

Jesus, Part 10

Miracles

Checklist:

- “Jesus’ Miracles” Sheet for each small group (see below)
- Optional: Video clip cued up that shows Jesus performing miracles.

Experience Miracles?...

Ask:

- What is a miracle?
- Have any of you ever experienced a miracle?

Say:

- For the last few weeks we’ve been looking at the life of Jesus.
- We’re going to look at some of Jesus’ miracles and what we can learn about Him from that...

Optional: Video of Jesus’ Miracles

Optional: Watch a video clip from a movie about Jesus that shows Him performing a miracle/s.

Then ask: What would you think or feel if you saw Jesus perform miracles like this?

Jesus’ Miracles

Read Luke 7:11-17 (while everyone follows along in Bibles.)

Ask:

- What was Jesus’ response to seeing the woman whose son had died?
- What does it say Jesus did and what happened?
- What were the people’s reactions?

Say: Let’s break into small groups and look at some more examples of Jesus’ miracles from Luke...

Look at Jesus' Miracles in Small Groups

Divide teens into groups of 2-4, give each group a "Jesus' Miracles" sheet, and assign each small group one of the passages from the sheet (If there are not enough groups for all the passages to be assigned, that is fine. If more than one group needs to do the same passage, that is fine too.)

Give the groups 5 minutes to read and discuss their passage in their small group and be ready to share with the class these three things (which are listed on the sheet):

1. What the miracle was
2. How they may have reacted if they were there
3. What the people's reaction was (if it is mentioned in the passage)

After the 5 minutes is up, have groups take turns reading their passages for the class and summarizing what the miracle was, how they think they may have reacted, and what the people's reaction was (if the verses say). (If more than one group read the same passage, one option would be to have one of those groups read the passage and share what the miracle was and have the other of those groups share how they may have reacted and how the people there reacted.)

What Jesus' Miracles Show About Him

Ask: What do we learn about Jesus from the miracles? - what do they show us about Him?

> Discuss this together. If doing the Jesus poster, add key thoughts to it.

> Ahead of time, have read this note for thoughts/information that you might bring into the discussion, as helpful:

Some might point to Jesus' miracles as helping prove that He is God. This may be. However, Jesus is not the only one in the Bible involved with performing miracles. The Old and New Testament show prophets and Jesus' followers involved with miracles, including raising people from the dead. So, it would not seem that performing miracles are a proof of someone's divinity, in themselves. But, Jesus did an abundance of miracles and it seems that He may show more authority in doing miracles than others that are involved with miracles in the Bible. In most cases He is shown as saying the word or touching someone and them being healed. And Peter bowed down before Him and said "my Lord and God" when He performed a miracle (and Jesus didn't prevent that). And in the verses about Jesus calming the storm, the disciples ask "who is this that even the wind and waves obey him?" At the very least they help show the power of God at work through Jesus. Whether the miracles, in and of themselves, help prove that Jesus is God, they help attest Him by God that what He said was true. **And there are other things in the Bible that help show that Jesus was God in the flesh, like John 1 where it says, in the beginning was the Word who was with God and was God and became flesh and dwelt among us, etc.**

Say: The miracles He performed are a big evidence that Jesus' message was true and that He is who He says He is...

Read Acts 2:22-24

Say:

- Verse 22 says Jesus was attested by God through the mighty works, wonders, and signs which God worked through Him...

- He is shown to be approved by God and trustworthy!
- So, the miracles help us to know that what He said, and who He said He was, is true...
 - He said He was the Messiah.
 - He affirmed when Peter said He was the Son of God.
 - He said He is the way, the truth, and the life.
 - He said that no one goes to the Father except through Him.
 - He said He was the resurrection and the life and that whoever believed in Him would live, even though they died.
- So, we should trust Jesus as our Savior and Lord and follow Him!...
- If you have trusted Him as your Savior for the first time today, or have questions about that, talk to me or another Christian about that!

Closing Application & Prayer

Close by explaining that just like Jesus did miracles and healed while He was here on earth, we can ask God to work in our lives and those around us to help and heal us today.

Have youth share prayer requests for themselves, family or friends and then close the time by praying for those things as a group. (Encourage the group to keep praying about those things during the week and that they could let us know what happens.)

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Jesus' Miracles

Below are just a few passages that talk about some of the miracles Jesus performed. Read the passage your group is assigned and answer the questions below.

- A. Luke 8:22-25
- B. Luke 9:10-17
- C. Luke 9:37-44
- D. Luke 17:11-19
- E. Luke 18:35-43

1. What was the miracle?

2. How do you think you would have reacted if you were there?

3. What was the people's reaction (if that is mentioned in the passage)?