



BE COURAGEOUS

God's Miracles Prove Who He Is | June 19, 2022 | 3 year olds and 4 year olds

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: Activity Dice

What You Need: Activity Dice Play set

What You Do:

Set up the game according to set instructions. Feel free to modify game rules to fit your group. Celebrate any victory.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let’s pray and listen to our story today.”

Introduce the Story:

Bring a cross to group time and show it to the preschoolers. Consider passing it around for preschoolers to examine. Say this:” The Last few weeks we have been learning about some of God’s miracles. Our stories have been from the Book of Joshua. Today, we are going to hear about another one of God’s miracles from the Book of Mark. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb, but this is not the end of the story. He is alive! Let’s listen to our story to learn about one of God’s miracles and to hear that Jesus is risen,”

Play a Worship Song or 2 from DVD or Roku
Play the Teaching Video on DVD or Roku

RECAP the STORY:

“On the third day after Jesus’ death, Mary Magdalene and two of her friends went to the tomb where Jesus’ body was. The friends had spices with them to put on Jesus’ body. When they arrived at the tomb, the big stone was rolled away! The women went inside. They saw a man in a white robe sitting there, He was an angel. “Do not be afraid,” the angel said. “Jesus has risen and is alive! Go tell others the good news!” It was a miracle! The women were excited and ran from the tomb.”

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 the stickers.
- Have kids place the stickers in the spot as you say the words with them to share the gospel story.

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: Discover God's Miracles

What You Need: gift bag, cross, stone, star, red ribbon

What You Do:

- Place all the items in a gift bag.
- Pass the bag around and ask kids to guess what is in the bag.

What You Say “The Bible tells us that God shows His strength to people. A miracle is something that shows God's power. In our bag today what items did you find? (As kids call out the item, hold it up- cross, stone, star, red ribbon) Each of these items help us remember the miracles we have learned from the Bible. The red ribbon helps us remember Rahab and how God rescued the Israelites. The star reminds us of the time that the sun and moon stayed in the sky all day, to give the Israelites more time to be rescued from the 5 evil kings. The stone helps us remember Joshua's challenge to the people to worship God and remember all His promises and miracles. Today we talked about the cross. Tell me again what the cross tells us. You are right, the cross reminds us of Jesus and the miracle of His resurrection on Easter. Way to go, I can't wait to hear how you share Jesus with other people.”

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.