

## Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

### Focus Point – A Crippled Man Walks!

***Acts 14:8-10*** Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, <sup>10</sup> said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking.

Simulate handicaps. Play "Simon Says" with the children. Then have them sit on the floor, unable to stand and walk, and try to play the game again.

Have them try to get an object that is out or reach or in another part of the room. How will they do it? What is it like to be unable to walk – and have no wheelchair!

This activity can be used with other lessons as well, like "The Man at the Pool of Bethesda" (John 5:1-9ff) and "The Lame Man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple" (Acts 3:1-10).

Another Bible story is about the man with a withered right hand (Luke 6:6-11). Have the children put their right arm behind their back and try to accomplish a simple task like taking the lid off a plastic jar, tying their shoes, or putting a letter into an envelope. Now "heal them" and let them do these tasks with both hands!

Read Isaiah 35:5-6. The promise of the coming kingdom is wonderful.