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My plea: It is my hope and prayer that you are searching for the truth that is contained in God's word, the Bible. My desire is to help you understand and obey these truths God has revealed in the pages of His word. It is to that end that I write this material. Please observe all of the Scripture references and evaluate whether the conclusions I have drawn are in harmony with God's word. If they are, I ask that you make honest application of those truths to your life and obey God's instructions.



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Lesson 1: Jesus Miracles Prove That He Is

The Son Of God

The first four books of the New Testament are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These books of the Bible tell us about a man named Jesus. But, there was something very special about Him. You see, even though He looked like we look, talked like we talk, ate like we eat, drank like we drink, and walked like we walk, Jesus was not just a man.

Before Jesus was born, Jesus lived in Heaven with God. God was His Father and Jesus was the only Son of God. Jesus even helped God make the world, the light, the water, the plants, the animals, and people. Then, after the people God had made didn't listen to God, God sent Jesus into the world so that people could be saved.

But, how would people know that Jesus was the Son of God? There was nothing special about the way He looked. He didn't look like a king. He didn't have a lot of money. He didn't have fancy clothes. He didn't live in a big house. Instead, people could know that He was the Son of God because of the miracles He did.

A miracle is when something unusual happens that only God can do. A miracle isn't just a good thing that happens. It is something that cannot happen without God. For example, people cannot walk on water by themselves. They cannot make a bad storm stop by telling it to stop. They cannot make blind people be able to see. They cannot make the dead come back to life.

You cannot make a miracle happen. But, Jesus could. Whenever Jesus lived on earth, He did many miracles because He had the power of God. Jesus did walk on water without sinking. Jesus did tell a bad storm to stop and it listened to Him. Jesus did make blind people be able to see. Jesus did make the dead come back to life.

Now, Jesus did not do any of these miracles to make Himself happy. Instead, Jesus did these miracles so that the people who saw them and heard about them would know that He is the Son of God. Whenever people saw Jesus, they did not think He was anything special. But, whenever they saw that Jesus was able to do these miracles, it made some people believe that He really was God's Son and that He did come to save the people who hadn't listened to God.

These miracles also teach us that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus' miracles were not just done so that the people who saw them would believe in Him. But, Jesus also did these miracles so that you would believe in Him whenever you read about them. You read about Jesus' miracles in the Bible books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. When you read these miracles, you should know that Jesus was very special because He was the only Son of God. And, you must believe that Jesus is the Son of God if you want to please God and obey whatever He tells you to do.

Study Questions:

1. Where do you learn about Jesus?
2. What was so special about Jesus?
3. What did Jesus do to make people know that He was the Son of God?
4. What is a miracle?
5. What miracles did Jesus do while He lived on earth?
6. Did people see Jesus' miracles? What did these miracles make people think about Jesus?
7. Where can you learn about Jesus' miracles?
8. Why do you need to believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

Memory Verse:

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30-31).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 2: Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

John 2:1-11 teaches us about the very first miracle Jesus ever did. Jesus and His disciples (followers) were all invited to a wedding. This wedding was being held in the small town of Cana in Galilee. But, as the wedding party was going on, something bad happened. The people ran out of wine (grape juice) to drink. This would have been embarrassing for the family. Now, they would not have any wine to give to the people who came to the wedding party.

Whenever Jesus' mother (Mary) heard about this, she told Jesus. "They have no wine," she said. Maybe she thought that Jesus could fix the problem for them. But, it was not the right time for Jesus to perform His first miracle.

Jesus' mother then told the people who were serving at the wedding party to do whatever Jesus said. When the time was right, Jesus told the servants to fill the waterpots with water. There were six big waterpots that could each hold 20 or 30 gallons. This would have been 120 to 180 gallons of water.

Jesus made all of this water turn into wine (grape juice)! Then, Jesus told them to draw some out of the waterpots and take it to the person who was in charge of the wedding party. And, when he tasted it, he thought that this was the best wine. Because of Jesus, now all of the people at the wedding party would have plenty of good wine (grape juice) to drink and the family would not be embarrassed for running out.

Now, how do you think Jesus was able to turn all of that water into wine? He didn't go to a store and buy any. Instead, He used His great power to do this miracle. Nobody else at the wedding could turn water into wine. You cannot turn water into wine either. But, Jesus could because He was the Son of God!

