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JESUS' EARLY MIRACLES | Mark 1

Memory Verse: ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **JOHN 3:16**

Big Picture Question: Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.

Bottom Line: We know that Jesus is God's Son.

Christ Connection: *Jesus' miracles proved that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. They strengthened people's faith and met their needs. Through Jesus, God did what is impossible for us to do on our own. He provided forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.*

Leader Notes:

CONTEXT

Early in His ministry, Jesus and His disciples traveled to Capernaum, a town on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Capernaum became Jesus' home and headquarters. (See Matt. 4:13.) He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, when people would gather to hear and learn from the Scriptures.

Jesus quickly set Himself apart from the scribes and other religious teachers. Unlike the scribes, who relied completely on traditional interpretations of the Torah from other teachers, Jesus spoke with authority. His teaching came from His own authority as the Author of truth, and it had a profound effect on His listeners—they were astonished!

The early miracles recorded in Mark 1 demonstrate Jesus' power and authority as the Son of God. Jesus drove an unclean spirit from a man in the synagogue; even the demons obey His commands. Then Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, and that evening the people in the town brought to Jesus all those who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits. What did Jesus do? He healed them! (Mark 1:34)

Jesus' miracles continued, and He healed a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a skin disease that would have marked a person as "unclean," requiring him to be separated from the community. Jesus had compassion on the man and healed him immediately.

Jesus' miracles brought many people to faith in Him. They also proved that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. These miracles strengthened people's faith and met their needs. Isaiah prophesied that the promised Messiah would bear our sickness and carry our pain. (Isa. 53:4) Jesus fulfilled this prophecy as He healed people.

Help kids make the connection that through Jesus, God did what is impossible for us to do on our own. He provided forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life for all who would trust in Him.

TEACHING FOCUS

In this series, we are looking at the early ministry of Jesus and his miracles. We are learning that his ministry and miracles prove that He is God's Son and we can trust Him with everything.

As we teach kids about Jesus, point them to the fact that Jesus is God's Son and His miracles prove it. But we don't just believe that He performed miracles, we believe that He is God's Son who gave His life for us and that His greatest miracle was being raised from the dead.

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TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- People came to Jesus and He healed them.
- Jesus' early miracles showed that He was God's all-powerful Son.
- Many people saw His miracles and believed in Him.
- He heals us today by forgiving us of our sins and gives us life forever with Him.
- **Bottom Line:** We know that Jesus is God's Son.

Worship and Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

Play the DVD of All Star Kids worship (choose 1 song for today)

What You Say: "Way to go! You are such amazing singers. Now let's sit down to learn from the Bible Story today."

What You Do: Introduce the Story

"Jesus and his friends went to the synagogue in Capernaum. Jesus began to teach. Everyone was amazed because Jesus spoke like someone who was in charge. While Jesus was preaching, Jesus helped a man who had an unclean spirit. Everyone heard about what Jesus did, and they were amazed. Then Jesus went to Simon and Andrew's house with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick. Jesus held her hand and healed her! The whole town came to Jesus, and Jesus healed many people who were sick. Jesus healed a man with sore places on his skin. Jesus' miracles showed He is God's Son."

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers and serve snack.

Activities

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead each activity two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in the activities. That's okay.

1. Remove Spots

What You Need: painter's tape

What You Do:

- Tear small pieces of painter's tape and tape them to the table or wall at toddler's height.
- Guide toddlers to carefully remove all of the spots.
- Talk about the Bible Story.

What You Say "Jesus cared for people. Jesus healed people who were sick, like the man in our story who had sore spots on his skin. Jesus' miracles showed that He is God's Son. Only God's Son can heal sickness and take away sin."

2. Practice signing the Memory Verse

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster

What You Do:

- Show the poster to the kids.
- As you say the words point to them on the poster.
- Create simple hand motions to teach toddlers the memory verse. Sample hand motions include, "For God (point to heaven) so loved the world (draw the world in the air) that he gave his one (show the number 1 on your fingers) and only Son (hold hands like



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rocking a baby), that whoever believes (point to your heart) in him shall not perish but have eternal life (draw the infinity sign in the air-figure eight). **JOHN 3:16**

- **What You 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!"

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: coloring page, crayons

What You Do:

- **Pray:** "Father, thank You for sending Jesus. We can hardly understand Your love. Help us love You back. Give us courage we need to obey You in difficult circumstances. Fill our hearts with compassion for others. Amen."
- Send coloring pages home with kids and tell family that we are learning John 3:16 as our memory verse during this series. They can practice at home.