

Miracles – what do we learn about Jesus?

What do we learn about us?

Opening prayer

Warm up game? Being noticed. Gather everyone together in a circle and have them stand up.

Ask for a volunteer to go out of the room and whilst they are out of the room choose someone to be the leader. They must perform a repetitive action like clapping/touching their nose/standing on one leg

During the game they must change the action they are doing, and everyone must copy them. It is the job of the volunteer to figure out who is the leader. If the leader manages to change their action 3 times without being seen, then s/he is the winner and goes out.

The Point: A fun activity linked to the concept of trying to do something without being seen.

Read Mark 5:21-43

Q1 Last week we saw Jesus at a wedding turning water into wine. Can you remember, what did the events of that day teach us about Him? What might the disciples have realised about him that day?

- He likes wine! God wants us to enjoy all of the things He has created for us.
- Just beginning. There is more to come . . . (My time has not yet come)
- Compassionate, cares for us
- Our provider, who looks after us
- Speaks with authority. Things happen.
- The one the Old Testament/prophets point to

Q2 What do you notice about Jesus this week? (Some suggestions here. Leaders and students may have other ideas)

v24 He responds immediately to a request for help (but is then apparently delayed by other events). God always responds to our prayers immediately, though we may not see the answer immediately.

v29 He has the power to heal

v30 He notices everyone. (It can read as if Jesus was stern here, like a teacher in school

demanding to know “Who did that?” But that may say more about teachers than Jesus!) Why do you think he insists on asking for her/finding her? (Because she is important to Him – just as each and every person is important to Him.)

v34 He is incredibly gentle in speaking, and calls her ‘daughter’. We are not strangers or even visitors to Him. We are not naughty pupils. We are family, loved and known.

v36 He is reassuring, loving, and in charge. He has authority over all matters which are given to Him.

v39 As so often in the gospels, Jesus starts speaking with a question for those around Him. Although he has all authority and knowledge, He always tries to get us to think for ourselves and to discover for ourselves. He doesn’t lecture. He encourages.

v43 He cares about the small things in life (she’s hungry) as well as the big things. Like last week’s miracle when he made water into wine, His care for the smaller things in life show us how much He loves us and cares for us, as well as showing His power and authority.

Q3 (If there’s time) what do you notice about any of the people there? Last week Mary saw a problem and turned straight to Jesus for a solution. Who does that this week?

Challenge for next week: **memory verse**

To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us . . . Eph 3:20

Final prayers

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶ Overhearing^[a] what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

A. Last week we saw Jesus at a wedding turning water into wine. How many points can you remember, what did the events of that day teach us about Him?

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B. What do we learn about Him this week? What stands out to you?

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Challenge for next week: can you memorise this very relevant memory verse, for next week?

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