

KIDTOWN GUIDE

K-5th Grades

DATE: 5/3/20

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1

LESSON: Jesus' Early Miracles



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week, we talked about Jesus calling His first twelve disciples, and what it looks like for us to be Jesus' disciples. This week, we are going to talk about some of the miracles that Jesus did; He healed people and taught them in ways that were different than anything they had seen or heard before.

Water Fireworks - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

You will need a glass about halfway filled with water, cooking oil, and food coloring. In a separate glass, pour about 2 tablespoons of the oil and several drops of the food coloring. Stir the food coloring with a fork so that it makes tiny droplets in the oil. Pour the oil mixture into the water and watch the food coloring droplets break and fall into the water like fireworks falling in the sky.

Parents say to your kid(s) - Sometimes we call something miraculous when we don't have the knowledge to explain how it works or the power to make it happen. Today we're going to see that Jesus had the knowledge and power to perform real miracles!



LESSON - JESUS' EARLY MIRACLES

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus' Early Miracles](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught people because we all need to know God. (Kids repeat!)

Can you think of a time when you were really sure you knew something, but you were actually wrong? (Let kids think for a moment and give them a chance to answer) Jesus knew people believed things that weren't true about God, so He taught them about God! Jesus knew that the most important thing in all of life is for people to know God - who He is and what He's really like. He wants us to know what God loves (us!) and what He hates (sin and its effects).

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus healed people because we all need healing. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus hated sin and all its effects - including hurt and sickness and death. So, when sick people came to Jesus, He sometimes healed them miraculously right then!

Jesus even healed some people that no doctor could heal. By miraculously healing people that no one else could, Jesus showed that He was different from any other person. He was more powerful than any doctor on earth!

However, it's important to remember that these miraculous healings were temporary. These people still grew old and died eventually. Jesus' miracles and His teaching both pointed forward to something even more important!

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus' teaching and healing point ahead toward the cross. (kids repeat)

We all need teaching and healing, but we need the cross more than that. All of Jesus' teaching and healing point us ahead toward His ultimate solution in the cross. In the cross, Jesus shows us that we don't just need more knowledge about God. We needed God's Son to die so we could know and be with God forever. On the cross, Jesus was broken so that we could be made whole. With faith in Jesus, whether we

are sick or healthy on earth, we know that someday all sickness will go away forever!



RESPONSE

Sing: [There is No One Like You If Any of You](#)

Pray: Lord, thank you for caring about our earthly needs, but thank you for caring even more about our need for you. Thank you for your sacrifice on the cross that made it possible for us to be with you forever. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Where did Jesus teach? *In the Synagogue*
- What did Jesus do for the sick people who came to Him? *He healed them*
- Did the people who Jesus healed stay healthy forever? *No, the healings were not forever*
- What was Jesus more interested in, healing people physically or pointing them to how they could be healed spiritually? *Pointing them to how they could be healed spiritually*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com*

Bible Verse:

Check out the weekly [Bible Verse Video](#)! Read and memorize the Bible Verse together. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Parents Say - *Jesus healed people because He cares about them. But He didn't just help the people we heard about in our Bible story today. He gave His life to provide forgiveness and life with God forever to everyone who trusts in Him as the Son of God!*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Jesus' Early Miracles](#)

Parent Share - Share about a time when you have trusted that God gives ultimate healing to us even when He doesn't always give physical healing to us. How did knowing that God cares for your needs give you hope?

Arm and Leg Tag - Every player is "it" and the goal is to tag each person's arms and legs. When a player's arm or leg is tagged, they can no longer use it, so they'll have to put their arms behind their back or hop on one leg. Tagging any other part of their body is allowed, but it doesn't count towards anything. When all four limbs have been tagged, players are out of the game, and the last player standing with at least one arm or leg wins.
