



## BE COURAGEOUS

### God's Miracles Prove Who He Is | June 19, 2022 | 3rd - 5th grade

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** MARK 16

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** What is a miracle? A miracle is something God does that usually cannot be done so that we can know He is all-powerful.

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but He didn't stay dead. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and miraculously raised Jesus from the dead to prove He is the Son of God and salvation is found in Him.

**BOTTOM LINE:** True courage leads me to tell other people about Jesus.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

#### BIBLE PASSAGE CONTEXT

The Bible is a supernatural book filled with accounts of supernatural events. Dozens of miracles are recorded in the Bible. Each miracle points to a greater reality and reveals to us what God is like.

The greatest miracle is God sending His perfect Son to live among us and to die for us because Jesus didn't stay dead. God miraculously raised Him from the dead to prove that He is the Son of God and salvation is found in Him.

Through the miracle of Christ's finished work, we can be forgiven and reconciled to God. We who were far off and without hope in this life have hope because of the miraculous birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

As you prepare to teach, pray and ask the God of miracles to move in the hearts of your kids as they hear the gospel proclaimed. Finally, say a prayer of thanksgiving to a miracle-working God who sees, hears, and acts for His glory and our good.

#### TAKEAWAYS

- Today, we will look at the ultimate miracle of God and how Jesus made the way for us to be free from sin to love and obey God. The birth, life, death, and resurrection is the greatest miracle that God ever performed!
- God's miracles prove who He is. God had a plan all along to send a Rescuer who would save people from sin. God's promise had finally been fulfilled in Jesus!
- Because Jesus is alive, we can know that we have a forever relationship with God when we believe in Jesus as our Savior.
- Even though it can be scary, God wants us to tell others about Jesus so that they too can be forgiven and live with Him forever.
- **Bottom Line:** True courage leads us to tell other people about Jesus.

## Terms to Know

**Miracle-** event which unmistakably involves an immediate and powerful action of God designed to reveal His character or purposes.

**Small Group Prayer:** “Thank You God, for proving exactly who You said You are! Your miracles show that You have all power because You are God. Thank You for raising Jesus from the dead to give us salvation.”

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Choose Your Own Game**

**What You Need:** Socials Book, 3 pool noodles, masking tape, stopwatch/timer, score sheets, plastic cups, candy worms, lifesavers, paper clips, paper, bandaids, sticky tack/gum, scissors, stacks of books, 100 index cards, 50 pennies, ,scotch tape, measuring tape, 3 pool noodle circles, cones, I Spy activity pages, pencils

**Objective:** There are 5 activities in your Socials Book, kids will help decide the game of the day.

**Winning:** The goal is to get everyone in your group to participate in a game.

As kids are coming in, set up the game and ask kids to join you as you play the game. Games are a great way for kids to engage with each other and you as you get to know each other. Use this time to ask them questions about their week and any other important follow up questions to things you have talked about in the past.

**What You Say:** Ask this question: “Have you ever been really surprised by something? What happened? In today’s Bible story, Jesus’ followers were surprised by a miracle.”

**Play a Worship Song or 2 from your Worship DVD/Roku**  
**Play the Bible teaching DVD/Roku**

### **APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Share the Gospel**

**What You Need:** Gospel Story Book (1 per group), Gospel Worksheet (1 per kid), pencils

**What You Do:**

- Read the Gospel Story to your group.
- As you read each page, ask kids to repeat the words after you.
- Say this, “Did you know you just shared the gospel with me and everyone in our group today? It was easy right? Now we are going to give you time to practice saying it many times, so that you can share the gospel with anyone and know you have the right words to use.”
- Pass out the Gospel Worksheet for each kid and a pencil.
- Ask them to fill in the blanks.
- Then ask them to find a partner in the group and practice telling each other the words on their worksheet.

**What You Say** “The angel in the tomb told the women to go and tell others that Jesus was alive. You can tell other people the good news about Jesus, too. Today we had a chance to practice what to say so that you know you have shared the gospel with anyone you get the chance to tell. Who do you think you will tell today? How will you remember what to say?”

### **TRANSITION ACTIVITY: What’s Missing**

**What You Need:** tray, 3-4 items, towel or cloth

**What You Do:**

- Place 3-4 items on a tray.
- Allow kids to look at the items, and then cover the tray with a towel or cloth.
- Ask kids to close their eyes and then secretly remove one item from the tray.
- Allow kids to open their eyes, and then remove the cover from the tray.
- Kids must now guess which item you removed.
- Add more items in subsequent rounds to increase difficulty.

**What You Say** “Some things are difficult to remember. Others are unforgettable. If a person was suddenly missing, what would you think happened? Today’s Bible story was about Jesus’ Resurrection. Some women went to see Jesus, but He wasn’t there. What do you think you would do in that situation? Let’s look at our discussion questions to think through the story more.”

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **How can you be sure Christianity is the right religion?**
- **Have you decided to follow Jesus? Why or why not?**
- **How did the woman react when they arrived at Jesus’ tomb? Why?** Guide kids to recognize that the women were fearful and amazed. They were expecting to anoint Jesus’ body with spices. Instead, Jesus was not there. They found that the large stone had been rolled away. An angel was there so they were shocked. Their Lord was gone and they didn’t understand why. They were not thinking about Jesus’ promise to rise again.
- **How did the angel respond to the women’s fear?** Help kids recall that the angel told the women to not be afraid. He told them what happened to Jesus and comforted them. Jesus was alive. He told the women that Jesus had gone ahead of them and would meet them in Galilee. He wanted the women to share this wonderful news.
- **Who can you tell the miraculous news that Jesus is God the Son, who died and rose to rescue us from sin?** Encourage kids to think about friends, neighbors, or family members they know who may not know Jesus. Pray for kids to have wisdom and courage to know how and when to share the gospel.

**TRANSITION TO HOME:** Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.