

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.*

10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Getting to Know You Jenga

What You Need: Colored Jenga blocks (1 per group, can put sticker dots or marker dots on end of blocks), Getting to Know Talk Sheet (1 per group), colored dice (optional)

What You Do:

- Choose a block to remove or roll the die to pick the color
- Choose one question to answer that matches the color of the block you want to remove.
- Repeat with each turn.
- Each player is trying to get all 3 blocks of at least one color, maybe more if time allows.

What You Say "I love hearing new things about you and getting to know some of you better. We are going to spend some time in the next few weeks learning about Jesus' Ministry on earth. Are you ready to get started?"

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

SERIES THEME

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.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

We know that nothing is impossible with God.

INTRO THE VIDEO

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 miracles was being raised from the dead.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYER AND TIME OF COMMITMENT

Give kids a chance to believe in Jesus for the first time. Remind them that God loves them so much that He sent Jesus to earth to pay for their sins. Lead them to pray as you pray. Pray that believers will submit their lives to the Holy Spirit, follow Jesus, and tell others about Him.

25 Minutes SMALL GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

- **How did Jesus' miracles show His care for creation?** *Guide kids to discuss how Jesus' miracles restored parts of creation that were affected by sin coming into the world. Jesus cast out unclean spirits, made sick people well, and healed skin diseases. Explain that later in His ministry, Jesus also raised people from the dead, gave sight to people who were blind, and ultimately brought the greatest healing—forgiveness of sins—through His death and resurrection. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Ps. 77:14.)*
- **Do we need to see miracles to believe in Jesus? Why or why not?** *Point out that many people saw Jesus' miracles and believed, but Jesus said those who do not see and still believe*

are blessed. The Bible tells us everything we need to believe in Jesus. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 20:29-31.)

- **In what ways does God reveal Himself today?** *Lead kids to recognize that God shows us what He is like through the Word—the Bible. The Bible says we can also understand what God is like by looking at His creation. Invite kids to share observations of creation that tell them something about what God is like. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Rom. 1:19-20.)*

Activity: Listen, Watch, Follow- Kids moving into Kinder will come tour groups during small group

What You Need no supplies needed

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to stand on one side of the room.
- Stand opposite them and instruct them to mimic your movements and obey your commands.
- Begin making simple movements, such as waving a hand, patting your belly, or standing on one foot.
- Sprinkle in spoken commands, telling the kids to do something you are not doing.

What You Say “It was a little bit difficult to follow both my words and my actions, especially when I wasn’t doing what I said. You had to listen carefully and watch closely. Today we will learn about some things Jesus did that caused people to listen carefully to His words and watch closely His actions. And still some people misunderstood who He is! Let’s look at our discussion questions and see if we can understand this.”

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, Large piece of paper or poster board, marker

What You Do:

- Show kids the Memory Verse Grid and have them say the verse with you 3 times.
- Hide the memory verse poster and write the verse on the large piece of paper leaving blanks at certain words.
For person verb/action the world in this way: He verb/action His one and only person so that everyone who verb/action in Him will not verb/action but have describing word/how big/small? life.”
- The first time you fill in the blanks you can fill them with silly words or obviously wrong words. The next times you do this have the kids give you answers based on the categories from above. (An example: For Jesus liked the world in this way: He took His one and only Father so that everyone who wonders in Him will not sneeze but have eventual life.”

What You Say ” Great job fixing those mistakes. God’s Word is perfect and true, and memorizing it is a wonderful way to make sure we have the truth with us all the time. This memory verse, when read correctly, helps us understand the gospel. God loves people and showed His love by sending Jesus to save us from sin.”

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Say:

“Father, thank You for sending Jesus. We can hardly understand Your love. Help us love You back. Give us the courage we need to obey You in difficult circumstances. Fill our hearts with compassion for others. Amen.”



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5 Minutes HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents about our Big Picture Question **Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.** Encourage families to pick up the Family Study Guide online or on the slat wall.