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Historical Background

- Setting: The story takes place in Jerusalem, a bustling city where the ancient Jewish temple was located.
- Time: These events happened after Jesus went up to heaven and the Holy Spirit came to help his friends, the apostles, spread his teachings.
- Key Figures:
 - Peter and John: Two of Jesus' close friends and followers.
 - The Lame Man: A man who couldn't walk since he was born and sat at the temple gate to ask people for help.

Cultural Background

- Temple: The temple was a very important place for the Jewish people. They went there to pray and worship God.
- Almsgiving: It was common for people to give money or food to those in need, like the man who couldn't walk, especially as a way to show kindness and obedience to God.

Theological Insights

- Miracle: Peter and John, through God's power, help the man stand and walk for the first time. This shows that God can do amazing things!
- Faith and Power of Jesus: Peter explains that it is by believing in Jesus that the man was healed, showing the preschoolers that Jesus' power is strong and can help us too.
- Sharing the Good News: After the miracle, Peter tells everyone about Jesus' love and how Jesus wants to help everyone. This teaches us to share kindness and God's love with others.

Key Messages for Preschoolers

1. Kindness: Just like Peter and John, we can be kind and help others.
2. God's Power: We learn that God can do wonderful things and can help us in amazing ways.
3. Thankfulness: The man was so happy that he could walk, he praised God! We should remember to thank God for all the good things He gives us.

These notes help teachers share the wonder and importance of this Bible story with preschoolers, emphasizing kindness, faith, and thankfulness.