speaking about Jesus and doing things in His name.'



Peter and John were brought back in and commanded not to teach in the name of Jesus. They replied, 'Which is right in God's eyes, to obey you or to obey God? You be the judges.'



'As for us,' Peter announced, 'We are going to continue telling others what we have seen and heard.'



The temple leaders issued further threats not to speak about Jesus. However, they could not punish Peter and John because the people were praising God for what had happened.

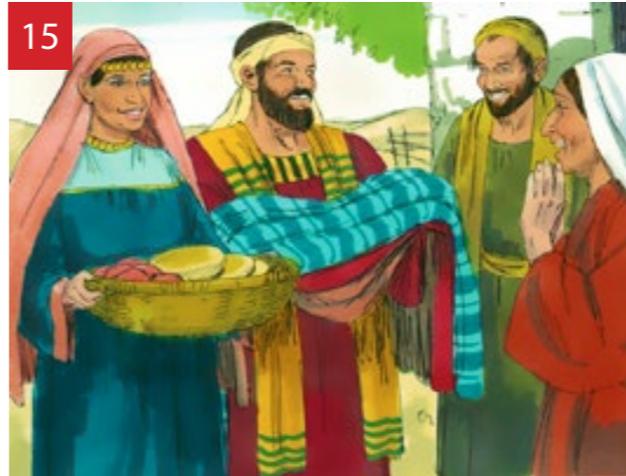


Peter and John returned to the believers and reported what the chief priests and elders had told them. The believers responded by raising their voices in prayer, telling God about the threats that had been made against them.

They prayed for boldness to continue telling others about Jesus and do miracles in His name. When they had finished praying, the building they were in shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking bravely about Jesus to everyone.



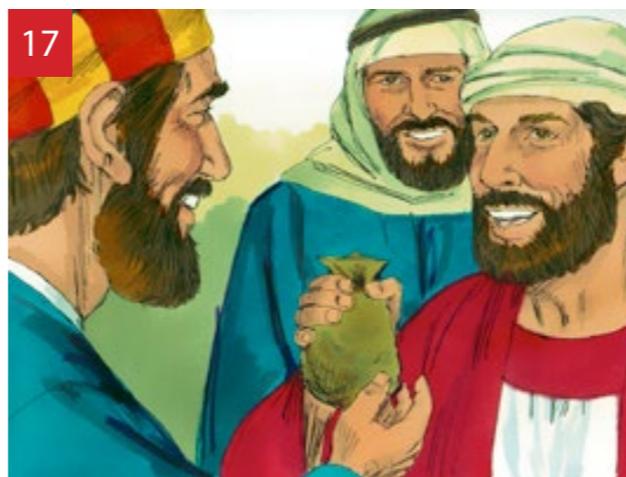
The believers were united. None of them viewed their possessions as their own but shared what they had with each other.



From time to time, those who owned land and houses sold them and gave the money to the disciples to distribute to the poor and needy.



One such man was Barnabas, whose name means 'son of encouragement'. He sold a field he owned to help those in need.



# PLAY GAME 1

# WATCH THE STORY

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# PLAY GAME 2

# DISCUSS

Some of your children may have already have come up against some form of opposition for believing what they do about Jesus. For those who haven't, it is important that you prepare them for it. They should not be surprised when it happens.

- How do they keep trusting Jesus?
- What difference would it make if Jesus was visible today?
- Help them to think through the reasons why Peter was able to speak so boldly against those who opposed him.
- Discuss how Peter faced opposition. What might Peter's situation look like today in their context at home or school?
- How do Peter's answers help us – firstly in what needs to be said, and secondly, when others disagree.
- What parts of what Peter said might their friends find hard to hear, or plainly disagree with.

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# SING

**Please check your Whatsapp for the audio of the song ...lyrics on the next page**

**Don't skip over this aspect of worshipping God!**

**If your child was part of kids club on a Friday, they should be able to teach you actions to the song as well**

**You are not a God created, by human hands  
You are not a God dependent on any mortal man  
You are not a God in need of, anything we can give  
By your plan, that's just the way it is**

**You are God alone, from before time began  
You are on your throne  
You are God alone  
And right now, in the good times and bad  
You are on your throne  
You are God alone**

**You're the only God whose power, non can contend  
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end  
You're the only God whose worthy  
Of everything we can give  
You are God, that's just the way it is**

**Unchangeable, unshakable, unstoppable  
That's what you are**

QUIZ

# PRAY

**Dear Heavenly Father**

**We thank you that you are alive and acknowledge that you are the only one who gives life forever. Please would you give us boldness of speech to be like Peter and John, to be able speak to those around us about who You are and all that You have done for us - especially in sending Jesus as our Saviour.**

**Please would you help us to trust and obey Jesus as the only one who gives life forever.**

**We pray for churches and Christians around the world who may be facing persecution right now. We pray that you would comfort them and give them the boldness to keep trusting in you and your promises...Amen**



## Memory Verse

Acts 1:8 – *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth".*  
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