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Dear Students,

Have you ever seen someone take credit for something another person did? How did you feel about it? Or have you ever been tempted to take the credit for something you know you didn't really accomplish? Why is that such a temptation for many people?

In our Bible reading, Peter has a chance to take credit for a miracle, but he gives all the credit and glory for it to Jesus - which will actually get him in more trouble!

Imagine what would have happened to Christianity if Peter and John had said "Yes, we healed this man, we are so great!" Would anyone even remember them today? Or would they just be long forgotten?

Peter reminded the Jewish people then - and reminds us today - that it's Jesus' name that has the power to heal and save, not anything a human person says or does. Jesus' name is powerful because God's is powerful. Just like Peter and John gave Jesus the credit and the glory, we can recognize God's hand in any success that we have. And when we sin and fall short morally, we can ask Jesus to forgive us and lift us up.

Read this week's Bible story in [Acts 3 \(click here for a link\)](#), then ask yourself these questions:

- Does Peter expect everyone to just have faith automatically, or does he give evidence to support his conclusion that Jesus is God's chosen one?
- What does Peter say God is planning for us or that God wants to do for us?
- What are some benefits of letting Jesus be the boss of your life?
- Is there anything you need to talk to God about and ask repentance for?
- How would it feel to have "fresh strength"?
- Who can you pray for, that they would start trusting in Jesus?

Video option: [Learn about God's names](#)

Challenge: Read the book of Acts on your own! If you haven't started yet, that's fine - start by reading [Acts chapters 1-4](#)

Prayer: "Dear Father, thank you for faithful love for us and for our families. You are so wise and kind. Please help us to always give you the credit and the glory for every accomplishment. Amen"

Love in Christ,

—Sharon R.