

Peter and John Heal a Lame Man

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Characters: Larry, Bill

Scripture text: Acts 4:1-12

Props: Bench, newspaper

Length: 4 minutes

Setting: Outside

(LARRY is jumping around; he can't help himself. This is setting the stage—can be as short or as long as the actor needs.)

LARRY: Whoooooo. *(Stops, does a standing broad jump.)* That's a personal best!
(Leaps again.) That's a personal best!!

(BILL enters; is noticed by LARRY.)

LARRY: Bill!! Bill! Gosh, I'm out of shape. Bill!

BILL: I'm sorry. Do I know you?

LARRY: Yes, yes you do. Of course you do. *(More running and jumping.)* Watch!
(Does a very peculiar move, he doesn't really move very well, he is just excited to be able to move.)

BILL: That's very ... Well, it's very.

LARRY: Wait, wait, I've got another one.

BILL: I'm sure you do. Here. *(Tries to give him some money.)*

LARRY: Bill, it's me.

BILL: I think you have the wrong person.

LARRY: Wait, wait, maybe this will help. *(Lies down in a position of begging. Arms up?)*

BILL: *(Sees him differently now.)* Larry?

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LARRY: Yes!!! It's me, Larry.

BILL: Larry?

LARRY: Larry the lame guy. That's funny! That is ... that's funny ... Larry the lame guy.

BILL: I don't understand.

LARRY: Watch! (*Does another move.*) I need some practice. Practice!! That implies having done it before. That means I can do it again! I need to practice!!! Oh my...

BILL: What happened to you?

LARRY: (*Turns away, bends over.*) Kick me.

BILL: What?

LARRY: Kick me.

BILL: No, I'm not going to kick you.

LARRY: Come on, right here, give me a good one.

BILL: No.

LARRY: Chicken, chicken, can't get your leg that high, old man. Might pull a hammy. Just an old, tough chicken, ready for the boiling ... (*He gets kicked, while in the middle of doing a chicken imitation.*) Ow!!! That hurts ... see that ... oh, that hurts ... son of a ... (*Pause—a realization that it's great to feel.*) It hurts!! I felt that!! Really hurts. There are nerve endings that go right up the old ... boy, that hurt. That's great!! (*Hugs Bill.*)

BILL: You're nuts.

LARRY: Absolutely! I'm positively ... head rush. I gotta sit—I don't wanna sit ... not gonna sit.

BILL: Larry. What happened?

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LARRY: (He finally stops.) In the name of Jesus.

BILL: What in the name of Jesus?

LARRY: They said, "In the name of Jesus, get up."

BILL: Wait, wait. Who said?

LARRY: Hang on, they gave me a card. (Finds it, hands it over.)

BILL: (Reads.) Peter and John: Purveyors of good news since '33. Good news?
... And they healed you.

LARRY: No, no not just them. In the name of ... In the name of ... I got the
impression that was important.

BILL: So where are this ... Peter and John now?

LARRY: Jail.

BILL: Jail? For healing you?

LARRY: The temple police.

BILL: The temple has their own police?

LARRY: Suppose. It's a wacky world isn't it?

BILL: They are in jail, for healing you.

LARRY: I suppose it messed up the system. The health care system.

BILL: We don't have a health care system.

LARRY: You're telling me!! Forty years an invalid. (Starts another leap.)

BILL: Larry, you're gonna hurt yourself.

LARRY: Yea! I might! Wouldn't that be great?!

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