

UNIT 21 | SESSION 1 | MAY 9-10, 2020

Elementary Parent Guide

Jesus' Early Miracles

Bible Passage: Mark 1

Story Point: People came to Jesus and he healed them.

Key Passage: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him

will not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16

Christ Connection: Jesus' miracles proved that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the discussion questions. Check out the <u>Younger Kids Activity Page</u> for K-1st or the <u>Older Kids Activity Page</u> for 2nd-5th as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

ACTIVITY OPTION 1: Miracle Charades

(slips of paper to write the different miracles on)

Write out the miracles on different slips of paper (consider going over all of them together first) and take turns acting out one of Jesus' miracles. If you need to partner up with someone to help act out a miracle – do it! The first person to guess the miracle gets a point. Keep track of the points earned by each person. The one with the most points at the end of the game wins.

- Jesus healed a man with a paralyzed hand (Matthew 12:9-13)
- Jesus healed a man who was born blind (John 9:1-41)
- Jesus calmed a storm (Mark 4:35-41)
- Jesus healed a man who could not hear or speak clearly (Mark 7:31-37)
- Jesus walked on water (Matthew 14:22-33)
- Jesus fed more than 5,000 people (John 6:1-13)
- Jesus turned water into wine (John 2:1-11)
- Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44)
- Jesus healed the paralyzed man whose friends lowered him through a roof (Luke 5:15-26)

• The Bible records dozens of miracles Jesus performed. Today, we heard about some of the miracles Jesus performed early in His ministry. Why do you think Jesus did so many miracles? (because He loves us and He was proving that He was the savior that they had been waiting for)



ACTIVITY OPTION 2: KEY PASSAGE ILLUSTRATIONS

(Paper, drawing supplies)

Find and read aloud John 3:16 together. Give each kid a piece of paper and some markers. Challenge them to draw pictures to represent different words of the verse (For example, draw a gift box for the phrase "He gave") and then to read it using only their pictures.

SAY • John 3:16 tells us the good news of the gospel in one sentence! Memorizing God's Word helps us remember what is true.

DISCUSSION

(Bible)

Jesus' miracles proved that He was the Messiah, the Son of God.

What does this story teach us about God? People came to Jesus, and He healed them. They brought their friends and family members who were sick, and Jesus healed them all. Jesus' early miracles showed His power and authority as the Son of God.

Why was the crowd amazed by Jesus? Jesus wasn't like other teachers, who taught things they had learned from others. Jesus taught with authority. He even had authority over unclean spirits.

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: Read John 20:29-31).

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Pray as a family and ask the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God? What does this story teach me about myself? Who can I tell about this story?

CONNECT

(Younger Kids Activity Page – K-1st, Older Kids Activity Page – 2nd-5th)

Download the Kids Activity Page and encourage your child to do it at home with you this week.