

4 year olds, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade

Bible Lesson

5-03-20

Jesus' Early Miracles

Mark 1:21 - 45

<u>Story Point:</u>	Jesus' miracles helped people.
<u>Memory Verse:</u>	"For 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, NIV
<u>Gospel Gems:</u>	Jesus taught people about God. Jesus healed people who were sick. Jesus takes away our sin.

PARENTS ONLY: Bible Study Guide

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 preschoolers 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.

Kid's Worship:

- Access: **4 years – 1st Grade Video: Connection Team Worship**

Christ Connection – (all stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus)

“Jesus cares about people. Jesus’ miracles helped people and showed that He is the Son of God. Through Jesus, God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He provides forgiveness and life with God forever.”

Bible Story: Jesus’ Early Miracles – Mark 1:21 - 45

PARENTS:

This lesson is paraphrased and in story form. The scripture references are listed above if you choose to read directly from the Bible. We encourage you to open the Bible either way you choose to share this lesson.

Jesus and His disciples traveled to a town called Capernaum (kuh PUHR nay uhm). Jesus went into a synagogue and started teaching. The people there were very surprised. Jesus was not like other teachers. He spoke with power, like someone in charge.

Suddenly, a man with an unclean spirit shouted, “Why are You here, Jesus? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus commanded the spirit to be quiet and come out of the man. The spirit came out.

Everyone was amazed! “Who is this Jesus?” they asked. “He teaches with power, and the unclean spirits obey Him!” People all across the land were talking about Jesus.

Next, Jesus and His disciples went to Simon and Andrew’s house. Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her, took her hand, and healed her. She got up and began to serve them. That evening, large crowds of people came to the house with others who were sick or bothered by evil spirits, and Jesus healed them too.

Early the next morning, Jesus went out by Himself to pray. Simon and the other disciples found Him and said, “Everyone is looking for You.”

Jesus said, “Let’s go on to the nearby villages so I can preach there too. This is why I have come.”

Jesus traveled throughout the land. He preached and drove out demons. One day, a man with a skin disease came to Jesus. He got on his knees and begged Him: “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” Jesus was willing, and He healed the man.

Review Questions:

- What was Jesus doing in the synagogue? (*teaching*)
- Was Jesus like all the other teachers? (*No – he spoke with power and authority*)
- What did Jesus do to the woman with a fever? (*Jesus healed her.*)
- What did Jesus do to the man who had a skin disease? (*Jesus healed him.*)
- Can Jesus heal others that are sick? (*Yes!*)

Bible Activities pages:

- Access: **4 years – 1st Grade Activity pages 5-03-20** online.
- The first page is a coloring sheet.
- Following the color sheet are the activity pages and answer keys
- Follow the directions on the Activity pages.

Craft:

- Access the craft page: **4 years – 1st Grade Craft 5-03-20** online.
- Follow the directions on the craft page.

Missions Moment:

- Hold a basketball or show a picture of a basketball.
- Ask your child to tell you what they know about the game of basketball.

Say:

“Did you know that missionaries can be basketball players? One missionary named Heiden Ratner uses basketball to share the story of Jesus. God showed him that he can be more than a basketball player, and now he helps people like Jesus helped people.

- Access the Missions video: “Better than Basketball” online.

Prayer

“God, as we learn more about You, we are amazed at all You are. There is no one like You. Thank You for loving us and healing us when we are sick. Help us to share Your amazing love to other people that may not know about You. We love You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.”