Why do you think Jesus did this miracle? Yes, Jesus cared about people and wanted to help people. And, He did help the people who ran out of wine. But, most of all, Jesus wanted to show people that He really was the Son of God. So, whenever Jesus was able to turn water into wine, this showed people His glory and caused some people to believe what He said about being God's Son.

Later, a man by the name of Nicodemus came to Jesus (John 3:1-21). And, he told Jesus that knew that Jesus was a teacher who had come from God. The reason he knew this was because no one else could do the kinds of miracles that Jesus did – unless God was with him. So, when you learn about Jesus doing great miracles like turning water into wine, you should believe that He really is the Son of God!

Study Questions:

1. What kind of party was Jesus and His disciples at?
2. Where was this party?
3. What happened to the wine at the party?
4. Who told Jesus that there was no more wine?
5. How did they get more wine?
6. How much water did Jesus turn into wine?
7. Where do you read about Jesus turning water into wine?
8. What does this miracle teach you about Jesus?

Memory Verse:

“This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him” (John 2:11).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 3: Jesus Heals The Sick

Jesus loved everyone when He was living on earth. So, whenever He saw someone who was sick, He felt bad for them. He wanted them to get better. Sometimes, Jesus would even do a miracle to help the people who were sick get better. When He did this, not only would the sick be made better, but people would be able to know that He is the Son of God.

One example of Jesus healing the sick is in Matthew 8:1-4. There was a man who had leprosy. Leprosy was a terrible skin disease that made people hurt really bad. Not only would they hurt, but nobody wanted to be around them because they did not want to catch the disease. Then, leprosy would also cause people to die. There was no medicine that could cure this disease.

However, this man who had leprosy knew that Jesus could make him well – if Jesus wanted to. And, whenever Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man, He said, “I am willing; be cleansed” (Matthew 8:3). Immediately, this man was completely better. His leprosy was gone!

Later, whenever Jesus had come into Peter’s house, He saw that Peter’s mother-in-law was sick. She had a high fever (Matthew 8:14-15; Luke 4:38-39). However, Jesus was able to stand over her, rebuke the fever, touch her hand – and the fever left. Now, she felt completely better!

In John 4:46-54, a man who was a royal official went to Jesus. This man wanted Jesus to help his sick son, who was about to die. He knew that Jesus was the only way that his son could get better. So, he begged Jesus to come quickly and heal his son before he died. Then, Jesus told him, “Go your way; your son lives.” The father believed what Jesus had said. So, he went back to his son.

As he was traveling, his servants met him and told him that his son was alive! When the man asked when his son got better, they told him that it was about the seventh hour (about 1:00 in the afternoon). Then, “the father knew that it was the same hour in which Jesus said to him, ‘Your son lives.’” This made the man and his whole household believe in Jesus!

These are just three examples of how Jesus healed people who were sick. Nobody else could have healed them. No medicine was available to make them get better. Only God had the power to make them better. And, notice how Jesus healed all these people. All it took was for Jesus to touch them or say something – and they were made well immediately. This proves that Jesus was the Son of God!

Study Questions:

1. Why did Jesus heal sick people?
2. What was leprosy?
3. What did Jesus do to heal the man's leprosy?
4. Whose mother-in-law did Jesus heal? What was wrong with her?
5. How did Jesus heal her?
6. What was wrong with the royal official's son?
7. How did Jesus heal him?
8. When Jesus healed someone, how long did it take them to get better?

Memory Verse:

“And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately his leprosy was cleansed” (Matthew 8:2-3).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 4: Jesus Shows Power Over Nature

Before Jesus came to earth, He lived in Heaven with God. In fact, Jesus created everything on this earth. He created the earth, the sky, the water, the trees, the plants, the animals, and all the people. Then, whenever Jesus came to earth, He continued to show that He had power over all nature.

One example of this is when Jesus made a storm stop. This story is told in Matthew 8:23-27. Whenever a large crowd of people had gathered around Jesus, He and His followers left and went to the other side of the sea.

As they were sailing to the other side, a very bad storm happened. The wind was blowing very hard and the waves of the sea were high and crashing into the boat. The boat was even filling up with water. All of the people on the boat were afraid – except for Jesus.

