

Jesus' Miracles Unit

Bible Truth: Jesus can do anything .

Bible Verse: "For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Bible Basis: Matthew 14: 22-33, Mark 4: 35-41, Luke 17:11-19, John 6:1-14, John 21:1-13

Children will learn:

- Jesus can do anything.
- Jesus takes care of us because he loves us
- Even the wind and the waves obey Jesus.
- Jesus fed 5,000 people with one small lunch.
- We need to keep our eyes focused on Jesus at all times.
- To thank Jesus for all he does.

Lessons:

2/11/18 – Jesus calms the storm

2/18/18 – Jesus feeds more than 5,000 people

2/25/18 – Missions lesson

3/4/18 – Peter and Jesus walk on water

3/11/18 – One man thanks Jesus

For the next few weeks we will be learning about a few of Jesus' miracles in the Preschool Ministry. Jesus always made time to meet people's needs. His teaching about God's love warmed their hearts. His gentle, healing touch calmed fears, soothed wounds, and banished diseases. People came to Jesus who were sick, lonely, and even outcast, and they went away whole and healed. They came in despair and left rejoicing. Some came to him hungry and went away full. Everywhere Jesus went, he changed people's lives with his miraculous love.

Our young preschoolers often feel powerless and helpless in this big world. They still need help with even the simplest of tasks. My hope is that this unit will give them comfort in knowing that Jesus is a friend who can help them with any task, no matter how difficult it is. The activities below are a great place to start when learning about these amazing miracles Jesus performed. We want to use these lessons to teach the children that Jesus can do anything, even in our lives today! Here are just a few ideas to help you extend the learning from the Bible stories we will be studying the next few weeks.

Art: Making get-well cards. This activity can help children learn how to show concern for people who are sick. We want to show care and concern for people who are sick and hurting just like Jesus did. A simple way to make cards is to take an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper and fold it in half. Then use pictures of flowers from magazines or old greeting cards and talk about the different flowers. Explain that you are going to make cards to send to people who are sick. Let your child choose one picture to put on the card. Help your child make the card, and explain that the Bible tells about a man who was sick and needed help so his friends helped him. When we send greeting cards to our friends, we help them feel better. Then talk about other ways you can help people who are sick feel better.

Family Picnic: Plan a family picnic. If the weather cooperates you can go out to your back yard or to a local park, or if it's raining or snowing just spread a blanket on your living room floor and have a fun little picnic inside. Pretend you are going to hear Jesus speak. Take along your favorite lunch foods and play a recording of your favorite Bible story to listen to while you eat lunch together.

Dishwashing Boats and Floats: Make dish washing fun by encouraging your child to use dishes that sink and float to retell the story of Jesus and Peter as they walked on the water. A bowl can become the disciples' boat, a floating plastic spoon may be Jesus, and a saucer may represent Peter sinking in the waves.

Bathtub Boats in the Storm: When your child takes a bath, let them play with small plastic boats and then give them a whisk to swirl the water around and make a storm while you talk about how Jesus calmed the wind and the waves when there was a storm.

Counting: The story of Jesus healing ten men with leprosy gives you a great opportunity to practice counting to 10 with your preschooler. You can use your fingers to count as you tell the story with your child. "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, and TEN. Jesus made ten men well." Then count backwards using your fingers and say, "Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, and ONE. Only one man said thank you!"

Books to explore: Here are just a few books you might look for at the library or a bookstore:

Jesus Heals the Sick (Beginner's Bible) by Crystal Bowman

The Miracles of Jesus by Tomie dePaola

The Miracles of Jesus Hardcover by Tracy Harrast

Miracles: Wonders Jesus Worked by Mary Hoffman

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand (I Can Read! / Bible Stories) by Crystal Bowman and Valerie Sokolova

Little Is Big: Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (Phonetic Bible Stories) by Claudia Courtney and Reg Sandland

Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus by John Hendrix

Read and Play: The Miracles of Jesus (Read & Play) by Alice Gold and Cathy Beylon

Thank You, Jesus: Luke 17:11-19 : Jesus Heals 10 Men With Leprosy (Hear Me Read. Level 2)
by Mary Manz Simon and Dennis Jones

Song:

My God Is So Big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,

There's nothing that he cannot do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,

There's nothing that he cannot do.

The rivers are his, the mountains are his,

The stars are his handiwork too.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,

There's nothing that he cannot do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,

There's nothing that he cannot do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,

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Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for all of the great things your do for us. You can do anything! And we love you, Amen.