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Peter and John preach about Jesus

Peter was sitting on the steps of the temple. Several months had passed since the death of Jesus, and Peter was remembering his dear friend and teacher.

"Peter," Jesus had asked. "Who do the people of Israel say that I am?"

"My Lord," Peter had answered. "I have heard you described as John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the other prophets raised from the dead."

"And who do you think I am?"

"You are the Messiah, the son of the living God."

As Peter was remembering, John arrived.

"Is something wrong?" John asked.

"No, I was just thinking about our Lord."

"I think of him often, myself," John said. "He said he would have to die in order for us to have life, but I miss him very much."

Then Peter said, "But he also said he would always be with us. Come, let us go now to pray."

The two men climbed the stairs to the temple. Sitting next to the door was a man who had been born unable to walk. He held out a cup.

"Please, sirs, some money for a poor,



Illustrations by Kathy Welsh

"Silver and gold I do not have," Peter said, "but what I do have I will share with you. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

The man was healed immediately. He jumped and danced into the temple praising God.

Peter said to the people, "Do you think by our own strength we made this man to walk? Jesus, who died on the cross, has shown mercy on this man."

While Peter and John were still speaking, the captain of the guard and some of the church officials came and arrested them. The next

day they appeared in court in front of the church rulers and many witnesses.

The high priest asked, "Who gave you the authority to preach in this manner?"

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered, "The same Jesus you crucified and God raised from the dead has healed this man."

Being unable to deny the miracle, the church leaders decided to force Peter and John into silence.

John said, however, "We cannot help but talk about the great things God has done."

Reluctantly, the church leaders released Peter and John.

John said to Peter, "God has been good to us. Because of our faith, others have come to believe in him and a man was healed."

Peter's reputation as man of God spread. People brought their sick to him and the mere passing of his shadow over them healed them.

Read more about it: Matthew 16; Acts. 3-5

Q & A

1. Who did Peter say Jesus was?
2. Who did Peter say healed the crippled man?

Bible Accent

Denver, 1993 — Pope John Paul II, the man who follows in the footsteps of Peter, met with President Clinton in Denver and spoke to more than 120,000 Catholics.

Many of the visitors were there to celebrate World Youth Day and to display Christian unity throughout the world.

Young people from 70 different countries held bake sales, garage sales and other fundraising projects to be able to afford to attend this historic event.

Pope John Paul appealed to the hearts of the people in Denver. He encouraged everyone to stand with the church and work for human dignity, safety, and equality. They were invited to protect the sanctity of life, which is an important message for all Christians of the 1990s and beyond.

Although thousands of people attended the events and services, not a single disturbance occurred as result of the crowd. World Youth Day, 1993, was a chance for the young Christians of the world to speak out and be heard — and they were.

Saint Bridget — the Pearl of Ireland

Saint Bridget was born in Northern Ireland during the time of Saint Patrick. She was the daughter of a nobleman, but she still had to work hard tending the cows and the farm. She was known for her kindness to the poor, the sick and people in need.

Bridget's father wanted her to marry a noble. Bridget would say she was devoted only to Jesus Christ and refused to marry. Not wanting

to upset her father, Bridget spoke with the bishop about joining a religious order.

When the bishop first met Bridget, he saw a bright light shining around her face and head. He knew this was a very special woman. He helped her establish a convent in a place called Kildare.

Bridget is sometimes called "the Pearl of Ireland." We remember her in the month of February.

Miracles of Faith

Match the Bible characters to their deeds. Answers found on page 2.

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| 1. Noah (Genesis 6) | a. killed Goliath |
| 2. Joshua (Joshua 6) | b. mother of Jesus |
| 3. David (1 Samuel 17) | c. healed the sick |
| 4. Elijah (1 Kings 18) | d. protected Joshua's spies |
| 5. Peter (Acts 3) | e. built the ark |
| 6. Mary (Luke 2) | f. Isaac's ninety-year-old mother |
| 7. Rahab (Joshua 2) | g. said the first "Hail, Mary" |
| 8. Sara (Genesis 17) | h. defeated Jericho |
| 9. Elizabeth (Luke 1) | i. the faithful friend |
| 10. Ruth (Ruth 1) | j. called fire from heaven |

August Essay Winner

Congratulations to Jenni McGinnis, a ninth-grade student at Ithaca High School. She is the winner of a \$50 Savings Bond for the best essay in the August Kids' Club Contest. Her essay is printed below.

Jesus was kind to the Samaritans even though it was believed that all Jews hated Samaritans. By doing this, Jesus set an example for everyone to follow — that we should be a friend to everyone, whether they be a different color, nationality or religion than us. We should always treat others with the kindness Jesus would have shown them himself. We should never exclude or ridicule people because they are different. Accepting all people as they are is setting an example for others to follow. Being kind and loving one another is acting out Jesus' message of love.

Kids' Club

Win a \$50 Savings Bond!!!

John said that he and Peter had to talk about the great things God has done. Besides at church or in religion classes, when are some times we can talk about the great things God has done?

Write an answer of 100 or fewer words. Include your name, home address, telephone number, school and grade. The winner will earn a \$50 Savings Bond. The winner will be notified by phone. The essay will be printed in an upcoming edition of Kids' Chronicle. Send your entry to: Catholic Courier, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

The deadline for essays is September 23, 1993.



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