Whenever Jesus' followers went to look for Him, they found Him asleep. They woke Him up and wanted Him to save them. They said, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" (Matthew 8:25). But, Jesus asked them why they were afraid. Then, Jesus got up and "rebuked the winds and the sea" (Matthew 8:26). When He did, the storm stopped.

This amazed all of the people who saw what Jesus just did. They asked, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (Matthew 8:27). You see, nobody else could have made the storm stop. Only God had that much power. So, whenever Jesus made the storm stop, He proved that He is the Son of God!

Another example of Jesus' power over nature is found in Matthew 14:22-33. This time, Jesus had so much power that He could walk on the water – and even make other people walk on water.

After Jesus had fed the five thousand men (plus women and children) with five loaves and two fish, Jesus made His followers get into a boat and go to the other

side of the sea. But, before Jesus went to them, He went up on a mountain by Himself to pray.

That evening, there was another storm while His disciples were alone on the sea. The boat was being tossed around by the waves and the wind was strong. Then, early in the morning, Jesus went to His followers walking on the sea. Whenever the people first saw Him, they thought He was a ghost and they were very afraid.

However, Jesus said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27). Then, Peter (who was one of Jesus’ followers) said to Jesus, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water” (Matthew 14:28). Then, Jesus told Peter to come. And, when Peter got out of the boat, he began walking on the water to go to Jesus! But, whenever Peter became afraid of the storm rather than trusting in Jesus, He began to sink. He called for Jesus to save Him, and Jesus reached out and caught Peter.

Then, when they both got into the boat, the wind stopped. And, those who were in the boat were all amazed and worshiped Jesus, believing that He really is the Son of God! They knew that nobody but the Son of God would have the power to walk on the water.

Study Questions:

1. What did Jesus make?
2. How bad was the storm that Jesus stopped?
3. What was Jesus doing while it was storming?
4. How did Jesus make the first storm stop?
5. Where did Jesus go to pray?
6. What did people think Jesus was whenever He was walking on the water?
7. Why did Peter start to sink?
8. What did the people do to Jesus whenever He got into the boat?

Memory Verse:

“Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly You are the Son of God’ (Matthew 14:33).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 5: Jesus Feeds Multitudes

On two different occasions during Jesus' life, He had the opportunity to show everyone that He is the Son of God by doing miracles to feed a great many people. The first time Jesus fed a multitude of people, there were about 5,000 men – plus women and children. You can read about this miracle in all four of the gospels – in Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, and John 6.

Jesus had just been told that His cousin, John the Baptist had been killed. So, He went off to a place by Himself. But, whenever the multitude of people heard where Jesus went, they followed Him. Then, Jesus and His disciples saw the multitude coming toward them.

Jesus was concerned about all the people and wanted them to be able to have some food. So, Jesus asked Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” (John 6:5). But, Jesus only asked this to test Philip. Jesus knew what He was going to do. Still, they did not have enough money to buy food for all of the people to have a little to eat.

Then, Peter came to Jesus, telling Jesus that there was a boy who had five barley loaves of bread and two small fish. However, Peter knew that wouldn't be enough to feed so many people. Normally, Peter would have been right. But, that was more than enough for Jesus!

Jesus told His disciples to make the people sit down. When they sat down in the grass, Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, and thanked God for their food. Then, He gave the bread to His disciples – who then gave it to all the people. And, there was enough food for all of the people to eat – plus some leftovers. After everyone had as much as they wanted to eat, the leftovers were gathered up so

that none of the food would be wasted. After everything had been collected, there were twelve baskets full of food leftover!

Another time, Jesus had compassion on a multitude of about 4,000 men, plus women and children. You can read this story in Matthew 15 and Mark 8. These people had followed Jesus for three days and were continuing to follow Him, even though they had nothing to eat. Jesus knew that if He sent the people back to their homes without feeding them, they would faint on the way (for some of them were a long way from home).

Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?" (Matthew 15:33). So, Jesus asked how many loaves of bread there were. They answered Him and said that there were seven loaves of bread and a few little fish.

