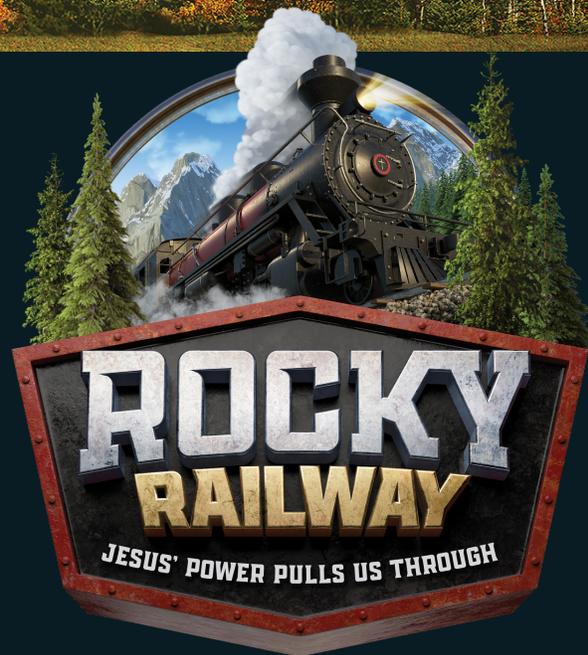




Preschool
Exploration Stations
DAY 3



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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Welcome to **Exploration Stations** at *Rocky Railway*! Here your preschooler will use their imagination to bring the railway to life. As kids play, they will reinforce their Bible learning in a fun and memorable way. 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 Exploration Stations!*

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Chug it Out!

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Alternate Track

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- ▶ modeling dough or play dough
- ▶ small toy people



SUPPLY STATION

- ▶ children's train set with buildable track and multiple trains
- ▶ 2 large pieces of cardboard
- ▶ masking tape or painter's tape
- ▶ cup
- ▶ tissue paper
- ▶ rubber band

OPTION 2: Break Through

Today we hear that Peter boldly and bravely told people about Jesus' love. Being bold means breaking through our fears. **Jesus' power helps us be bold. (Trust Jesus!)** Let's make our trains break through paper!

Chug it Out!

Use a rubber band to secure a tissue paper square tightly over the top of a plastic cup. (If the tissue paper isn't tight, the train will just sit on top and won't break through.) Attach pieces of track in two lines with masking tape from the top to the bottom of each piece of cardboard. Use tape to secure one end of each piece of cardboard to a chair so the tracks are at a 45-degree angle and the bottom is about 2 feet off the ground. Have your preschooler line up a train at the top of the track and then release the train down the hill. Have an adult or other family member hold the cup covered in tissue paper at the end of the track to catch the train. Once a train has broken through the tissue paper into the cup, replace the tissue paper cover and try again or switch roles.

Alternate Track

Use any other kind of track system with a little car or toy with wheels. Don't have a train set or track system? Make a ramp with a book, baking sheet, or box. If you have a swing set, use a sliding board to complete the same concept. Or securely cover a bucket with tissue paper and drop "coal" through the paper. Your "coal" could be a rock or other weighted object. Watch it break through and be bold!

