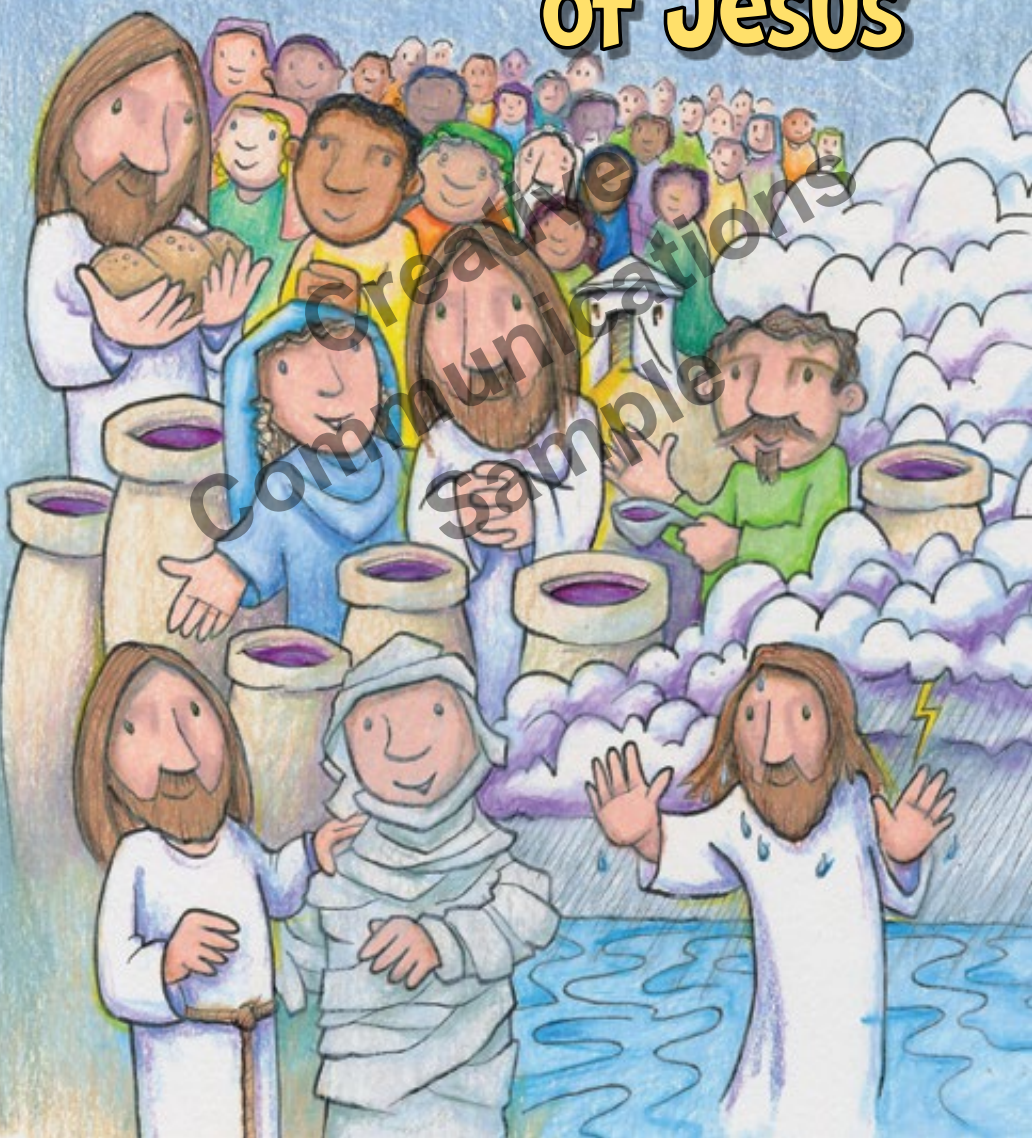
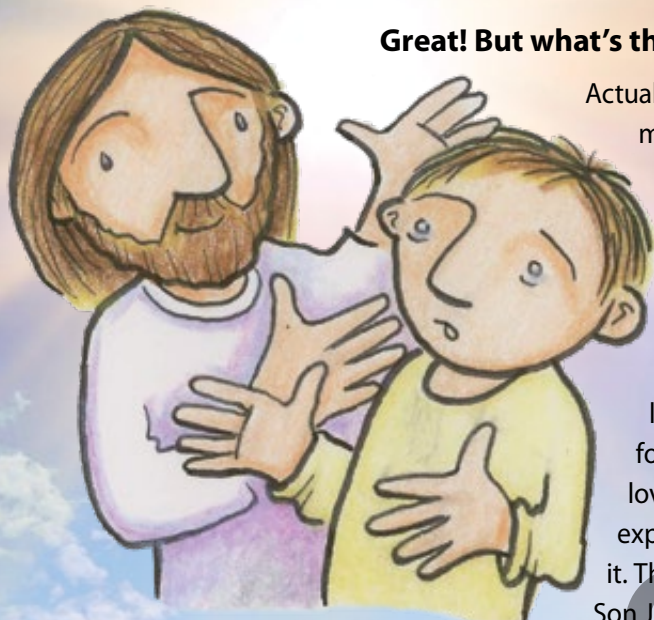


Miracles of Jesus



Jesus Worked miracles.