Like He had done before, Jesus commanded that the multitude sit down on the ground. Then, He took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks to God for the food, and gave them to His disciples to give to all the people. After all the people ate so much that they were full, they gathered up what was left. They even had seven large baskets of leftover food!

Both of these stories teach us some important things about Jesus. They teach us that Jesus had great power. Only God could have such great power to feed all of these people with just a little bit of food. So, by doing these two miracles, Jesus demonstrated that He really is the Son of God! Then, these stories also teach us that Jesus cared about people very much. Whenever He saw people who did not have enough food to eat, He wanted to help them. But, most of all, He wanted them to believe that He really is the Son of God so that they could please God and have eternal life in Heaven!

Study Questions:

1. How many people did Jesus feed?
2. Did Jesus or His disciples have enough money to buy food for all these people?
3. How much food did Jesus use to feed the 5,000?
4. How many baskets of leftover food was there after Jesus fed the 5,000?
5. How much food did Jesus use to feed the 4,000?
6. How many baskets of leftover food was there after Jesus fed the 4,000?
7. What did Jesus do before the people ate their food?
8. Why did Jesus feed all of these people?

Memory Verse:

“Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, ‘This is truly the Prophet who is come into the world’” (John 6:14).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 6: Jesus Makes The Blind See

In John 9, as Jesus was passing by, He saw a man who had been blind from the time he was born. When His disciples saw the man who could not see, they asked Jesus whether the man or his parents had sinned so as to cause his blindness. However, Jesus told them that this man's blindness was not because of any sin. Instead, his blindness was intended so that the works of God might be shown in him. Jesus was going to make this blind man be able to see so that people would believe that He really is the Son of God!

So, to heal this man, Jesus spat on the ground and made clay with His saliva. Then, He put the clay on the blind man's eyes. He instructed the man to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. "So he went and washed, and came back seeing" (John 9:7). Because this man obeyed Jesus' commandment, Jesus healed him from his blindness!

The man who had been blind was seen by all of his neighbors and the people who knew that he had been blind and was a beggar. They wanted to know how he could now see after being blind. Then, he told them all about what Jesus had done and what happened to him.

When these people took the man who had been blind to some other Jews who were called "Pharisees," the man again explained how he had been given sight after clay was put on his eyes and washed in the pool. But, the Pharisees said that Jesus was not from God. However, the man who was blind knew that Jesus was somebody special. Although he didn't know all about who Jesus was at that time, he said, "One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25). And, this man knew enough about Jesus to know that he wanted to follow Jesus. He knew that Jesus had to be from God because of His power to make him see – because he knew that no one could do such a great miracle unless He had come from God!

Later, Jesus found the man who had been blind. He asked the man, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” (John 9:35). The man answered and wanted to know who the Son of God is so that he could believe in Him. Then, Jesus told the man, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you” (John 9:37). The man responded, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Jesus (John 9:38).

This great miracle proves that Jesus is the Son of God. Because Jesus had come into this world and performed all of these wonderful miracles, even people who were spiritually blind and were not living to please God could be able to see that He is God’s Son (John 9:39). Still, some people decided not to believe in Jesus. But, all of these miracles have been done by Jesus so that you really will believe in Him and obey what He says.

This is not even the only example of Jesus making the blind be able to see. There are other examples in the Bible as well. For instance, Jesus made two blind men see in Matthew 9:27-31 and they told people all around the country about Jesus. He made two more blind men see in Matthew 20:29-33 and they followed Jesus. And, Jesus healed a blind man named Bartimaeus in Mark 10:46-52 and he followed Jesus on the road. Certainly, every one of these stories help us to learn about Jesus’ great power that proves He is the Son of God!

Study Questions:

1. How long had the man been blind?
2. Why was he blind?
3. What did Jesus put on the blind man's eyes?
4. What was the blind man told to do after Jesus put clay on his eyes?
5. What happened after the man obeyed Jesus?
6. Did anybody notice that the blind man could now see?
7. What did the man who had been blind believe about Jesus? What did He do to Jesus?
8. What are some other examples of Jesus healing blind people?

