

# Family Worship Devotion

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As a kid, I loved to run around with my cousins in my grandma's backyard, while all the grown-ups in our family would sit and chat together on the deck. Her yard was such a fun place to be, and my grandma was one of my favorite people in the world. She was incredibly loving, giving, and kind. One time, I got a huge splinter in my foot running up the wooden stairs onto the deck. Immediately, I started crying, not sure if anything could make it better. But then I said to my grandma, "I need some cookies!" And as she often did, she brought out some cookies. But it wasn't really cookies that would make me better. My grandma picked me up and set me in her lap, which was one of the safest places in the world. I didn't just need cookies. I needed something much bigger: my grandma's love! (And my dad was super helpful getting the splinter out, too!)

Sometimes we ask for small things, when we really need something much better and bigger. In the Bible story today, a man who is not able to walk asks Peter and John--two of Jesus' followers--for money. He needed money like I needed cookies. It might have helped a little, but really this man really needed something bigger. He wanted a miracle--to be able to walk! And God gave it to him; it really was a miracle! This story encourages me to remember that we should ask God for big things--the things we really want! And just like my loving grandma, God is faithful to give us what we need.

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## Stories & Questions

Get your bible out and open it to Acts 3. Feel free to read the story or act out the story.

Let's dive deeper into the story.

- 1) What is a miracle?
- 2) Have you ever seen a miracle before?
- 3) Do you think Peter and John were surprised when God healed the man?
- 4) How do you think the man felt when God healed him?
- 5) Would you like to see God perform a miracle? If so, what would that miracle look like?

## Prayer

Jesus, we admit and confess that so often we ask for what we think we need, and you have something so much bigger and more eternal in mind.

Will you give us the vision, words, faith and boldness to ask for more than we can imagine? And, when we feel doubt or discouragement, help us remember to ask for your help, even in our unbelief? We want to be people who witness and participate in the great work you are doing. We love you Jesus. Thank you for loving us.

## Activity



**Ask big!** As a family, make a list of big things you want to ask God for-- remember, God can do anything! Then take time to pray about those things every day this week-- it could be before bed, at a meal, first thing in the morning...



**Serve big!** Remember that sometimes WE are the way that God answers someone's prayers, even the big ones! Have every member of your family come up with one way they can be helpful this week, then act on it! Examples might be: offering to walk the dog, calling a loved one who is lonely, writing a card for essential workers, helping clean up after a meal...