

JESUS' SECOND MIRACLE

Bible Reference: John 4

Date: 7/19/26

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Jesus...

Heals

Schedule

- **Welcome/Arrival.....10:45-10:55**
- **Story Station (LG2).....11:00-11:20**
- **Project Station (Classroom).....11:25-11:45**
- **Game Station (LG1).....11:50-12:10**
- **Back to Classroom:.....12:15**
 - **Dismissal**

Notes and Reminders

We are so excited to have you join us in discipling our PreK and Kindergarten children as we journey through the life of Christ! We encourage you to pray for the children's hearts to be open to new understanding of why we love and obey God!

 **SUMMER SUNDAYS 2026**

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' first recorded miracle of turning water into wine was immediately observable to His disciples and the servants who drew from the jars. His second miracle, however, required that a man trust Him without being able to see instantaneous proof that Jesus was at work.

A royal official found Jesus and humbly begged for a miracle only Jesus could provide—to come heal his son who was sick and close to death. Given the urgency of the man's request, Jesus' initial response—“Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe”—may sound callous; however, Jesus was providing an opportunity for the man to see Him as more than just a prophet or healer, but as Savior and Lord. Did this official believe that Jesus is who He said He is, or was the official simply seeking signs and wonders?

The official asked Jesus to make the journey to heal his suffering child, but Jesus proved His power isn't limited by proximity. Instead of traveling with the man, Jesus simply said the words, “Go, your son will live.” The official believed Jesus' words and departed for his home. He was soon met by servants who informed him of the exact time his son was healed. It was the very moment Jesus declared him well! As a result, the official's entire household placed their faith in Jesus!

This passage reveals that faith often involves believing in God's provision even when we don't see immediate results. The official's willingness to return home, trusting Jesus at His word, illustrates the definition of faith given in Hebrews 11:1: “Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.” The official didn't have to immediately see his son healed to believe Jesus' words of life.

Like the boy in this story, we need Jesus' healing power. While we may not yet be on our physical death beds, we come to Jesus dead in our sins. By trusting in Jesus for salvation, we receive the spiritual healing of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

This week, lead boys and girls to trust Jesus, especially in moments when they cannot see Him at work. Whether His answers to our prayers come quickly or seem delayed, we can trust in the power and goodness of our Savior who is always working for the good of those who love Him.

OUTLINE



Welcome and Arrival

10:45-10:55

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Choose one or several of the following activities to organize as the children arrive.

Look at a Map Together

- Before the session, use the map in your room or find a map in a Bible showing Israel in the time of Jesus. Look for a map with Cana, Nazareth, Capernaum, and the Sea of Galilee so you can use it all month. Greet the children as they come to group time. Show them the Bible map. Point to Cana, about halfway between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee. Ask them how they think Jesus and the disciples would have moved from place to place. Encourage the children to walk around the room together and then back to their places. Remember to save the map to use all month.
- SAY Jesus did His first miracle in Cana when He turned water into special grape juice. Later, He walked back to Cana, and one of the king's officials came to Cana looking for Him. We know that Jesus and His disciples didn't have cars and airplanes to travel by because they were not invented yet. Most of the time they walked from place to place. Let's walk around the room again and pretend we are with Jesus walking back to Cana. Sit down with me and listen to what happened next.

Name Opposites

- Guide kids to name things that are opposites. Tell them that opposites are words that mean very different things. Demonstrate opening and closing a door to explain that open is the opposite of closed. Give them a word such as cold and let them name the opposite word (hot). If desired, write the words on a dry erase board or a poster board. Name other words such as tall (short), little (big), old (young), long (short), high (low), heavy (light), sick (well), and dead (alive).
- SAY Good job naming opposites! In our Bible story, the king's official came to Cana to find Jesus because his son was sick and about to die. Did the official's son die? No! He did not die because Jesus healed him. Our big picture question and answer says: Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God. After Jesus healed the official's son, the king's official and his whole family believed that Jesus is God's Son!





Find 'Jesus'

- Find the copies of the "Jesus Figure" printable. Hide them around the room. Encourage the children to find the pictures of Jesus and bring them back to you.
- SAY You found all the pictures of Jesus! Many times in the Bible, people searched for the real Jesus. Jesus walked to many towns in Israel and did good things like miracles of healing people. People heard Jesus was near their town and went to see Him. Jesus healed people, but He also came to take away sin and bring us to be with God forever. We don't have to search for the real Jesus today because He is always with us.

Story Station (Large Group 2).....11:00-11:20

Project Station (Classroom)

11:25-11:45

Cut large heart shapes out of construction paper. Provide kids with a sheet of people pictures and blunt-tip scissors. Guide the kids to cut or tear them out. Help children struggling to cut by holding their picture taut and turning it slowly as they keep the scissors in the same place. Let the children glue the pictures on their heart papers.

SAY This heart makes me think of love! We looked through these magazines and found pictures of people. God loves all people: men, women, boys, girls, and babies! He loves everyone in the world. He sent Jesus to teach people about His love for us.

Discuss what the children learned during the Bible Story today. Use the main Takeaways as a guide to your discussion.

- Jesus can heal our physical bodies, but more importantly, Jesus heals us from our sin.
- We can trust Jesus, even when we can't see Him at work.
- God always answers our prayers, sometimes quickly, sometimes delayed. Sometimes with a yes, and sometimes with a "no." But, God always sees, hears and cares!

(Sample Questions are also listed on the next page!)





Sample Questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made the father happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. The father knew his son needed to be healed. Who did he go see for help? (Jesus)
4. Why do you think the father went to Jesus to heal his son? (Answers will vary. Guide children to see the man believed Jesus could heal his son.)
5. Jesus saved the official's son from death. Who is the only Person who can save us from sin and give us life with God forever? (Jesus)
6. Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.

SAY One of the king's officials (special leader) had a son who was very sick, and he wanted his son to get better. The man knew just what to do. He went to see Jesus! Jesus healed an official's son, and the official and everyone in his house believed in Jesus.

Practice the Memory Verse

- Find the numbered index cards with the verse words written on them. Because most of the children are non-readers, put the cards in order by the numbers. Mix up the cards and give one or more cards to each child. Ask: "Who has number one?" "Who has card number two?" Continue until all the cards are in order.
- **SAY** We put our cards in order! Let's read the key passage phrase as I point to the words. The key passage phrase reminds us that Jesus did miracles and wonderful things. It also reminds us that His kingdom, heaven, will last forever. That is good news!

Game Station (Large Group 1)11:50-12:10

Back to Classroom12:15

Dismissal!



