

Miracles of Jesus: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I can turn to Jesus for all my needs.

SuperVerse: *But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life by the power of His name.* John 20:31 (NLT)

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

Game Materials

Needed:

- Optional: masking tape
- Two hand towels
- Three medium-sized boxes
- Marker
- Pencils
- Paper, one-half sheet per child

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Clear plastic cup
- Pitcher of water
- Two white plastic spoons
- Blue and red food coloring, or you may substitute white powdered drink mix that turns red or purple when water is added
- Gizmo Hand Bookmarks
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Chalkboard with chalk and eraser; or whiteboard/poster board with marker and duct tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials

Needed:

- Chalkboard, whiteboard, or poster board
- Chalk or marker
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Jesus went about doing good and healing people while He walked on Earth. Still today, we can turn to Jesus for all of our needs—He will meet them all!

- Select a video to have playing as children enter the Large Group room. Videos are under Resources on the top menu bar.
- Play videos in order of appearance in the Video Player or Leader Guide.
- Note: Be sure to preview the condensed video. Should you feel that some scenes are too intense for young children, you may dismiss Grades 1–3 to their classrooms to begin their Small Groups while Grades 4–6 remain for the video.
- Today's Bible Background Video will help us to learn more about the miracles of Jesus.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Take It to Jesus (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story by taking needs to Jesus in a game.

- Play a fun game to work together to take each other's needs to Jesus, just like the men took the paralyzed man on his mat to Jesus!

Game Instructions:

- Hand out the pencils and half-sheets of paper to the children. Instruct them to write any needs that they want to bring to Jesus—their own needs or those of friends and loved ones—then crumple their papers into balls. No one will see these needs!
- Children will work as partners to carry the needs on a towel—representing the mat—to Jesus.

Teaching: Real Needs, Real Help! (15 minutes)

Objective: Connect with the message by doing an object lesson about God's power.

- The man who was paralyzed had no hope until his friends took him to Jesus. Jesus forgave his sins and performed an amazing miracle, healing him so he was able to pick up his mat and walk home!
- Perform the illusion with the colored water and discuss how Jesus' miracles were not tricks.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Children will look up the scripture on their Gizmo hand, read it, and pray for any friends who need healing or need to know Jesus. Children will also ask God in prayer for ways that they can reach out to their friends with His love.

SuperVerse: Erase a Phrase (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the Superverse with a group activity.

- Jesus' miracles established that God worked through Jesus and that He is truly the Son of God!
- Erase or put duct tape over phrases from the SuperVerse. Have the whole class read the verse aloud again, filling in the missing phases from memory.

Prayer: Circle Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Have the children sit in a large circle on the floor. One by one, ask several children to come up and circle a word in the verse that they think is important, and then ask why they chose the word.
- Encourage them to listen for God's voice in their hearts as they think of who Jesus is.

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

Object Lesson: Present an object lesson about Jesus' authority over nature. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Boat Craft: Create a floatable "Disciples' boat" craft to take home. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Listening Game: Play a game about turning to Jesus. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Discuss the difference between fairytales and truth. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min