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¹The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ²They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

⁵The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem.

⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family.

⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹He is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the capstone.”

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

¹³When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. ¹⁴But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. ¹⁶“What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

¹⁸Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John replied, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. ²⁰For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

²¹After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. ²²For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why were Peter and John put in jail?
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5		4.) Why do you think Peter and John continued to tell others about Jesus?

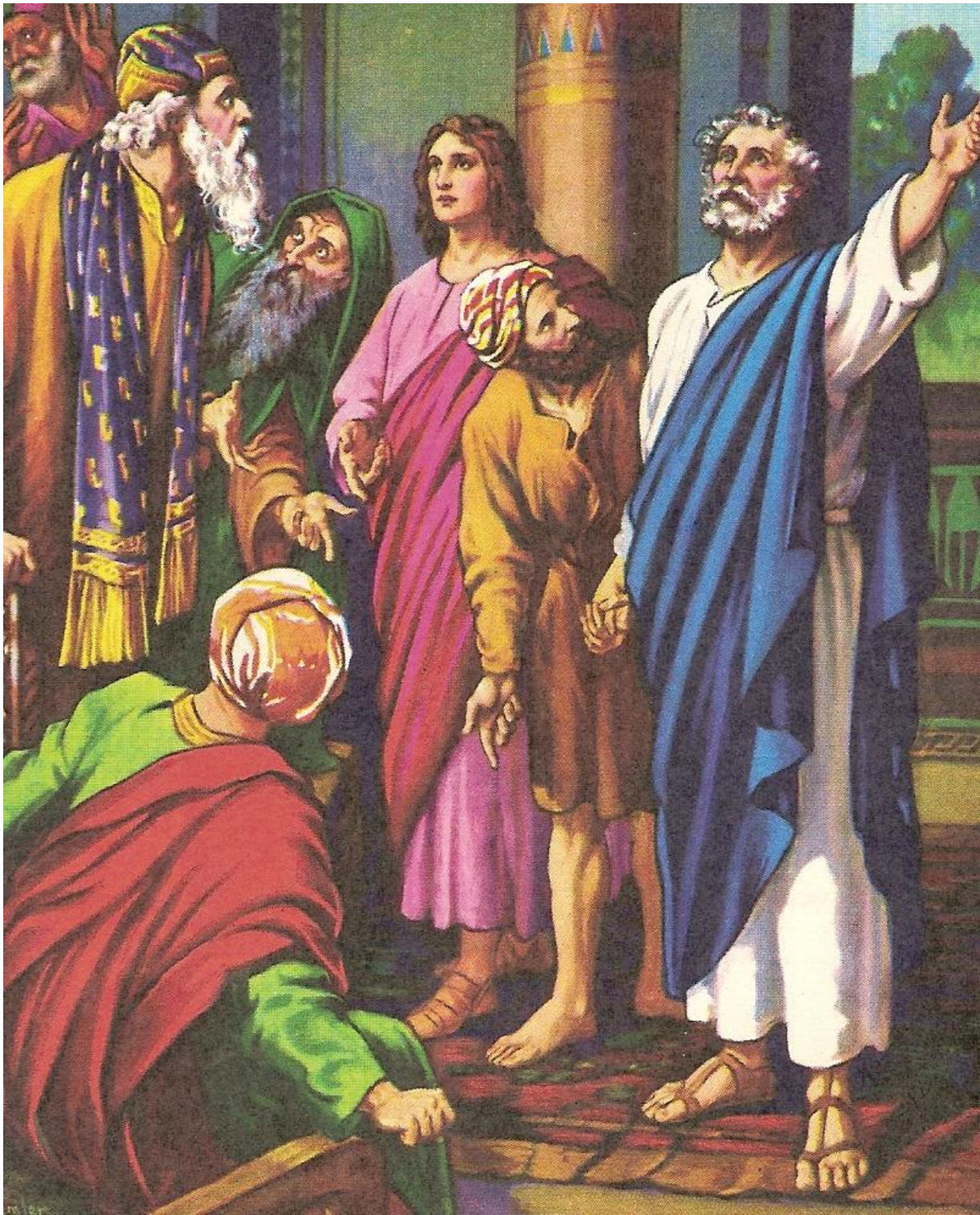
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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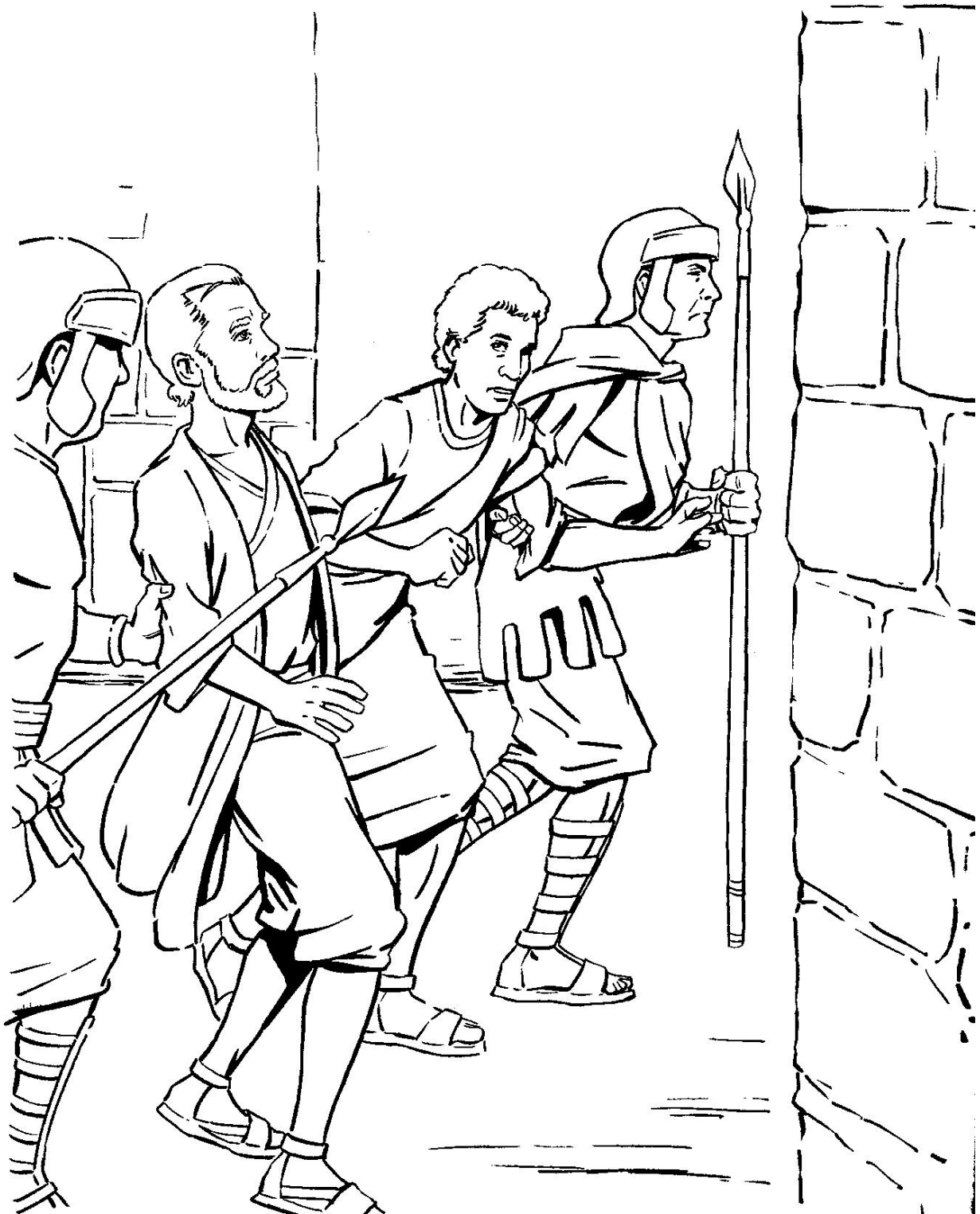
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Peter and John are arrested but continue to preach about God