Memory Verse:

“Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing” (John 9:32-33).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 7: Jesus Heals The Deaf And Mute

On two occasions, the gospel of Matthew tells us about Jesus' encounters with men who were unable to speak (who were also demon possessed). On the first occasion in Matthew 9:32-34, after Jesus had healed two blind men, one of these two men who were demon possessed and unable to speak (mute) was brought to Jesus. Perhaps the friends of the man had even just seen Jesus heal the two blind men and knew that He would be able to help this man.

The demon had made this man be unable to speak. For, whenever Jesus cast the demon out of the man, "the mute spoke" (Matthew 9:33)! You should notice that these men had not been able to help the mute and demon-possessed man. Instead, it was only God who could help him – and Jesus was the Son of God!

In a second instance, Jesus had another man who was brought to him. This was shortly after Jesus healed a man who had a withered hand. Matthew 12:22 says that this man who was brought to Jesus was demon-possessed, blind, and mute (unable to speak). Then, the Scriptures say that Jesus "healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw" (Matthew 12:22).

Whenever many people saw the miracle that Jesus did, they were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David" (Matthew 12:23)? Yes, Jesus was the descendant of King David. This is very important because God said that the Messiah (the Son of God) would be the descendant of David! Therefore, whenever these people saw Jesus doing such great miracles, they wondered if He was the one God had promised to send.

Then, in Mark 7:31-37, another example of Jesus' great healing power is given. He came to the Sea of Galilee. Once again, a man was brought to Jesus. This man had problems hearing and speaking.

The people who brought this deaf man who had a speech problem to Jesus begged Jesus to put His hand on him. Evidently, these people had faith that Jesus had the power to heal this man. Then, Jesus took the man away from all the people. He put His fingers in the man's ears and then spat and touched the man's tongue. After this, Jesus told the man, "Ephphatha." This word simply means, "Be opened."

"Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly." Jesus had once again demonstrated His great power of healing! Now, this man could hear and speak like he should. And, all of this happened *immediately*. Jesus' power was so great that it did not take a long time to work. Instead, Jesus' miracles worked as soon as He wanted them to work!

Then, as this man told other people about what Jesus had done, people were amazed at what they heard. The people said about Jesus, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." Certainly, nobody but God had such great power! So, in doing this miracle, Jesus proved that He really is the Son of God!

Study Questions:

1. What does it mean to be deaf and mute?
2. Why was the man in Matthew 9 mute?
3. After Jesus healed the man in Matthew 12, who did the people think was Jesus' father?
4. Was Jesus the Son of David?
5. What was wrong with the man in Mark 7?
6. What did Jesus do to heal him?
7. What does "ephphatha" mean?
8. What did the people say about Jesus after He healed this man?

Memory Verse:

“And all the multitudes were amazed and said, ‘Could this be the Son of David?’”
(Matthew 12:23).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 8: Jesus Makes The Paralyzed Walk

As Jesus began preaching to the people and performing miracles, news about Him spread quickly. People wanted to hear and see the Man who was able to heal the sick, make the blind see, and do many other miracles. Sometimes, great crowds of people would come to Jesus at one time, from every direction (Mark 1:45).

Then, when Jesus entered Capernaum, news of Jesus' arrival spread. Quickly, many people came to the house Jesus was in. In fact, there were so many people who came to Jesus, that there was no more room for anyone. There was not even any room by the door (Mark 2:1-2)!

On this occasion, Jesus did a few things. First, Jesus "preached the word of God to them" (Mark 2:2). After all, Jesus' most important mission was to tell people what God wanted them to do. God had sent Jesus to earth so that He would preach His word to the people who had not been doing what God wanted from them.

Then, as Jesus was preaching to the people, there was a paralyzed man who was brought to Jesus by four men. These people knew that Jesus could help the paralyzed man. In fact, they were so convinced that Jesus could help him, that they did everything they could do to make sure that the man got to see Jesus. You can read about this paralyzed man in Matthew 9:2-8, Mark 2:1-12, and Luke 5:17-26.

Since this paralyzed man was unable to walk, the four men carried him to see Jesus. But, there was a problem. There were so many people in the house around Jesus, that they could not possibly get through the house and to Jesus. But, they knew that the man needed to go to Jesus. They knew Jesus could heal him.

So, they went up on top of the house, carrying the paralyzed man. They removed the tiles on top of the house and made a hole in the roof. Then, the four men lowered the paralyzed man to Jesus.

