

Crafts

Craft Activity: "Healing at the Beautiful Gate Bracelet"

Objective:

To reinforce the story of Acts 3, where Peter heals a lame man at the temple gate called Beautiful, by creating a bracelet that reminds students of the power of faith and the importance of helping others.

Materials List:

- Colorful pony beads
- Elastic cord (bracelet string)
- Scissors
- Small plastic baggies (one per student)
- Printed story summary cards (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preparation:

- Cut elastic cord into lengths suitable for bracelets, roughly 8-10 inches per student.
- Optional: Print small cards with a summary of Acts 3.

2. Introduction (5 minutes):

- Briefly discuss Acts 3. Focus on the story of Peter healing the lame man at the Beautiful gate, emphasizing faith, healing, and helping others.

3. Crafting the Bracelet (15 minutes):

- Step 1: Give each student a piece of elastic cord.
- Step 2: Provide each student with a handful of pony beads (varied colors) in a small plastic baggie. Explain the significance of the materials: they represent how different people can come together to do good deeds.
- Step 3: Instruct students to string the beads onto the cord, alternating colors and patterns according to their preference. Encourage them to leave some space for knot-tying at the end.
- Step 4: Once they are satisfied with their patterns, assist students in tying a knot at the ends of the cord to secure the beads in place and form a bracelet.
- Step 5: For added reinforcement, let students place their bracelets in a baggie with a printed summary card of Acts 3.

4. Conclusion (5 minutes):

- Gather the class and encourage students to share their bracelets and the bead patterns they chose.
- Reflect on the activity, emphasizing how just like each bead was strung together to make a beautiful bracelet, acts of kindness and faith can make the world more beautiful.
- Discuss how they can be like Peter and show kindness and help to others around them.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

The bracelet serves as a tactile reminder of the story's themes, enabling students to remember the power of faith and the ability to uplift others through simple actions. As they see or wear their bracelet, they are reminded of Peter's example and encouraged to act with kindness and compassion.