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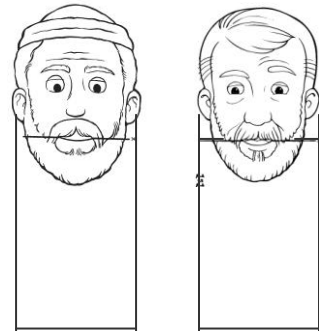
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: PETER & JOHN PUPPETS

Students will make Peter and John puppets to remind them that Peter and John would continue to obey God by preaching the good news of Christ even though the rulers, elders, and teachers of the laws wanted them to stop.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Peter & John Puppet Patterns
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Paper Lunch Sacks



DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Peter & John Puppet Patterns” onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the heads of Peter and John.
3. Have students cut out the heads on the solid black lines.
4. Glue the heads to the bottoms of a paper lunch sacks.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their puppets, remind them that Peter and John were great examples of speaking the truth about Jesus. Encourage students to share their faith with those around them like Peter and John did. Time permitting, students can practice sharing about Jesus using the puppets.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

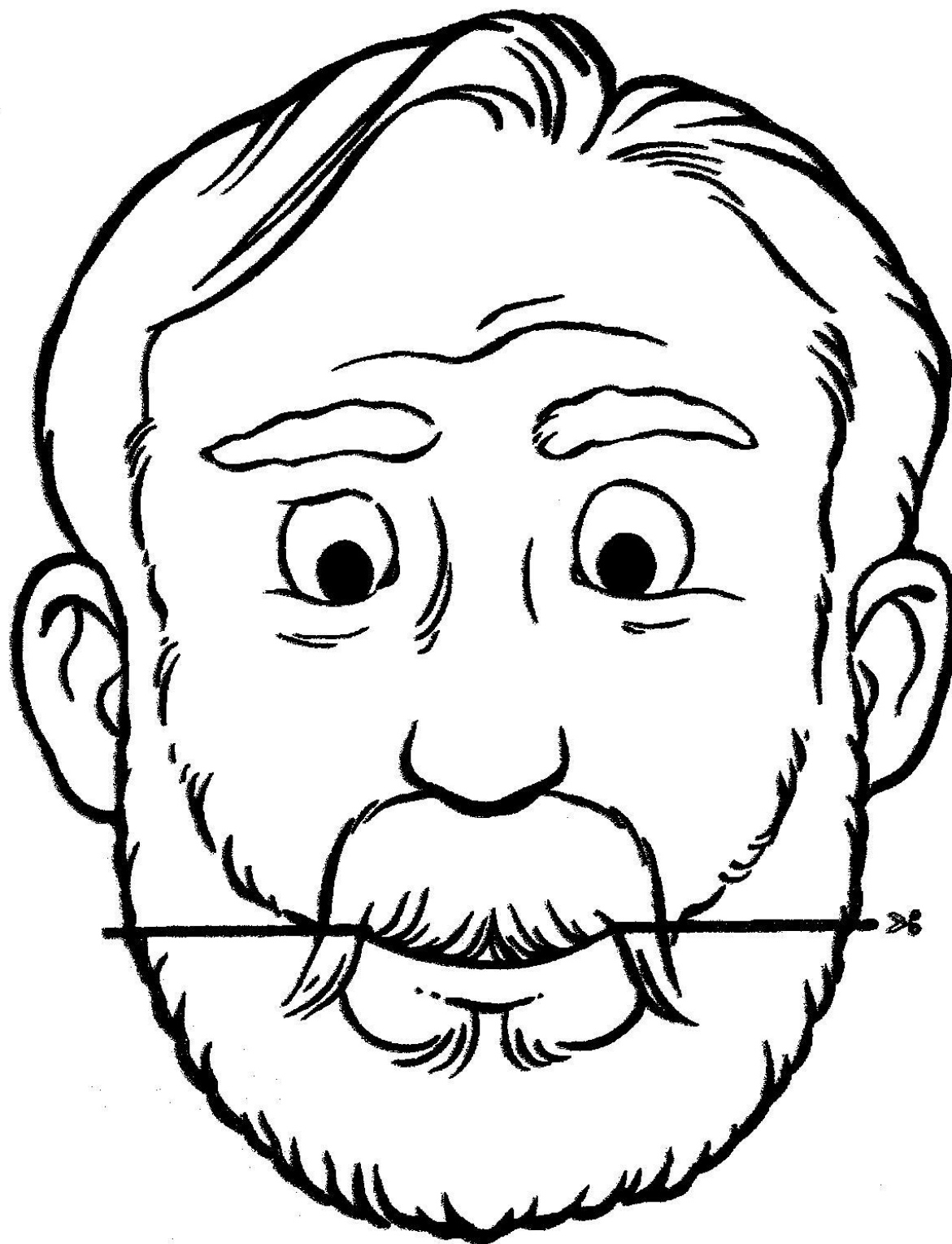
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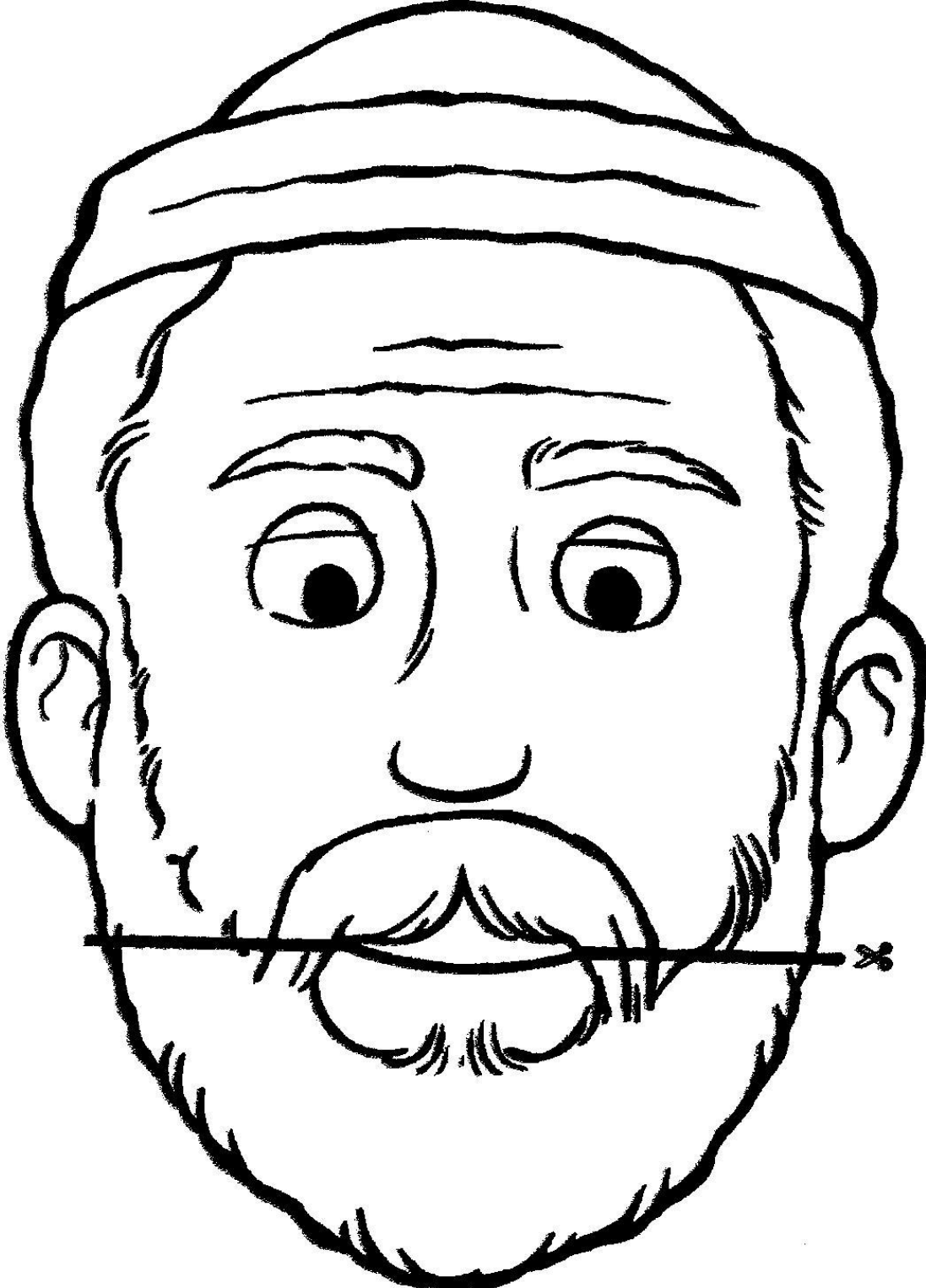
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JOHN PUPPET PATTERN



