Understand your Bible Suggested notes

Acts 3

What we will see in this chapter:

- Peter's message after healing the lame man
- Some first-century Christian beliefs

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 3	1. Who did Peter and John meet while going up to the temple and what did he say to them?	Peter and John met a man lame from birth. He asked for a gift.
4 to 8	2. What did Peter then say and do?	 Peter said: he had no money he would give him what he had in Jesus' name get up and walk Peter took him by the hand and he stood up and walked.
9 to 11	3. What was the reaction of the people?	They were filled with wonder and amazement and ran towards Peter and John.
12 to 16	4. What did Peter say in response to the people's reaction?	Peter told them that this amazing miracle was done by faith in the name of Jesus – the one whom they had killed, and whom God had raised from the dead.
17 & 18	5. What did Peter say about what they had done?	Peter acknowledged that they did this in ignorance, but in so doing had fulfilled God's purpose.
19 to 26	6. What did he then tell them to do and why?(For a more detailed look at these verses, see section 3.)	He told them to repent so that their sins could be removed. Times of refreshing will come when Jesus comes to fulfil what their Scriptures prophesied about him.

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3 First-century Christian beliefs in this chapter.

Peter considered these beliefs to be important. Make a note of what beliefs you see in these verses in Acts 3.

Bible verse(s)	Suggested notes	
v 13	The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob glorified his Servant Jesus.	
v 14 and 15	The Jews killed the Prince of life, but God raised him from the dead.	
v 18	The message preached by the prophets that Christ would suffer has been fulfilled.	
v 19	Repentance was necessary so that their sins could be forgiven and they could be refreshed.	
v 20 and 21	God will send Jesus again as predicted by the prophets.	
v 22 and 23 Text note: Peter quotes Deuteronomy 18 v 15, 18 and 19.	Moses said that God would raise up a prophet like him to whom they would listen. Those who would not hear that prophet would be destroyed.	
v 25 and 26 Text note: Peter quotes Genesis 22 v 18.	Abraham was promised that all nations would be blessed through his offspring. Jesus was the promised offspring through whom the blessings would come.	