



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 44

JESUS' MIRACLES

Scripture: Mark, John

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Tape, straws, cotton balls, popsicle sticks, blue streamers.

Ask:

- Can anyone tell me what we learned about last week?
- Since we told three of the stories of Jesus last week, this week we're going to look at three of his miracles.
- Does anyone have a miracle that Jesus did that you think is really cool? (Allow for answers)
- There are so many, but we're going to talk about three. I chose these three because each one shows something Jesus has power over: sickness, demons, and nature.
- To get through all of these, we're going to divide into groups and learn about them in stations. Divide the children into three groups, and explain the stations.

Station #1:

Here, your team will build a landing pad for an egg. We're going to drop an egg with me standing on a table, and yours needs to survive. You can use any of these materials: tape, cotton balls, straws, popsicle sticks.

Station #2:

He, we will have a freeze dance party. When the leader of this station says, "Peace!" you have to freeze.

Station #3:

In this station, you will play a game like Prison Break. There will be one child in "jail" for each team and the rest of the kids divided equally. Each team is trying to get their jailed teammate out.

Explain:

The question is, what do all these games have to do with Jesus? Well, today, we're going to talk about the story of 4 friends that lowered down a paralyzed man for Jesus to heal him (in Mark 2:1-12), how Jesus calmed a storm (Mark 4:35-41), and how Jesus freed a man from a legion of demons (Mark 5:1-20).

Divide the kids and send them to their stations.

At Station #1:

- Read Mark 2:1-12
- Explain that, yes, Jesus healed a man who couldn't walk, and this is incredible. More amazing, however, is that he forgave his sins.
- Only God can forgive sins, so this is another passage in Scripture that we can point to as proof that Jesus is fully God and fully man.
- Now, we're going to pretend that our egg is our paralyzed friend, and we have to get it safely down to Jesus. So plan and build your egg carrier!

At Station #2:

- Read Mark 4:35-41
- Jesus has power even over storms. He can command wind and waves and they obey him.
- We're going to have a dance party with streamers. These streamers will represent our wind and waves, but whenever I say "Peace!" and stop the music, you have to freeze, just like the winds and waves obeyed Jesus.

At Station #3:

- Read Mark 5:1-20
- A Legion was 5,000-6,000 men in the Roman army. Now, we don't know for sure if that many were in the man because demons aren't known for telling the truth. But, we know that this man was horribly bound by demons. No one could save him, no one could help him. No one but Jesus.
- Jesus has so much power over demons that they even have to ask him permission.
- Some kids may feel stressed that the pigs were killed. If this happens, remind them that it shows us what the demons planned for the man. Also, pigs were considered unclean in Israel.
- Play prison break to remind the kids that Jesus freed the man from Legion. To apply it more, ask them how they think it would go to do prison break of 1 against 5,000? That would be impossible, but not for Jesus!

Apply:

Bring all the kids back together. Explain that Jesus is so powerful. He is over sickness, he is over nature, he is over demons. He has power that is more incredible than we can ever imagine. Because of this, we don't need to be afraid. We can trust that he is with us, that he is helping us, and that no problem or fear is too big for him.

Do the egg drop and see who's egg stays together.

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids color one or all of these miracles of Jesus in their comic book Bibles.

Memorize: Mark 4:41

Close in Prayer

This is a longer lesson. If you need to divide it into three lessons to really dive into each story, feel free to do so.

