

Miracles of Jesus: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: With God, all things are possible.

SuperVerse: *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.* Acts 10:38 (NKJV)

Bible Story: Mark 2:1–12, Luke 8:4–15, Luke 8:22–25

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game Materials Needed:

- Two balls or balled-up socks
- Laundry basket, can substitute empty trash can or bucket
- Optional: masking or painters tape
- Optional: volunteer helpers, such as sixth graders
- Q&A Sheet

A true miracle is a supernatural act performed by the power of God! Our Superbook story will show us that we can turn to Jesus for all of our needs and that with God, all things are possible!

- Select a video to have playing as children enter the Large Group room. Videos are under Resources on the top menu bar. Be sure to preview the Full Bible Story (Video 3), as some scenes may be too intense for young children. An alternate option is noted above Video 3.
- In the Superbook adventure, Chris begins to believe that a mysterious street magician possesses real powers.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: “Laundry Basket” Ball (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story with a basketball review game.

- Jesus was sent by God, full of the Holy Spirit, empowered to do miracles. God’s miracles are real and powerful—not tricks or illusions!

Game Instructions:

- Divide the group into two teams. Teams will alternate turns. A turn consists of answering a question and then shooting baskets.

Teaching: Power Above All (15 minutes)

Objective: Present and discuss an object lesson about God’s power—above all.

- God is amazing. He alone has power to perform real miracles!
- The water represents what we can see with our eyes—our world. I added some blue food coloring to the water so you can see it more clearly. The oil represents God.
- Display the plastic jar containing water, oil, and food coloring, or add them to the jar as the children watch. Shake the jar as you discuss each miracle of Jesus.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Children look up the Scripture on your bookmarks and pray for your friends who need to know Jesus. Remind the children to take time to listen for God’s answers in their hearts.

SuperVerse: Superbook Challenge (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the Superverse with a group activity.

- The SuperVerse explains how Jesus could do miracles. He didn’t use trickery like Miraculo; He was anointed with God’s Holy Spirit and power to do REAL miracles.
- The girls should stand up and read the first section of the verse, then sit down; the boys then quickly stand up and read the second section. Everyone then stands and shouts the last section.

Prayer: Friend Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Discuss how the paralyzed man’s friends cared enough about him to take him to Jesus.
- Allow a few moments for children to pray silently for their friends’ needs and to know Jesus.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Egg Object Lesson: Demonstrate how God’s strength can work in us. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Balloon Game: Play a game to reinforce the SuperTruth. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Marbles Object Lesson: Present an illusion and contrast with a real miracle. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Race: Quickly find Bible verses about God’s power and ability. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Clear plastic—NOT glass—jar with a watertight lid
- Water, blue food coloring, vegetable oil
- Gizmo Hand Bookmark Pattern
- Scissors for children
- Pens or pencils

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Chalkboard and chalk, or whiteboard/poster board and marker
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App