

APPLICATION

The lame man who was healed by the name of Jesus was so thankful that he ran into the temple thanking and praising God.

What is something that you received that you wanted to jump up and down and thank God for?

Have you ever asked God or your parents for something and received something better instead? Write it down below!

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**“Enter His gates with
thanksgiving ...”**

Psalm 100:4 NLT

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Instructions: Read the story, then go back and reread the story and answer the questions.

Acts 3:1-12 NLT

The Bible says: ¹ Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. ^{(?1)(?2)} ² As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. ^(?3) ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ^(?4) ⁶ But Peter said, “I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” ^(?5)

⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. ^(?6a) ⁸ He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! **Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.** ^(?6b)

⁹ All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. ¹⁰ When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! ^(?7) ¹¹ They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

Just like the sick man who entered the temple gates with thankfulness and praise, when we enter God's presence we should have an attitude of thankfulness for all wonderful things He has done for us! ^(?8)

QUESTIONS

- 1.** Who approached the temple? _____ and _____

- 2.** What were they headed to the temple to do?

- 3.** Where was the lame man begging?

- 4.** What did the lame man think Peter was going to give him?

- 5.** But what did Peter say instead?

- 6.** a. When Peter helped the lame man to stand, his _____ and _____ were strengthened!
b. He began to walk, _____ and _____ as he went into the temple!

- 7.** How did the people react when they saw the healed man?

- 8.** We should enter his gate with _____ and _____.