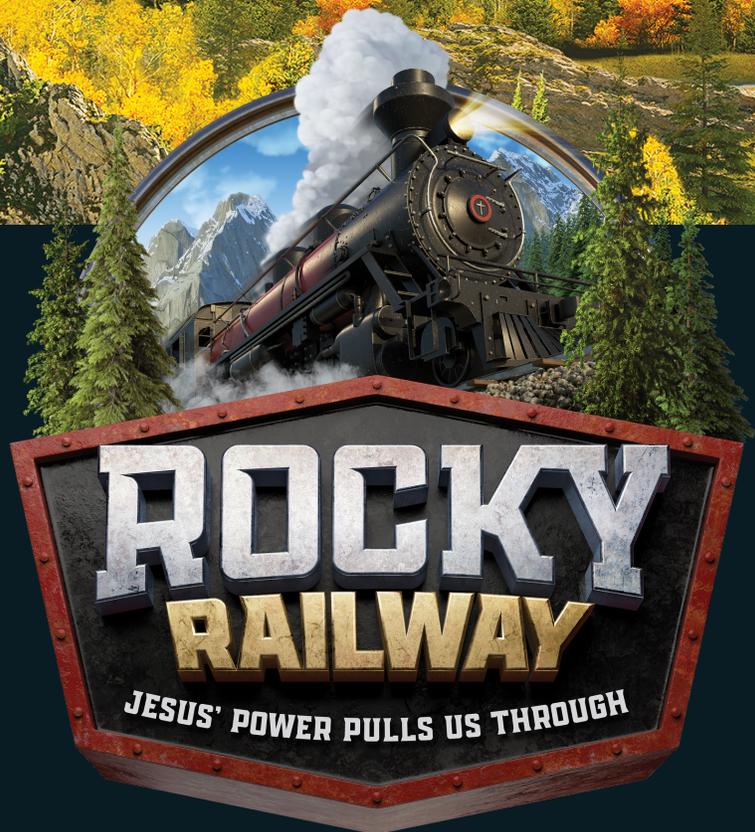




Preschool
Craft & Play
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BIBLE POINT

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Jesus' power helps us be bold.

Bible Story: Peter and John teach about Jesus. (Acts 3:1–4:31)

Bible Verse: “He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.”
(Isaiah 40:29)

Consider This...

- ▶ In the name of Jesus, Peter and John healed a lame man at the Temple gate. The man celebrated the miracle so loudly that a crowd gathered. Peter, making the most of this instant audience, stood up and boldly shared the good news of Jesus.
- ▶ The priests who heard Peter's message were most likely Sadducees. Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection, nor did they believe in the existence of angels or spirits. These leaders also maintained loyalty to the Roman government and sought to maintain the status quo.
- ▶ At the time, most Jews could read and write, but few—if any—received rabbinical training. Such an education would have made them skilled at lengthy theological discussions. So when Peter and John boldly preached before the Sanhedrin (a crowd of highly trained priests), the judges marveled at their ability and noted that they must have been with Jesus.
- ▶ After Peter and John's release from prison, the church gathered around them for prayer and praise. It's interesting to note that they *don't* pray for the persecution to stop but that God would give them the boldness to continue sharing the news of Jesus *in spite of* their suffering.



Why It Matters...

Like Peter and John, most kids are ordinary and “untrained.” Speaking out about their faith can be intimidating. Many kids feel shy about praying before a restaurant meal, inviting a friend to church, or even mentioning Jesus in regular conversation. Other kids may feel unsure when it comes to showing Jesus' love, playing with a new friend, or reaching out to someone who's lonely. Give kids the chance to practice speaking about Jesus with ease and confidence. Provide opportunities for kids to daringly step out of their comfort zones. Bolster their bravery and cultivate a courageous faith, encouraging kids to rely on Jesus' power to help them be bold.

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SUPPLY STATION

- ▶ 3 X 5 in index card
- ▶ hole punch
- ▶ construction paper
- ▶ scissors
- ▶ glue/tape
- ▶ crayons/markers

It's time to get chugging along with some fun crafts at *Rocky Railway! Craft and Play* is a hands-on way to put our Bible learning into action. All suggested activities can be modified to meet your at home materials. A few "Alternate Track" ideas are included below for this purpose. **All aboard to Craft and Play!**

OPTION 1: *Walking Man*

Today we hear that Peter and John walked around telling everyone about Jesus' love. They boldly praised Jesus for healing the man and told everyone about Jesus' love. We can be bold and tell people about Jesus' love too. **Jesus' power helps us be bold. (Trust Jesus!)** Let's make a little person to walk around telling people about Jesus too!

Chug it Out!

Punch or cut two two holes at the bottom of the index card, so that a finger can fit through. Glue a paper circle to the top of the card to make a head. Make a face on the circle. Put two fingers through the holes on the bottom of the card to create legs for the person. Make the person walk around the table or floor saying "**Trust Jesus!**"

Alternate Track

You can use card stock or construction paper for the body. If you have googly eyes or yarn, use them for the face and hair. You can also tape on pipe cleaners or cut out strips of paper for the arms.



SUPPLY STATION

- ▶ paper towel/toilet paper tubes
- ▶ 6X8-inch pieces of wax paper
- ▶ rubber band
- ▶ markers/crayons

OPTION 2: Choo-Choo Kazoo

Trains need a way to warn people they're coming. They boldly blow a loud whistle to let everyone know they're on their way. We can speak up and be bold, just like Peter did in the Bible. **Jesus' power helps us be bold. (Trust Jesus!)** Let's make something we can boldly blow to make the sound of a train whistle too!

Chug it Out!

Decorate the tube to look amazing and bold. Take a small piece of wax paper and attach it with a rubber band to one end of the tube so that the opening is completely covered. Make sounds or hum into the open end of the Choo-Choo Kazoo.

Alternate Track

If you don't have a toilet paper or paper towel tube, you can roll a piece of construction paper or card stock into a tube shape. Secure the rolled piece of paper with tape. You can also use plastic wrap or foil instead of wax paper. Decorate your tube with stickers if you have some at home!

