

WILD ZONE

FISHING TOURS UNLIMITED

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BIG GAME FISHING

As a special adventure Uncle Maui took Torrance and Cooper to catch big game fish. He joined some friends to charter a big boat with all the gear. They sailed from the Bay of Islands to the edge of the continental shelf. It was very exciting when a striped marlin took the bait at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Uncle Maui played the fish for most of the night and finally brought it aboard at 3 o'clock the next morning. Torrance and Cooper stayed up all night. They were very proud of the catch and posed for a photo with the massive fish – 140 kilos. They'll never forget that!



striped marlin

WALKING, RUNNING AND JUMPING!

"Come and see what's happened."

Everyone ran into the Temple in Jerusalem to see the man who was walking, running and jumping.

They all knew him. He had never walked in the 40 years of his life. Every day his friends and family carried him to sit outside the Temple to beg. He was very thin – just like a bag of bones. He would shout, "Please help me". Some people dropped small coins into his begging bowl.

One afternoon, a few days after the Holy Spirit came, Peter and John went to the Temple to pray. The man called out to them.

"Look at us," Peter said and the man expected to get some money.

"We don't have any money," Peter said and the man was disappointed. "But we can give you something else. In the name and power of Jesus stand up and walk."

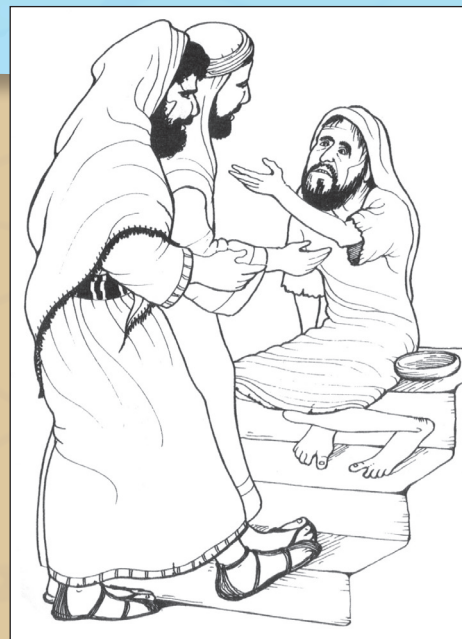
Amazingly his weak knees and ankles became stronger. Staggering and struggling at first, he stood up. Then he started to take some steps. Soon he was walking, running and jumping! Everyone was amazed.

Peter grabbed the chance to tell the staring crowd about Jesus.

"This man was healed by the power of Jesus," Peter said. "Jesus is the Messiah God promised to send. He was holy and good. But you and your leaders arrested and crucified him. You killed the one who gives you life! But God raised him from death three days later. We saw him alive. It is through the power of Jesus that this man has been healed. Turn away from your sins so you can be forgiven and God will bless you as he has promised."

The religious leaders heard that Peter was preaching about Jesus in the Temple. They were very angry and rushed in with their guards to arrest Peter and John. That night they were in prison.

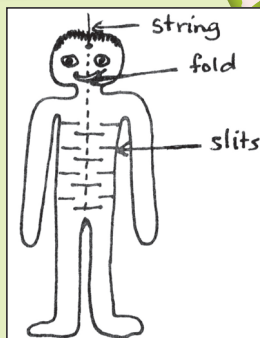
The next day they were put on trial. The man who was healed came too.



MAKE A JUMPING MAN

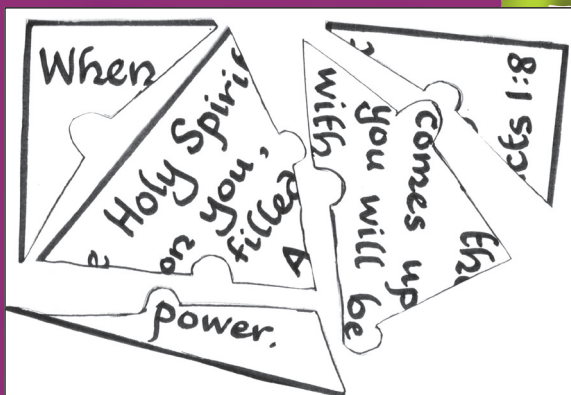
You will need a long piece of paper, a pen, scissors and a piece of string.