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Use the graph to decode the message. Each letter is represented by two numbers. The first number is for the vertical row and the second is for the horizontal row. Follow each row until you come to the letter. Example: 42=M.

	1	2	3	4	5
1	F	S	H	N	B
2	Y	O	A	L	U
3	C	I	R	X	G
4	T	M	W	D	P
5	J	E	Q	K	V

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What was Peter's reply to the Sanhedrin?

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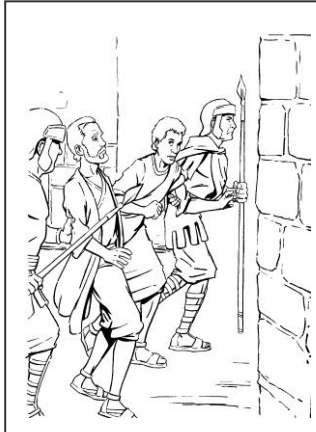
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON ACTS 4:1-22

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Peter and John were teaching the good news of Jesus and the priests, captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees arrested them and put them in jail until the next day.

The following day, the rulers elders, and teachers of the law brought Peter and John before them. They asked, "By what power or what name did you do this." They were asking about the healing of the crippled man.

Peter, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, gave glory to God for the healing of the crippled man. Peter shared that Jesus is the only way to be saved from sin.

The leaders did not want Peter and John to preach about Jesus anymore. But Peter told them, "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." About 5,000 men put their trust in Jesus.

Finally, the leaders let Peter and John go.

To find out more, check out Acts 4:1-22 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

jail	anymore	Jesus
John	spread	leaders

Peter and _____ were teaching about Jesus. Some of the _____ did not like that they were preaching about _____. The leaders put the two men in _____. They did not want them to teach about Jesus _____. But Peter and John continued to _____ the good news of Jesus.