

Acts 3:8

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



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Peter's Journey
The Beautiful Gate



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KNOW WHAT:

- This week we are starting a new series learning about Peter and the things he did after Jesus rose from the dead. Today we are learning about Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate.
- After Pentecost Peter and the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were able to perform miracles and to tell people about Jesus.
- One day Peter and John were going to the temple when they encountered a man that could not walk. He was begging for money by the gate and held out his hand as Peter and John walked past. Peter had no money but instead offered what he did have- the power of the Holy Spirit. Immediately the man could walk and began praising God for the miracle.
- Today is also Father's Day a day when we celebrate fathers and remember that God is our heavenly father.

SO WHAT:

- God is our father, he loves us and cares for us. He knows what we need and is always looking after us. Stories like this demonstrate his love being shown in people's lives.

NOW WHAT:

- Let us thank God for being a good father.
- Let us celebrate our fathers, giving thanks to God for good fathers and for all the things they do.

JIM'S JOTTINGS

Stop The World I want to Get Off.

.. was a stage musical and movie back in the 1960s (not to be confused with an Arctic Monkeys song of similar name but very different meaning!). It tells the story of someone wanting to press a pause button on life and make sense of it all.

Many of us feel like that, maybe particularly so at the moment. There are anxieties about Government, the economy, jobs, schooling, all underpinned this week by the terrible fire in West London.

This feeling of hopelessness has been around throughout history. In today's story Peter and John are walking past a beggar who cannot walk. He asks for money – the usual thing to do. But Peter presses the pause button and says that he has no money but can make him walk in the name of Jesus. The man jumps up and runs off, walking and leaping and praising God. His life is changed because someone stopped for a moment.

Today is Father's Day when we celebrate dads. Do pause today and appreciate fathers and, if yours is no longer with you, give thanks for him. Good fathers are a great blessing but, in this pressurised world, often struggle with long work hours, huge demands and feelings of guilt that they are not with their families more. Let's give them a great day.