



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 4: Placed

Suggested Week of Use: June 23, 2024

Core Passage: Acts 3:12-26

News Story Summary

The name Andrew Podolak may not be familiar to most people; but for Asia Davis, it's a name she will never forget. In April, Asia and her son, Nasir, were attending a Cleveland Monsters American Hockey League game when a hockey puck flew off the ice and raced straight for the 4-year-old's head. That's when Podolak stepped in and shielded Nasir from the flying hockey puck. The puck was so close that it left remnants of ice in Nasir's hair. Asia Davis later used social media to identify Podolak so she could thank him and tell him, "You were meant to be there."

For more about this story, search "Man stops hockey puck from hitting child."

Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, group adults into small teams and give each team a piece of paper and a pen. Direct teams to find stories online about someone being in the right place at the right time. Teams should jot down the basics of the stories they find. After several minutes, call on teams to share what they found, noting any stories in which a life was dramatically changed or saved. Share the story of Andrew Podolak saving a four-year-old boy from a flying hockey puck. Note that his quick actions certainly saved the boy from injury and may have saved his life. (You can find video footage online and share it with the group.) Transition into the lesson by saying, *Today's Bible study will examine the story of a man whose life was changed because of God's timing and a disciple's obedience.*

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, recall the story of Andrew Podolak being in the right place and time to protect Nasir from the hockey puck. Direct adults to get into the same teams as the Engage activity to discuss this question: *What happened when Peter was in the right place and time and took a risk with the man and with the crowd?* After a few minutes, allow volunteers to share their responses. As a large group, talk about different ways this story might have ended had Peter not been willing to take risks to help others. Challenge adults to consider what sacrifices God is asking them to make so others can hear about Jesus. Close in prayer, asking God to give every adult, including yourself, the courage to make sacrifices and to take risks in order to point others to Christ.