

## WEEK 2

### LESSON GUIDE

## ONE STEP

### BIG IDEA

Take another step — pray for others.

### BIBLE

**Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate:** Acts 3

Heroes meet in the Youth Room for worship.

### WELCOME TIME

#### ACTIVITY | Star Catchers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids in two groups and stand in parallel lines facing each other, about eight to ten feet apart. These are the "stars." Select two kids or leaders to be "star catchers" who will stand in between the two groups. Chant together: "Star light, star bright, how many stars are out tonight?" At the last word, kids will try to cross the room to the other line, and the star catchers will try to catch a star by tagging them. The kids who get tagged become the new star catchers.
- Did you know there are billions and billions of stars in the sky? That's a lot of stars. God knows each one of these stars by name . . . just like God knows each and every one of our names.
- God is all-knowing and all-loving. God will "catch" our prayers when we throw them to heaven . . . not a single one slips by unheard.

### STORY TIME

#### SCRIPTURE | Acts 3 (Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Gather the children into a circle. You can dim the lights and turn on a galaxy projector or consider dressing up as an astronaut to be a storyteller in space.
- Welcome back, space explorers! **Ready to hear this week's story?**
  - **Who can remind us what happened to Jesus?** Yes, he went up to heaven to be with God. Jesus had gone to heaven, but he gave his disciples some instructions before he left.
  - **Does anyone remember what they were?** To wait for the Holy Spirit and then go out into all the world and tell everyone the good news of Jesus.
- Let's hear how Jesus' disciples took another step to follow his commands.
- Two disciples who obeyed Jesus were Peter and John. Peter and John met a man at the temple gates. This man asked for money.
- Peter and John had no money to give him, but they knew another way they could help.
- The man wasn't able to walk. So Peter said a simple prayer to God in Jesus' name so that this man could walk. And he did. He didn't just walk . . . he jumped and praised God.

- Can everyone jump up and down with me?
- Peter and John believed God could do anything. More than that, they believed God loved everyone. So they called on God to help the man walk.
- Prayer is simply talking to God. That's what Peter and John did. They asked God to do something they couldn't do on their own. They knew that God would hear their prayer and help.
- Peter and John's small step of praying for others led to much joy.

**BIG IDEA** | Take another step — pray for others.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write each word of the Big Idea on a piece of black poster board in glow-in-the-dark paint. Hide them around the room and turn off the lights. Let the kids search for the words. Once they find all of the words, lay the words out in a row on the ground. Have the kids step word to word while saying them aloud with you. Then have them all say it again with these hand motions:
  - **Take another** (Raise up one foot.)
  - **Step** (Step down with the same foot.)
  - **Pray** (Make praying hands.)
  - **For others** (Point to other kids around the room.)

**VIDEO** | One Small Step, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).

**ACTIVITY** | Asteroid Toss

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have the children stand in a circle. Depending on how many children there are, give two to three children an "asteroid" (a ball made out of foil or a small ball covered in foil). Have the children toss the ball to one another, calling out the name of the friend to whom they want to throw it. Alternatively, if it's easier, you can ask the children to kick it to one another.
- This game might have felt a little crazy since so many "asteroids" were whizzing by.
- **Did it help to call out the name of the friend you wanted to pass the "asteroid" to?**
- **Was it easier to be ready and catch the ball when a friend called your name?**
- It's good to let your friends know you're praying for them. It may comfort them and help them feel loved.
- No matter how many prayers we toss up, God is always listening and able to answer all our prayers.
- **Take another step — pray for others.**

**PRAYER**

- Dear God, thank you for listening to our prayers. Help us to pray for others because we know you care. Amen.

**SHARING TIME**

**ACTIVITY** | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Invite the children to sit in a circle. Allow them to toss a "[rocket ship](#)" (Nerf football) or roll a planet (jelly ball) to one another. The person who catches it can answer the question.
- **Who were the two disciples in the story?** Peter and John.
- **Who did they meet at the temple gates?** A man who couldn't walk.
- **What happened when Peter and John prayed for the man?** He walked and jumped and gave thanks to God.
- **Who gave Peter the power to heal the man?** God.

- Who remembers the first step? *Believe in Jesus.*
- What's the next step we learned today? *Pray for others.*

**MEMORY VERSE** | Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

- "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Say the memory verse aloud for the kids as you do the hand motions. Have the children repeat after you but be sure to segment the verse to help kids get the words and motions correct.
  - **The heavens** (Sweep your arms over your head to the right.)
  - **Declare** (Cup hands to mouth.)
  - **The glory of God** (Hands spread out and gesture up into the sky.)
  - **The skies** (Sweep your arms over your head to the left.)
  - **Proclaim** (Cup hands to mouth.)
  - **The work of his hands** (Hold up both hands and wave them.)

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**PLAY TIME**

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**ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute the [coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.