

Adventures with GOD!

MIRACLES (B.2.SPRING.7)

Biblical Reference	Acts 3:1-10
Key Verse	Acts 1:8a
Key Concept	The Holy Spirit reveals the greatness of God.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tell the story of how God preformed miracles through the disciples. 2. Recognize that God still does miracles today. 3. Pray for people who have a specific need.

Life Application

When Jesus was on the earth he preformed miracles. When he left, God through the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples and did miracles through them. Imagine! This is the same Holy Spirit that lives in us today. The Holy Spirit reveals God's power and might.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible reading	Bible	5 minutes
Review	Calendar and mural	5 minutes
Bible exploration	Bible, illustrations	15 minutes
Application	Testimonies	10 minutes
Craft and Bible verse	Crayons, activity sheets	10 minutes
My GROW adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing prayer	Candle	1 minute



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INSTRUCTIONS

My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review: As children enter take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials on the Covchurch.org website in the same place as the Adventures with God sessions.

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle. Light the candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

Prayer Example: Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Bible Reading: Explain that as we read the Bible we do so first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out-stretched, palms up to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the biblical reference for the day (Acts 3:1-10) two times and ask children to respond.

Question examples: what did you notice in this passage? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask god about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is god saying anything to you through the story?

Review: Spend some time reviewing the Bible verses they have learned this semester. Spend a few minutes adding another drawing/picture to your mural if you didn't do it the previous week. Also, put another X in the calendar. Today marks the 7 week point. Explain that this was how many weeks the disciples waited for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Bible exploration: Review some of the miracles that Jesus preformed when he was on the earth. Maybe do it in the form of charades, where someone has to act out the miracle and the rest of the group has to guess. Or use illustrations. Talk about how miracles showed God's power. Then together read Acts 3:1-10. Discuss together, who were the people in the story? What were they doing? What happened to the lame man? Important things to include in the discussion:

- The miracles were made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit, not by the disciples.



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- God was glorified and God's power was revealed.
- The miracle was a testimony for those who hadn't heard about Jesus. Many came to faith.
- Even today there are miracles. God is a God of miracles.

Application: If possible, it would be good to talk with the pastor, or another church leader to get some testimonies of miracles that they have been witnesses to. Maybe invite one of them to come in and share their testimony. Spend time praying together for specific needs. Remind the children that prayer is one of the ways we communicate with God and God communicates with us.

Craft and Bible verse: There is a coloring sheet that has the Bible verse for the day (Acts 1:8a). Once they have discovered the verse, via the secret code, they can color the page. Practice the verse together. Or have the draw a picture of the story in Acts 3:1-10.

Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:

G: God's Word: What is the story? (Give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

R: Relationships: Is there anything in today's Bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the Bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others and give them a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

O: Outward Action: Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

W: Worship: Is there anything in the Bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? How would you like to respond to God? What would you like to say to God?

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, it reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

Prayer Example: Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen.



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ILLUSTRATION

JESUS FEEDING THE 5000



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JESUS WALKING ON WATER



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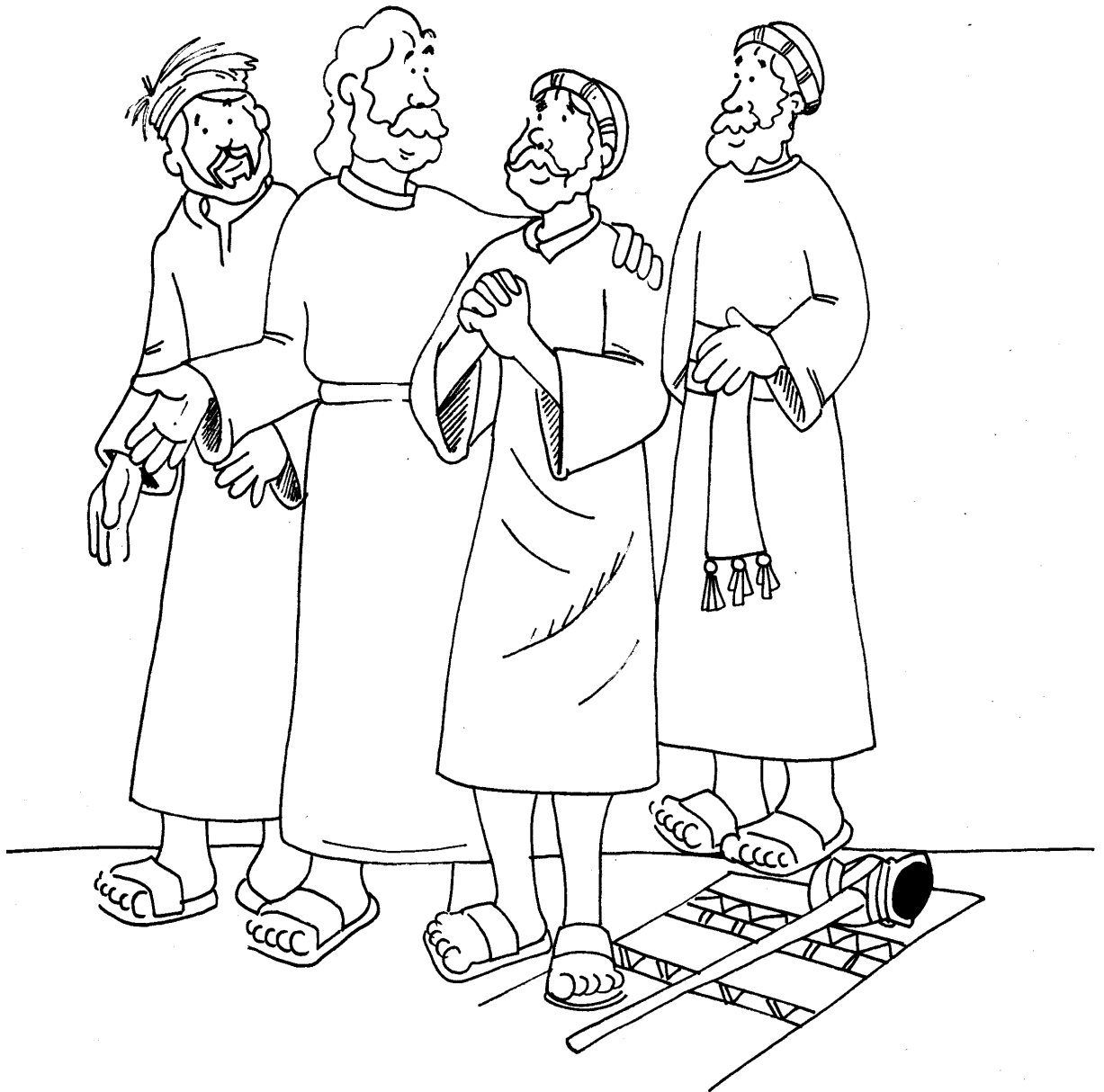
JESUS HEALS JAIROS DAUGHTER



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JESUS HEALS A PARALYTIC



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ACTIVITY

CRACK THE CODE

Put the letter on the line that corresponds with the number beneath it to reveal the memory verse for today.

2 22 21 26 16 22 24 9 12 12 19 5 3 5 9 23 5 17 16 24 5 19 24 8 5 15

21 8 5 8 16 12 26 20 17 9 19 9 21 8 1 20 3 16 14 5 22 17 16 15

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26 16 22

Clue: A=1 B=2 C=3 D=4 E=5 F=6 G=7 H=8 I=9 J=10
 K=11 L=12 M=14 N=15 O=16 P=17 Q=18 R=19 S=20 T=21
 U=22 V=23 W=24 X=25 Y=26 Z=27