Draw and cut out a man. Make him as tall as your piece of paper. Fold him down the middle and cut slits in his body. Cut one slit from the sides and the next from the centre. Do not cut right across! Keep on doing this to his whole body. Tie a string through a hole in his head. Now make him jump.



A VERSE TO LEARN

Can you solve this jigsaw puzzle and read the verse? Look up Acts 1:8 in a Good News Bible to check your answer. Write the verse and learn it by heart.



This gave Peter another time to tell everyone that the man was healed by the power of Jesus.

"You crucified Jesus," Peter said. "But God raised him to life again and we saw him alive."

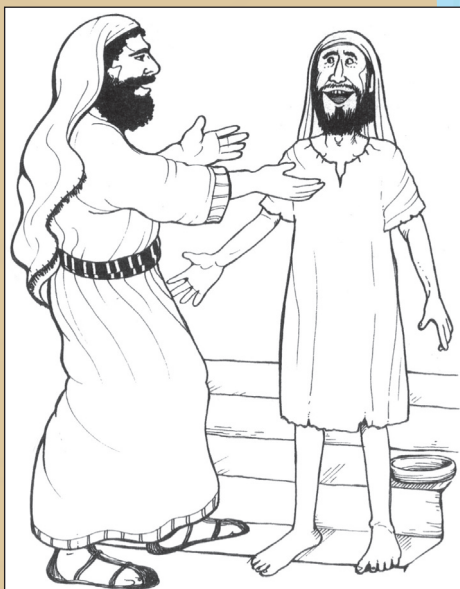
The man who had been lame was standing there healed, so the leaders couldn't condemn Peter and John for any crime.

"Never talk about Jesus again or you will be in big trouble," they threatened.

"You decide what is right," Peter said. "Are we to obey God or you?"

The leaders couldn't answer that so they had to let Peter and John go free.

Read the story yourself from the Bible in Acts 3: 1-4: 31.



A QUIZ

Here are some other people in the Bible who walked, ran and jumped. Can you guess who they are? Look up the references in a Good News Bible to find or check your answers.

Who walked to Emmaus with Cleopas and his friend?
J _ _ _ _ (Luke 24:15-18)

Who walked for 40 days through the wilderness to Mt Sinai?
E _ _ _ _ (1 Kings 19:8)

Who walked through the Red Sea on dry ground?
I _ _ _ _ _ (Exodus 14:29)

Who ran with another disciple to Jesus' cave-grave to see if it was empty? P _ _ _ _ (John 20:2-4)

Who ran to meet his twin brother Jacob?
E _ _ _ (Genesis 33:4)

Who was blind, threw away his cloak, jumped up and went to Jesus? B _ _ _ _ _ (Mark 10:46, 50)

Who danced and jumped around when the covenant box was brought to Jerusalem? D _ _ _ _ (2 Samuel 6:16)

DO A TRIPLE JUMP

Can you do a triple jump? The first jump is a hop, the next is a step and the last is a jump, landing on both feet.

Practise this indoors. Start in a standing position. Measure your triple jump. Then go outdoors. Find some soft grass or soil (not concrete!) Make a mark and try running up to the mark to help you do a longer triple jump. Start your hop behind the mark. Measure it.

FISHING FOR FACTS



black marlin

Did you find out that the Black Marlin is bigger than the Striped Marlin? Black ones can weigh up to 1000 kilograms and be between 3 and 4 metres long. Striped Marlin can weigh up to 190 kilograms but usually they weigh about 130 kilograms. They can be 3½ metres long.

Next month Uncle Maui will take Torrance and Cooper to fish for oysters. Find out which New Zealand port the ships sail from to catch oysters and also what their Maori name is.

A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit to change our lives. Help me to always love and follow you. Amen.

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