As Jesus saw this, He could see that they really believed in Him. He saw that this paralyzed man trusted in Him and believed that He had the power to heal him – so much that he would not stop until he got to see Jesus.

Because of this man's great faith, Jesus told the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven you" (Mark 2:5). So, not only did Jesus care about this man's body, but He cared about the man's soul. As the Son of God, Jesus had the power to forgive people of their sins (when they had not done what God wanted them to do).

Then, Jesus demonstrated that He is the Son of God and does have the power to forgive sins by healing the paralyzed man. He told the man, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house" (Mark 2:11). Immediately, this man (who had not been able to walk) got up, took the bed he had been laying on, and went out – while all the people were watching! And, the people who saw it glorified God, saying that they had never seen anything like that before!

Memory Verse:

“Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We never saw anything like this!’” (Mark 2:12).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 9: Jesus Shows Power Over Animals

On at least three occasions, Jesus performed miracles that used animals. And, all three times, Jesus used fish. These are in addition to Jesus' miracles of feeding the large crowds of people with just a few loaves of bread and fish (as we studied in another lesson).

The first miracle involving fish we'll discuss in this lesson, is found in Luke 5:1-11. Whenever a great crowd of people had gathered around Jesus, He saw two boats along the shore that were no longer being used, for the fishermen were washing their nets. Jesus used one of these boats to go out into the water and teach the people who were on the land from the boat.

Then, Jesus told Peter to go into the deep and let his net down into the water to catch some fish. Peter told Jesus that they had worked all night and caught no fish. Yet, because Jesus had told him to do this, he would. And, after they let down their net into the water, they caught so many fish that their net was breaking. So, they signaled to their partners in another boat for help. When they came, both of the boats were filled with so much fish that the boats began to sink! All the people who were with Peter were amazed at the catch of fish. And, whenever Jesus called them to catch men with the gospel, they forsook all that they had in order to follow Jesus.

The second miracle involving fish is found in Matthew 17:24-27. Peter was asked whether Jesus paid the temple tax. Later, Jesus asked Peter about who kings of the earth require to pay taxes – whether from children or from strangers. Peter answered that it is only from strangers that it is required. Jesus' point was that He should also have been exempt from this tax because He is the Son of the King (God).

However, so that the people would not be offended, Jesus gave money for the temple tax. But, He got the money in a miraculous way. He told Peter to go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Then, Jesus said that Peter would find the exact money that was needed to pay the temple tax for two people. Peter was to give this money to them for the tax.

The third miracle involving fish is found in John 21:1-14. After Jesus had risen from the dead, He showed Himself to many people – especially to His own apostles. One time He did this, He found Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John, and two other disciples. Peter said that he was going fishing and they went with him. But, even though they fished all night, they did not catch any fish.

While Jesus was standing on the shore, He asked them “Children, have you any food?” They answered Him, “No.” Not knowing that it was Jesus, Jesus then told them to cast their net on the right side of the boat so that they would find some food. And, when they did this, they caught so many fish that they were not able to bring them all in. They had a total of 153 fish! Seeing what had just happened, John told Peter, “It is the Lord!” (John 21:7). They probably remembered that Jesus had done this kind of miracle before (back in Luke 5). So, although they had not known He was the Lord, now they did know it because of the miracle He did.

In all three of these passages, you can learn that Jesus has power over the animals. In doing these three miracles, Jesus proved that He was the Son of God! Only God is capable of doing such mighty works!

Memory Verse:

“Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” (John 21:7).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 10: Jesus Raises The Dead

Of all the great miracles Jesus did while He was on this earth, there are none greater than Jesus showing His power to give life to those who were dead! In this lesson, we will study three examples of Jesus raising the dead.

First, Jesus raised a widow's son in Luke 7:11-17. Jesus went into a city called Nain and many of His followers went with Him. A large crowd also followed Him. Whenever Jesus came near to the city gate, a dead man was being carried out of the city. This man was his mother's only son – and his mother was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her.

Whenever Jesus saw her, He wanted to help her. Since both her husband and her only son were dead, not only would she be sad, but she may have also had no one to protect her and make money to support her. He said to her, "Do not weep." "Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' So he who was dead sat up and began to speak." And, Jesus presented him back to his mother! When all the people saw or heard about this, they were afraid and glorified God. They knew that a great prophet was among them and that God had visited His people.

