Lesson 3: Jesus Is the Miracle Worker

Overview:

Key Focus: Jesus worked miracles, and we have His power through His name.

Bible Story: Miracles of Jesus

Scriptures: Acts 10:38; John 10:10; Mark 5:1–15, 25–29, 34–43; John 14:12–14

Memory Verse: Luke 18:27 (NKJV) But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Prep:

Classroom Prep:

- Make four signs: storm, man, woman, and girl

Engage:

What are some of the most powerful things you can name? Allow time for various responses, such as an engine, hurricane, weight lifter, nuclear bomb, and superheroes. **Many superheroes have superpowers, such as Superman has X-ray vision. What are some superpowers?** Let several volunteers answer. **If you could have a superpower, what would you choose?** After several children respond, hold up your Bible. **The superheroes' superpowers aren't real, but there is someone who had a superpower. Today we will look in the Bible to see who had the ultimate superpower and what He did with that superpower.**

Memory Verse Activity:
Display the verse. Call out a group, such as the color of their shirt, or name a favorite color, and have that group stand and say the verse. Then have everyone else stand and say the reference to the verse. Repeat several times and change the groups that you call out.

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Bible Story:

Hold up your Bible. Our first Bible verse will answer our question about who had a superpower and what it was. During the Bible lesson, whenever you hear the word "miracle" or "power" I want you to clap twice. Practice that a couple of times. Read Acts 10:38. **Who has power?** (Jesus) **Where did the power come from?** (God) **How was the power to be used?** (The power was for doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil.) **The devil is the enemy of God who steals, kills, and destroys.** Review John 10:10 (Memory Verse from "Who Is God?" series). **Notice that Acts 10:38 verse ends by saying that God was with Jesus. Just because we can't see God, doesn't mean He isn't with us. We know God is with us when we see His power in action, and Jesus showed God's power.**

Now, let's read a chapter in the New Testament that tells about three people who were helpless against the devil, and the miracles Jesus did. Read Mark 5:1–7. **This scripture passage mentions that they had just come to the other side of the sea. If you look at the verses just before it, Jesus and His disciples were in a boat and a storm came up. Jesus told the wind and the sea to be still—and the storm instantly stopped! That was a huge miracle and now Jesus and His disciples encounter a demon-possessed man. He lived among the tombs away from people, but when he saw Jesus, he ran to Jesus. What did the man do?** (The demon-possessed man worshipped Jesus.) Read Mark 5:8–13. **Jesus told the unclean spirit or the demon to come out. How many demons were in the man?** (2,000) **Where did they ask Jesus to send them when they left the man?** (They asked Jesus to send them into the herd of pigs.) **What strange thing happened when the demons entered the pigs?** (The pigs ran off the cliff when the demons entered them.) Read Mark 5:14–15. **When the people of the city came, what miracle did they find?** (They found the demon-possessed man sitting, clothed, and in his right mind.) **Why do you think the people were afraid?** (Possible answers: The people hadn't seen a miracle before and didn't know what else might happen; they were probably scared because they couldn't explain what happened.)

Let's see what happened next. Read Mark 5:21–24. **Why do you think a crowd gathers wherever Jesus goes?** (They heard about His miracles.) **Remember, these miracles were not shown on TV or the Internet, people who saw the miracles told everyone they met and that's how people knew about the miracles. What problem did Jesus hear about?** (A ruler of the synagogue named Jairus said his daughter was sick and going to die). **Jesus agreed to go to Jairus' house, but something happened along the way.**

Read Mark 5:25–29. **What happened along the way?** (A woman touched the bottom of Jesus' clothing and was healed.) **How long had the woman had a problem with bleeding?** (12 years) **Did the woman ask Jesus to heal her?** (No.) **The woman didn't ask for healing, but she believed that Jesus had the miracle-working power from God. Verse 34 tells us that Jesus told the woman that her faith healed her. In the books of Matthew and Luke, they record these same miracles. Luke wrote down one extra detail that when the woman touched Jesus' clothing, Jesus felt His power being used to heal her.**

While Jesus spoke to the woman, Jairus received a message. Read Mark 5:35–43. **How do you think Jairus felt**? (Possible answers: sad, upset that His daughter died before Jesus arrived, broken-hearted) **How did Jesus comfort him?** (Jesus told him not to be afraid but to believe.) **What do you think Jesus wanted Jairus to believe?** (Possible answers: to believe Jesus could heal her, to believe that Jesus had the power to do a miracle, to believe Jesus and not the messenger) **When Jesus told the people at the house that the girl wasn't dead, did they believe?** (No.) **Why didn't they believe?** (Possible answers: The people had been there and knew she had died; the people didn't know Jesus had power from God to do miracles.) **The people thought they were looking at a normal person, but God's Son was standing before them with power to do miracles. Jesus took only the girl's parents upstairs because He wanted people who believed in the room with Him. Jesus told the girl to get up, and she immediately got up! How old was the girl?** (12) **How do you think the parents responded when they saw Jesus' miracle?** (Possible answers: screamed, so excited they almost fainted, thrilled to see their daughter alive, amazed)

Jesus was and is the miracle worker with power from God. Jesus returned to heaven, but He wants other miracle workers here on the earth. Let's find out who He wants to help Him. Read John 14:12. **What age requirement did Jesus give for doing miracles?** (none) **Jesus said that anyone who believes can do the same miracles and even greater miracles. It is hard to imagine doing bigger or greater miracles than what we learned about today. God's Word is true, and if Jesus said it, we believe it! Jesus and His miracle-working power are for today and for each of us who believe in Him!** Lead a cheer for Jesus.

