



Unit 10, Lesson 37

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: PETER AND JOHN

ACTS 4:1-31

THE STORY HOME

Acts 4:1-31 tells us that two early Christians, the disciples Peter and John, healed and preached in the name of Jesus even though the Sanhedrin protested against them. The Sanhedrin was a strong group of Jewish leaders who all thought they were right in keeping the Jewish Laws (rules). They believed that the rules were what pleased God and made them holy, rather than God's presence and grace. Peter and John were put in prison and questioned by the Jewish rulers and elders the next day. Eventually they were released with the warning not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. What was the response of Peter and John? Read Acts 4:19-20 to discover the answer.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- I wonder what part of this story you enjoyed the most. The least? Why?
- I wonder if Peter and John got discouraged trying to preach and heal. What do you think?
- Do you think Peter and John's relationship was co-ministers? Best friends? Brothers in Christ? Explain.
- Is there someone who teases you for sharing about Jesus? How do you respond?
- How can you be brave and share about Jesus even if people try to stop you?

TOGETHER HOME

Using large white paper—maybe butcher paper—involve your children in drawing a picture of Peter and John. Talk about the clothes and sandals people wore back then. Talk about Peter and John witnessing about God even in the face of persecution. Encourage them to be true Christ-followers.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” (Matthew 28:19) is our memory verse this month. Print this memory verse on the white paper with the pictures of Peter and John, and then tape it up on a wall where your family can see it each day.

Copyright © 2014 by WordAction Publishing Company®. Permission to copy for local church use only. All other uses contact the publisher. All rights reserved. All scripture quotations, unless otherwise indicated, are taken from the *Holy Bible, New International Version*®, NIV®. Copyright ©1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. www.zondervan.com The “NIV” and “New International Version” are trademarks registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Biblica, Inc.™

NT Unit 10, Lesson 37, Take-home