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Teacher Notes for Teaching 'Acts 4' to Preschool Students

Objective:
Introduce preschool students to the story of Acts 4, highlighting themes of courage, sharing, and community.

Pacing Suggestions:
1. Introduction (5 minutes):
- Set the scene. Explain that we are going to learn about some of Jesus' friends who did something brave.

2. Storytelling (10 minutes):
- Use a simple picture book version or illustrated flashcards to tell the story.
- Break down the story into simple parts: Peter and John healing, sharing the message, being questioned, and the community sharing.

3. Discussion (5 minutes):
- Ask simple questions: "What did Peter and John do?"
- Encourage responses that show understanding of bravery and kindness.

4. Activity (10-15 minutes):
- Have a craft that aligns with the story, like creating a heart to represent sharing love.
- Or a role-play activity where students practice "being brave" by saying something nice to a classmate.

5. Wrap-Up and Reflection (5 minutes):
- Recap the main points: being brave, helping others, sharing with our friends.
- Close with a simple prayer or affirmation thanking for friends and community.

Explaining Difficult Concepts:

- Courage:
- Use relatable examples, like standing up for a friend at the playground.

- Community Sharing:
- Relate to snack time, explaining how sharing with friends makes everyone happy.

- Authority Figures:
- Describe in simple terms, like the teachers or adults who keep us safe but in the story, some adults were not so kind.

Engagement Tips:
- Interactive Storytelling:
- Use varied voices and ask the children to act out emotions like joy, surprise, or bravery.

- Visual Aids:
- Utilize colorful illustrations to keep their attention focused.

- Repetition and Songs:
- Integrate simple songs about being brave or helping others to reinforce the lesson.

- Movement:
- Incorporate gentle movements or actions aligned with the story, such as standing tall like Peter and John to signify courage.

With these steps and tips, children will have a clearer understanding of the story's messages in a way that's engaging and age-appropriate.