Bible Story Questions:

- **How many miracles did Jesus do in today's lesson?** (4: calmed the storm, told demons to leave a man, healed a bleeding woman, and raised Jairus' daughter from the dead)
- **Which miracle impressed you the most, and why?** (Answers will vary.)
- Read John 14:12 again. **What is the only requirement to do miracles according to John 14:12**? (to believe in Jesus)
- **Why do you think Jesus did miracles**? (Possible answers: so people would listen to Him, to show people that He was God's Son, to help the people)
- **Why do you think Jesus would want to do a miracle through you**? (Possible answers: to help people learn about Jesus and God, to help people, to show that He uses kids who love Him)
- **Would you be willing for Jesus to use you this week to show someone that He is real?** Have children stand and pray over them. Encourage them to look for ways this week that God wants to use them.

Bible Story Activities:

Games:

- Put the four signs (storm, man, woman, girl) on the four walls or in four separate areas. Have the children gather in the center of the room. Read a fact from the Bible lesson and have the children move to one of the signs that match the fact. Some facts can have more than one answer, so ask someone by each sign to explain how that fact matches.
  Facts: *Jesus was sleeping when there was a problem. (storm)*
  Jesus didn't do anything for the miracle. (woman)
  Jesus spoke and the miracle happened. (storm, man, girl)
  People who saw the miracle were scared afterward. (man)
  People were scared before the miracle. (storm, man, girl)
  Jesus showed that He cared about people. (storm, man, woman, girl)
  Someone believed. (woman, girl)
  Someone was physically healed. (woman, girl)
  Someone was set free. (man)
  Someone was safe. (storm)
  Someone saw Jesus' miracle-working power. (storm, man, woman, girl)

- Ideas for Working with Younger Kids:
  Have the children act out the miracles as you review them. **Jesus and the disciples were in a storm.** Pretend to be in a boat in a storm. **Jesus the miracle worker said, "Peace be still."** Pretend to be in a boat on still water. **Jesus saw a man running wild through the tombs and said, "Come out." Immediately the man was calm.** Have the children run around and freeze when you say, "Come out." **Jesus walked through a crowd and a woman touched the bottom of this clothing.** Pretend to walk through a crowd and have the children touch the bottom hem of their clothing. **Jesus went to Jairus' house to heal his sick daughter.** Have the children lie still on the floor. **Jesus said, Get up."** Walk to each child and say, "Get up."

Discussion:

- Ideas for Working with Older Kids:
  Depending on the size of your group, work in small groups or as a whole group to compare and contrast the parallel accounts of the miracles from Mark 4:35–5:43. Use Matthew 9:1–8, 18–26 and Luke 8:22–56.

Worksheet:

Have the children use the code to fill in the missing words and then check their answers by looking up Mark 16:17–18. On the back of their papers, have them draw a picture or write about a miracle they saw or experienced themselves. If the children can't think of a personal experience, encourage them to use one of the miracles from today's Bible lesson.

Affirmation/Declaration:
When I say "yes" to Jesus, I have His power in me.
My superpower is the name of Jesus.

Make Connections:

Biblical Worldview Connection:
Many people are fearful and hopeless because they don't believe God exists. God loves them and longs for them to know Him. When we live out our authority in the name of Jesus, God can use us to reach the world and tell of His goodness. Encourage the children that their age doesn't impact the amount of power they have through Jesus being in them. When they use the name of Jesus, they have His miracle-working power that can show people God's love for them.

Missions Connections:
Missionaries often talk about how powerful miracles catch people's attention, and then they are willing to listen to someone talk about Jesus. Jesus said we have His power to do miracles when He lives in us. Pray for missionaries to use their power and authority in the name of Jesus to show people God's love to reach them through miracles, signs, and wonders.

Family Connection:
Children are regularly exposed to fictional superheroes and superpowers and might not understand that Jesus' miracle power is real. Look online or in missionary books for real-life examples of miracles and how God's power is at work worldwide. There are a number of missionary biographies for kids. Spend time together thanking God for the real people who believed and used Jesus' name and miracle-working power. Remind your child that the same miracle-working power is in them!

Prayer Points:

In our Bible lesson today, we talked about John 14:12 and how we have Jesus' power. Let's read the next two verses and find out what Jesus says about prayer. *Read John 14:12–14.* **When we pray, Jesus wants us to ask for things that will bring glory to God. What does it mean to bring God glory?** (Possible answers: God gets praised; people know that only God could do it; it allows people to hear about God.) **When we ask for things that bring glory to God, like asking God to heal someone or give them a job, it helps people learn about Jesus and His miracle power. Praying for things that give God glory is a great way to get your prayers answered! God loves to get the glory!**

Have volunteers share prayer requests and model praying for those requests and asking God to get the glory. Emphasize that when we pray in Jesus' name—we pray in His power.

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