



Paul Helps a Lame Man

Acts 14:8-20

Paul and his friend Barnabas traveled together. They walked from town to town. In every town, they told people about Jesus. Paul and Barnabas helped people who were sick. Many, many people believed that Jesus is God's Son because of Paul and Barnabas.

One day, Paul and Barnabas came to a town called Lystra. They told the people there that Jesus is God's Son. They told how Jesus healed people. Paul and Barnabas told the people that God loved them. As Paul talked, he looked at one man in the crowd. This man had never walked in his whole life. His feet didn't work. The man looked back at Paul. Paul could see that the man believed God could make his feet well!

So Paul said to the man, "Stand up on your feet!" The man jumped up on his feet. He began to walk. The man may have tried to hop a little and then maybe to run a little. He must have been so happy to use his feet that maybe he twirled a little! His feet were well! God had made the man's feet work!

The people in the crowd saw the man leaping and jumping! The people got VERY excited! They thought Paul and Barnabas had healed the man! But Paul and Barnabas didn't heal the man. Paul and Barnabas told everyone that God had made the man's feet work.

Paul said, "We are here to bring the good news about God." Then Paul and Barnabas walked to other cities to tell others about God. They wanted to show God's love to everyone!

Baggie Hearts

Collect

Bible, one resealable plastic bag for each child, permanent marker, finger paint or ketchup.

Prepare

Use permanent marker to draw a heart shape on the outside of each bag, and put a small amount of finger paint or ketchup in each bag.

Do

Children lay bags on a flat surface and use their fingers to trace over heart shape.



Enrichment Ideas

1. Children may trace the letter *J* for the word "Jesus" or trace their own initials.
2. Cut large heart shapes from finger-paint paper. Pour a small amount of paint (use a variety of colors) onto paper. Invite children to use their hands to paint, making hearts on the paper.



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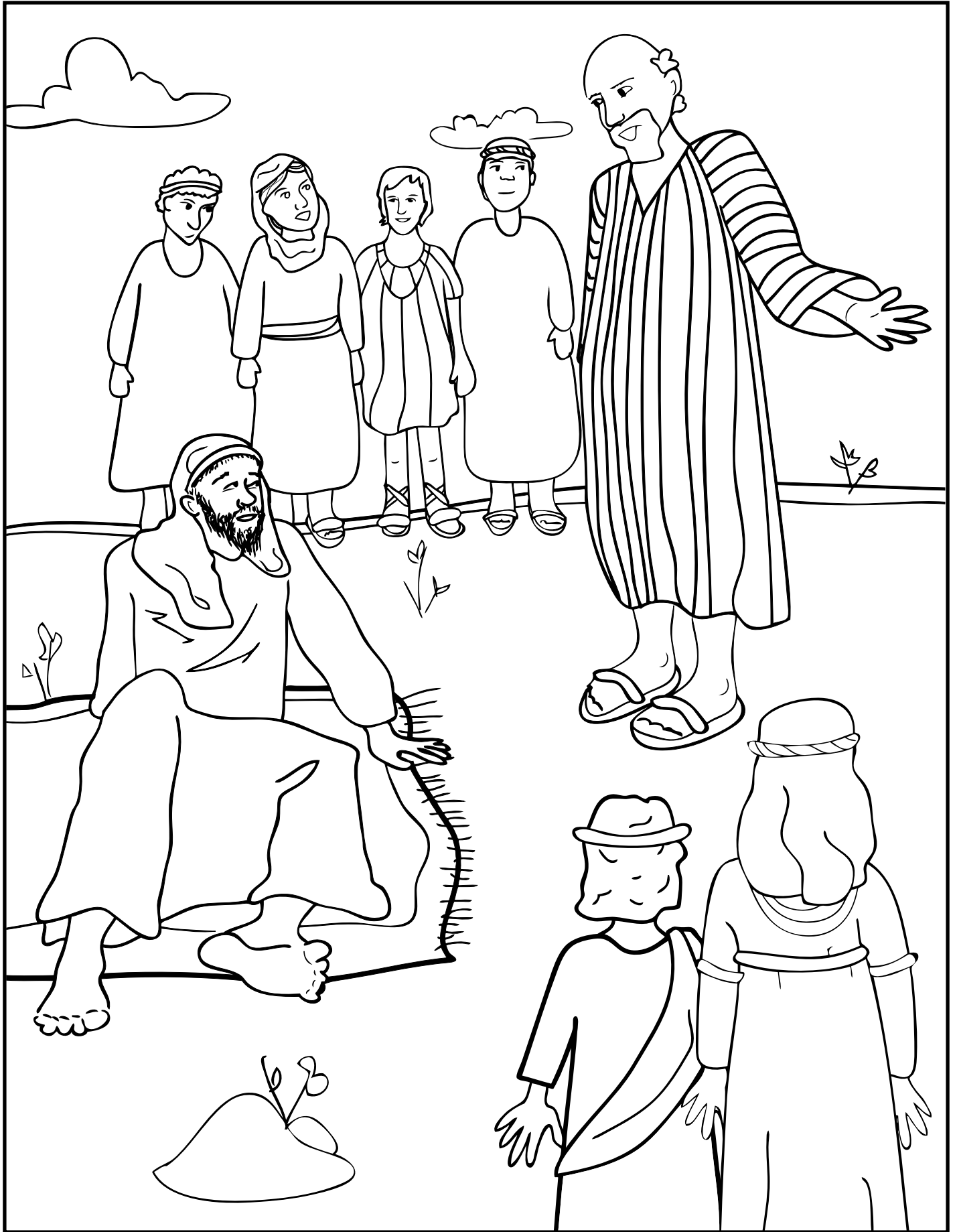
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God loves me and I can show love to others.

Talk About

- ☀ In our Bible story today, God made a lame man's legs well. God helped the man because God loved him. God loves us, too! Let's trace heart shapes to remind us of God's love.
- ☀ Thank you, Todd, for making room for Andrea to sit at the table. You showed God's love by being kind to her! What other kind things can you do at the art table?
- ☀ God loves us! And God wants us to show His love to others. Gina, what are some ways you help your mom at the store? When we help others, we show love to them.





Paul Heals a Lame Man in Lystra