Second, Jesus raised Jairus' daughter in Luke 8:41-56 (this story is also told in Matthew 9:18-26 and Mark 5:22-43). A man named Jairus (who was a ruler of the synagogue) came to Jesus, fell down at His feet, and begged Him to go to his house. For, this man had a little girl (12 years old) who was very sick and about to die. She was his only daughter. However, before Jesus came to the house, someone came from Jairus' house and told them that the little girl had died and that he should not trouble Jesus any more.

But, when Jesus heard this news, He said, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came to the house, there was a lot of sadness. Then, He did not allow anyone to go in except Peter, James, John, and the father of the little girl. Jesus told the people who were sad, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping” – because Jesus knew He was going to raise her from the dead. But, the people just laughed at Him because they knew she was dead. When He went in to the girl, He took her by the hand, and said, “Little girl, arise.” Then, she immediately rose from the dead – and Jesus commanded that she be given something to eat. Her parents were amazed!

Third, Jesus raised Lazarus in John 11:1-44. Jesus’ good friends Mary and Martha sent someone to Jesus to tell Him that Lazarus had become sick. But, whenever Jesus heard this, He knew that Lazarus’ sickness would work for God’s glory (as He knew that He would raise him from the dead). Jesus stayed two more days in the place He was. Later, Jesus told His followers that Lazarus was dead.

Whenever Jesus came to the place Lazarus was, Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. One of his sisters told Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” Jesus told her that her brother would rise again. Whenever Jesus went to Lazarus’ tomb, Jesus wept. He loved Lazarus and his family. Then, Jesus commanded that the people take away the stone that was in front of Lazarus’ tomb, prayed to God, and cried out, “Lazarus, come forth!” Then, Lazarus came out of the tomb, still wearing his grave clothes! Jesus commanded that he be loosed and let go. Jesus knew that all of this happened so that people would believe that God had sent Him.

Memory Verse:

“When Jesus heard that, He said, ‘This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it’” (John 11:4).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about:



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Lesson 11: Jesus Did Many Other Miracles

Through these lessons, we have seen Jesus turn water into wine, heal the sick, show power over nature, feed the multitudes, make the blind see, heal the deaf and mute, make the paralyzed walk, show power over animals, and even raise the dead. A large number of people witnessed these miraculous things. But, even these are not the only miracles that Jesus did whenever He was on the earth.

For example, the Bible tells of Jesus healing large numbers of people. Matthew 4:23-25 says that Jesus went through all Galilee teaching people the gospel of the kingdom and healing all kinds of sickness and diseases among the people. As Jesus did this, He became famous and people brought their sick and those with all sorts of problems to Jesus so that He would heal them.

Matthew 9:35-38 says that Jesus went through many cities and villages teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all the sicknesses and diseases among the people. Whenever He saw the great crowds of people, He felt sorry for them. He saw that they were not living for God. And, He wanted to have followers who would work to teach such people.

In Matthew 15, when Jesus had went up on a mountain and sat down, a large number of people came to Him. They brought people to Jesus who could not walk, people who could not see, people who could not talk, and many others. Then, Jesus healed them. “So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel” (verse 31).

There are so many wonderful stories about Jesus doing great miracles in the pages of the Bible! In fact, Jesus did many more miracles and great works than we

even know about. But, the ones that we learn about in the Bible have been written so that we will believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (John 20:30-31)!

Jesus did not have to leave His Father (God) in Heaven. He did not have to come to this earth and teach or heal anybody. He did not have to be treated badly. He did not have to be beaten. He did not have to allow people to spit on Him. He did not have to let people nail Him to the cross and die. But, He did all of this so that people who had not listened to God could be saved from their sins and live with God in Heaven someday!

Now, whenever we read about the miracles that Jesus has done, we should all believe that He really is the Son of God. He was not just a good man who lived on earth. Instead, He was the one God sent to earth because He loved us all and wanted to save the people who did not listen to Him. Jesus showed that He really was the Son of God and the Savior of the world through all of the miracles He did!

Memory Verse:

“And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen” (John 21:25).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about: