

Unit 22: The Miracles of Jesus

Unit Description: During His earthly ministry, Jesus performed a number of amazing miracles. He calmed storms, healed sickness, fed multitudes, and more. Each miracle was done out of compassion for people, but also to prove that He is the Son of God.

Big Picture Question: Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.



SESSION 1: Jesus Calmed a Storm

Matthew 8; Mark 4; Luke 8



SESSION 2: Jesus Healed and Forgave

Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5



SESSION 3: Jesus Healed Sickness

Matthew 9; Mark 5; Luke 8



SESSION 4: Jesus Fed Many People

Matthew 15; Mark 8



SESSION 5: Jesus' Miracles Prove He Is God

John 14



UNIT 22 | SESSION 3

JESUS HEALED SICKNESS

MATTHEW 9; MARK 5; LUKE 8

KEY PASSAGE: **No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side, he has revealed him.**
John 1:18 CSB

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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CHRIST CONNECTION:

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PREPARE

PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION



THE WEEK
PRIOR

PREPARE

PREPARE YOUR HEART TO TEACH; PLAN THE SESSION



10-15
MINUTES

WELCOME

GREET KIDS AND OPEN THE SESSION



25-30
MINUTES

LEARN

TEACH KIDS THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL



15-20
MINUTES

LOVE

LEAD KIDS TO LOVE THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL



15-20
MINUTES

LIVE

LEAD KIDS TO LIVE OUT THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

LEADER Bible Study

When someone you know is sick, how do you respond? Do you press in with compassion and prayer, offering to take a meal? Are you tempted to withdraw and leave their needs to others? In today's passage, we will see Jesus repeatedly draw near to people in their time of need.

The Gospel accounts provide a powerful picture of Jesus' compassion toward the needs of people. Some of these suggest His intentional pursuit of people, while others demonstrate a pause—or even a detour—to meet someone's needs. Yet, in both cases, as Jesus provided for the physical needs of people, He also demonstrated His power as the Son of God through His miraculous works.

Jesus had become known for His ability to bring dead things to life, heal the incurable, and bring change where no one else could. As a result, people gathered around Him everywhere He went.

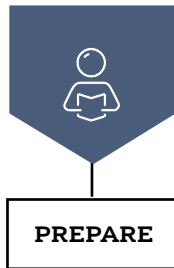
In this week's story, we see the great faith of a desperate woman. She literally reached out to Jesus, seeking healing from a long-term disorder. The woman believed in Jesus for the same reason Jesus commanded Jairus to believe: because Jesus holds the power to save—to bring the dead back to life, both physically and spiritually.

Jesus was always in pursuit of people and was never too busy to pause to meet the needs of others along the way. But Jesus came to offer much more than physical healing. The life He came to give them would result in eternal salvation.

Jesus' encounters with Jairus and the woman remind us that God cares about the brokenness of this world. We can be confident that His promise to undo the curse of sin will be fulfilled. As we read Jesus' miracles, we see glimpses of a fallen world being redeemed as the Son of God heals and brings life. Greater still is the hope we have to trust in Jesus' power to renew our hearts and bring salvation. He is working now to sanctify us and bring inward transformation until the day we will see Him and be like Him.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Jairus: synagogue official who came to Jesus seeking healing for his 12-year-old daughter. The little girl died, but Jesus restored her to life, showing His power over death.



PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

GATHER Supplies

Keep a regular supply of the following items available at all times: Bibles, pens or pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue or tape, paper.



WELCOME

Activity Page

- “Spot the Differences” activity page



LEARN

Introduce the Session

- countdown video

Big Picture Question

- Big Picture Question Poster

Review the Timeline

- Giant Timeline

Tell the Bible Story

- “Jesus Healed Sickness” video
- Bible Story Picture Poster

Questions from Kids

- “Unit 22, Session 3” questions from kids video

Missions Moment

- “North African Missions” missions video

Key Passage Activity

- Key Passage Poster
- “No One (John 1:18)” song
- worship song of your choice (optional)
- cardstock, 1 per kid



LOVE

Review & Bible skills

- Small Group Timeline and Map Set
- world map



LIVE

Activity Choice (Option 1)

- bins, 3 or 4
- rice, 3 or 4 bags
- red marker
- trays, 3 or 4

Activity Choice (Option 2)

- blank greeting cards with envelopes
- stamps

Journal and Prayer

- Journal Page
- “Give It to Jesus” activity page



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY “If you’ve been hurt from falling down or maybe have even broken a bone, who is the first person you go to and why? How does that person help you?”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Spot the Differences” on the activity page.

SAY “Great job finding all 10 differences! Today, we will learn about healing miracles Jesus performed and how He showed His power as the Son of God.”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: POWER OF TOUCH



Guide kids to form a circle and close their eyes. Designate one player to be It by tapping him on the shoulder. Lead kids to open their eyes and explain that when you say “Go,” kids will walk around the room and shake hands with one another. The person who is It may squeeze a player’s hand at any time. That player will silently count to five and then sit down.

Prompt kids to begin. Play several rounds as time allows and choose a different kid to be It for each round.

SAY “This game reminds me of our Bible story. The game demonstrated that touch was powerful because when a hand was squeezed, that player was out. In our Bible story, we will learn that when a woman touched Jesus she was healed and when Jesus touched a little girl, she was raised to life. Let’s get ready to learn more about the power Jesus has to heal people from sickness.”

OPTION 2: BY HIS WOUNDS

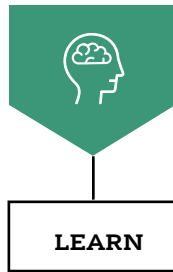
Form kids into groups of three or four. Tell the groups that you will describe a sickness, wound, or ailment and as a group they must determine what is the best treatment for each description. Then discuss why they chose their particular treatment option. Consider using the following examples or create your own: scraped knee, ear infection, broken arm, strep throat, sprained ankle, an eye infection.

Then ask how our sinful hearts are healed. **[Allow responses.]** Read Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24. Emphasize that Jesus healed our sinful state through His wounds on the cross. Discuss how Jesus is without sin but bore our sins on Himself so that we can have life in Him.

SAY “In our Bible story, we will learn that Jesus performed miracles and healed people. He had compassion on them and delivered them from sickness. But to deliver us from the death of sin, He had to die on the cross. Jesus, who never sinned, chose to heal us by His wounds on the cross.”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





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INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY “ Hi, kids! My name is [your name], and I am so glad you are here! Every time we are together, we study a true story from the Bible. If you have your Bible with you, will you take it out and place it in your lap? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.]

When we read our Bibles, one thing we learn is that because of sin our world is broken. This means that sometimes people suffer or get sick. In our Bible story, we will learn about two people who were sick. But we will also learn that Jesus came to earth to defeat sin and death. Jesus came to make all things new and bring us life. ”

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

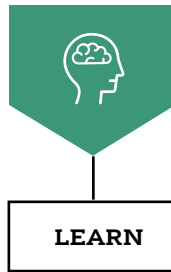
SAY “ Does anyone remember the big picture question? [Allow responses.] Our big picture question is, **Is Jesus God or human?** Do you remember the answer? [Allow responses.] **As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.**

Our story today helps us remember that Jesus is both God and man. We will read about Jesus physically touching people or being touched by Him, proving He is a man. Then we will also read that as God, Jesus has the power to heal people and restore life. **As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.** ”

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY “ Over the past few weeks, we have learned about many of Jesus’ miracles. We learned how Jesus calmed the storm and how the disciples responded in amazement of His power. Then we read how Jesus not only healed a man who could not walk, but forgave His sins. As God, Jesus has the authority to forgive sins. Today, we will read how Jesus healed two more people. All of these miracles remind us that Jesus is not just a good man, but that He is God. **As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.** ”



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LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Matthew 9; Mark 5; Luke 8. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Jesus Healed Sickness.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

JESUS HEALED SICKNESS

“**Jesus stood on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.** A large crowd gathered around Him. **Suddenly, Jairus (JIGH ruhs),** one of the leaders in the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus’ feet. Jairus **begged Jesus for help.**

“**My daughter is about to die! Please come touch her so she will be healed and live,**” he said. **Jesus went with Jairus, and many people followed,** crowding around Him.

In the crowd was a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. She had seen many doctors and had spent all her money trying to get better, but **no one could help her.** She was getting worse. **The woman said to herself, “If I touch even Jesus’ clothes, I will be healed.”**

She came up behind Jesus in the crowd and touched His clothes. Immediately, her bleeding stopped and she knew she was healed.

At that moment, **Jesus** felt that power had gone out of Him. He **turned around.** **“Who touched My clothes?” He asked.**

Jesus’ disciples pointed out that many people were crowded around Him. But Jesus kept looking around. **The woman, knowing she was healed, came forward and fell before Jesus.** She told Him what had happened.

Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace. You are healed.”

While Jesus was speaking, **some men came from Jairus’ house and told Jairus, “Your daughter is dead. Do not bother Jesus anymore.”**

Jesus heard what the men said, and He **told Jairus, “Do not be afraid. Just believe.”**

Jesus and three of His disciples went to Jairus’ house. People there were crying and wailing loudly. “Why are you crying?” Jesus asked. “The child is not dead. She is sleeping.”

The people laughed because they did not believe Jesus. He told them to leave. Then **Jesus took Jairus and his wife into the room where the child was. He took the girl by the hand and said, “Little girl, get up.”**

Immediately, the girl got up and began walking around. Jairus and his wife were amazed. Jesus told them to give the girl some food and to not tell anyone what

STORYTELLING TIPS

Pass a piece of cloth: Distribute a piece of cloth to the kids and direct them to pass it around as you tell the story. Remind kids that the woman showed faith when she touched Jesus’ clothes.

Use dramatic voice: Emphasize Jesus’ miracles with dramatic voice as you tell the Bible story.



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had happened.

Christ Connection: By healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son. ”

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “ As Jesus performed miracles, more and more people began to follow Him. Crowds of people surrounded Him and sought Him for healing. Though numerous religious leaders also followed Jesus, many of them did not believe He is the Messiah. Who was the religious leader that did show faith in Jesus? [Allow responses.] Yes, Jairus came to Jesus and fell at His feet. He desperately wanted Jesus to heal his daughter.

Before Jesus had time to heal Jairus’ daughter, He was interrupted. What caused Jesus to stop? [Allow responses.] Jesus could tell power had gone out from Him. What was Jesus’ response after the woman touched Him? Look at Luke 8:46-48. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Luke 8:46-48.] The woman was not healed simply because she touched Jesus. Her faith in Him healed her.

Before Jesus reached Jairus’ daughter, she died. A man from Jairus’ house came and told Jairus not to bother Jesus anymore. But what did Jesus tell Jairus? Look at Luke 8:50. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Luke 8:50.] Jesus told Jairus to believe. The faith that Jesus encouraged Jairus to have was not in the miracle itself, but in Him. Jesus holds all power and He raised the little girl to life.

Jesus desires that we have faith in Him too. The same power that Jesus used to raise the little girl from the dead is the same power that gives us new life in Him. When we believe in Jesus, He forgives our sins and makes us new in Him. ”

3 CHRIST CONNECTION

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(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 22, Session 3” questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Is it OK to pray to God in our heads? Why?
2. How do your prayers show you trust God and believe in His power?



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5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY “ Few Christians live in North Africa and the Middle East. It is important to continue praying for the people in the area to have opportunities to hear about Jesus. Pastor Mike and his church, Henderson Hills Baptist Church, are seeking ways to tell the people of North Africa more about Jesus. One way they are doing this is through a school they started in North Africa. ”

Show the missions video. Pray, thanking God for missionaries and others telling people from North Africa and the Middle East about Jesus. Ask God to open the hearts of the people from these areas to hear God’s Word and accept the truth about Jesus.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud John 1:18 together.

SAY “ We see the power of God through Jesus, His Son. Jesus is more than a good person or a great teacher. His miracles prove He is the Son of God. ”

Provide each kid with a piece of cardstock. Invite kids to draw a cross on the cardstock and cut it out. Lead kids to write John 1:18 on one side of the cross. Then on the other side, invite kids to write ways Jesus shows us that He is God. Encourage kids to use their crosses as a bookmark in their Bibles. (Tip: Laminate the crosses for more durability.)

Lead kids to sing “No One (John 1:18).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

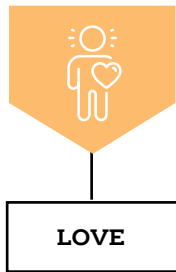
7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “ Dear God, we praise You because You are powerful and through Your grace we can be forgiven of our sins. Thank You for Jesus and how He gives us new life. Amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and display the New Testament Israel Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Mark 5. Explain that Jesus taught near the shore of the Sea of Galilee (D6) but it is believed that Jairus lived in Capernaum (C6) where there was a known synagogue. Consider having kids trace Jesus' journey from the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum.

Consider comparing the New Testament Israel Map to a modern-day map to help kids understand where these stories took place. (Tip: Locate the areas in and around modern-day Capernaum.) Choose a volunteer to read aloud Mark 5:28-29.

SAY “ The woman who had been bleeding for 12 years showed great faith in Jesus. In a crowd full of people, she made her way to Jesus and thought if she could only touch His clothes, she would be healed. Many others were pressing against Jesus, but the power went out of Him because the woman believed in Him. Her faith in Him is what healed her.

The woman's sickness represents the sin we all have. No doctor or medicine was able to heal her or take away the bleeding. Likewise, there is nothing we can do to take away our sin or earn salvation. The only way to be saved is through faith in Jesus. ”

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY “ Using this story, how would you explain to a friend that Jesus is the Son of God? ”

Answers will vary. Discuss how Jesus healed a sick woman and raised a girl from death to life. Encourage kids to remember that Jesus' miracles prove He is the Son of God. Remind kids that His death and resurrection defeated sin and death.

(Option: Choose a volunteer to read 1 John 5:11.)

SAY “ Jairus was told to believe before he saw his daughter raised from the dead. How do we believe in God's promises without seeing them? ”

Remind kids that faith means we trust in God and His Word even when we do not see the outcome. Tell kids that we believe Jesus will return, even though we have not seen Him with our own eyes. Tell kids that we trust we will be with God when we die because of our faith in Jesus. Encourage kids to remember that God can be trusted and that because of Jesus we will one day experience all of God's promises fulfilled.

(Option: Choose a volunteer to read Heb. 11:1-3.)

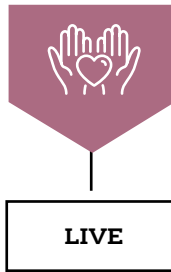
SAY “ How does this story teach us that Jesus gives new life? ”

Discuss how Jesus' power to heal brings newness. Lead kids to understand that when we trust in Jesus, our sinful hearts are made new and He helps us to look more like Him.

(Option: Choose a volunteer to read Phil. 3:21.)

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE the Mission

1 ACTIVITY CHOICE (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: LOST



Before the session, fill three or four small bins with rice. Choose one grain of rice per bin and color it red with a marker. Mix the red grain of rice back in the bin. Consider placing a tray under each bin to catch any rice that may fall out.

Form kids into three or four groups and provide each group with a bin of rice. Lead each group to work together to find the lost red grain of rice. After several minutes, direct kids to stop searching if they have not yet found the red grain of rice.

SAY “ In our missions video, we learned that for every Christian in North Africa there are more than 33,000 non-Christians. That is similar to trying to find one red grain of rice in a bin full of non-red rice. The people of North Africa need our prayers. We can pray that they will hear about Jesus through the school started by Henderson Hills Baptist Church, radio programs, and other Christians in the area. And we can pray that when they hear about Jesus, they will believe in Him. ”

OPTION 2: PRAYER CARDS



Before the session, collect the names and addresses of members in your church or community who are sick and may not be able to attend church. Provide kids with blank greeting cards and invite kids to write one or two notes to encourage them and remind them of Jesus’ love for them. Include encouraging verses such as Isaiah 41:10 or Matthew 11:28. Invite kids to draw pictures on the cards.

Before the kids put the cards in the envelope, invite kids to hold the note in their hand and pray for that person. Write the names and addresses of each person on the outside of the envelope. Then mail the cards to each person.

SAY “ We can show our love for our neighbors and our faith in God when we pray for those who are sick. The Lord has the power to heal. But we can also pray that even in sickness, others will trust in Jesus and find strength in His love for them. ”

2 JOURNAL AND PRAYER (5 minutes)

Distribute journal pages and pencils. Guide kids to think about and answer the questions listed on the page. As kids journal, invite them to share their ideas.

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does the story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God’s glory and my good?
- Are there promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

Review the gospel and encourage kids to speak with you or another teacher if they have questions. Then pray, praising God for Jesus’ power to save and the hope of new life we have in Him. As time allows, lead kids to complete “Give It to Jesus” on the activity page.



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Unit 22 • Session 3

JESUS HEALED SICKNESS

Matthew 9; Mark 5; Luke 8

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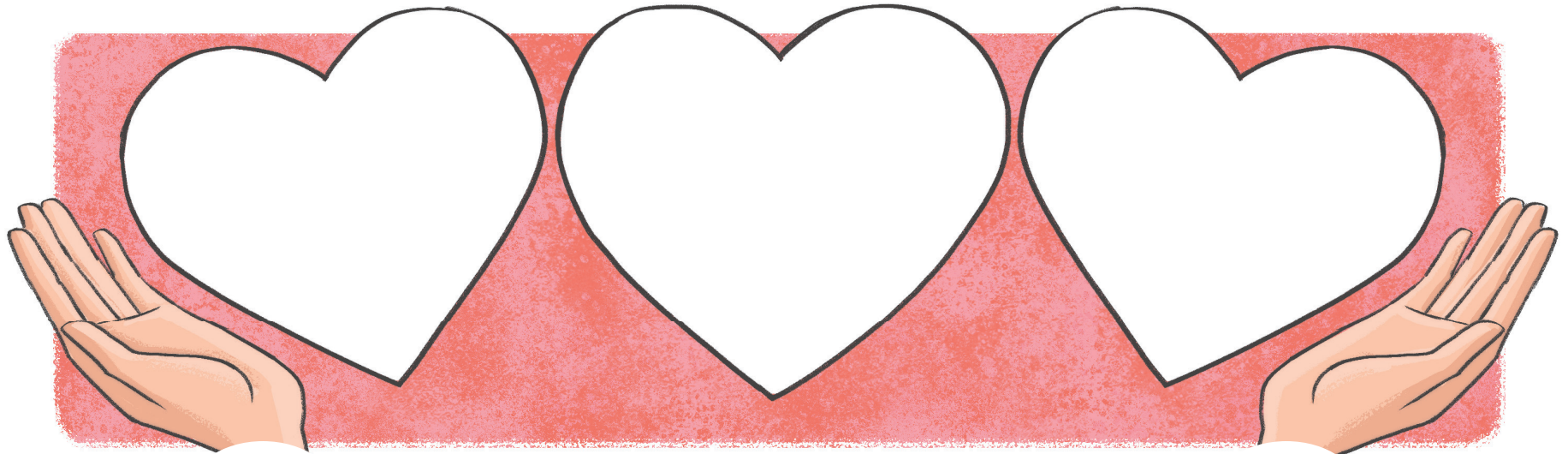
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Spot the Difference | Find and circle the 10 differences in the two pictures.



Give It to Jesus | In today's Bible story, Jesus said it was the woman's faith that saved her. Write a prayer to God, asking Him to help you trust Him about a specific need.



NAME: _____



Jesus Healed Sickness

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- A man named Jairus came to Jesus and begged Him to heal his sick daughter.
- Before Jesus got to the girl, a woman touched Jesus' clothes and was instantly healed from a sickness. Jesus said her faith had saved her.
- Jairus' daughter died. But Jesus told Jairus to believe. Jesus went to the little girl and said "get up" and she did. Jesus raised her back to life.

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KEY PASSAGE: John 1:18

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