Great! But what's that got to do with me?

Actually, everything! Jesus' miracles helped people, yes. But they also show something else: God's great love for everyone, including you! That's right! God created us, so he wants us to know and love him. It isn't enough for us to hear about God's love. God wants us to experience it—to really feel it. That's why he sent his only Son Jesus. All through his life,

and especially in his death and rising, Jesus didn't just tell us about God's love. Jesus lived it—so we could live it too.

For instance, a man who had been born blind asked Jesus to make him see. Jesus said he would and...suddenly the man could see! The people who saw it happen saw the power of God's love. They began to understand that God is love.

Want to experience this for yourself? In each of Jesus' miracles you read about here, you'll learn something new about God's love. Share that love with others, as Jesus did, and you'll experience God's love like never before!

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something amazing that happens that can't be explained by nature or science. Jesus' miracles show that God loves us more than we can imagine.

Jesus gets the real celebration started!

The Wedding at Cana, John 2:1-11

Imagine having a birthday party and running out of cake for your guests. How embarrassing! That's a little like what happened at a wedding feast in Cana, except they ran out of wine for their guests. Thankfully, Jesus had been invited, along with his disciples and his mom.

When Mary saw that the bridegroom had run out of wine, she knew just what to do. She went straight to Jesus and asked him to help. Jesus told the waiters to fill six stone jars with water. Then he told them to give some to the headwaiter to taste. Imagine the headwaiter's face when he tasted the water—it had become wine! He said to the bridegroom, "Everyone serves good wine first...But you have kept the good wine until now."

This is the first of Jesus' miracles recorded in the Bible, and it shows us something important. Remember Adam and Eve? When they turned from God, they brought sin, suffering and death into the world. With all that kind of pain going on, how can we fully celebrate God's life and love? Then Jesus came into the world. When he turned water into wine, Jesus showed us that even though we sin, suffer and, yes, die, Jesus' love can make us better. With Jesus, we are stronger and more alive. With Jesus, we can really celebrate because Jesus brings us an eternal life of joy and freedom!

*Jesus, make me the great person
you want me to be!*



The Call of Simon the Fisherman, Luke 5:1-11

Simon was tired. The fisherman had worked all night, throwing heavy nets into the lake and hauling them out again. But he hadn't even caught one tiny minnow. It must have seemed like the lake was empty! Simon wearily rowed to the shore where a man was preaching to a crowd. The man got into Simon's boat and spoke to the crowd from there. Then he turned to Simon and said, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." What must Simon have thought? What did this guy even know about fishing? Simon said, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

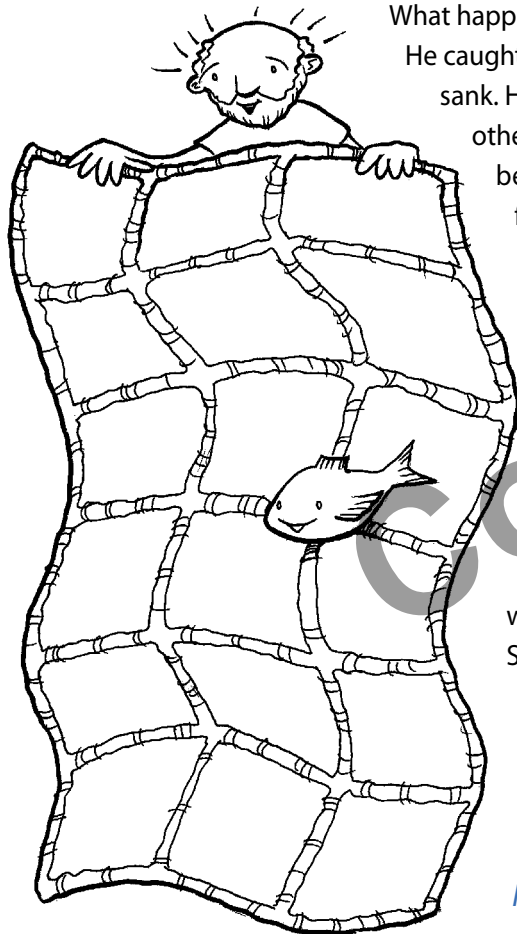
What happened next amazed Simon.

He caught so many fish that his boat nearly sank. He shouted to the fishermen in other boats to help. Then he fell

before the man and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." The man answered, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

At that moment, Simon's life changed. Along with his fishing partners, James and John, Simon left everything behind and followed the man—who you probably know by now was Jesus. Later, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. And just as Peter had called his friends in the other boats to help him, Peter spent his life calling people to come and share in Jesus' love.

*Jesus, your love is so great!
Help me share it with others.*



The Healing of a Paralytic, Mark 2:1-12

Imagine yourself living in Jesus' time—and Jesus is visiting your city! You've heard about how he heals the sick, and you have a friend who can't walk. You're sure that Jesus can heal him. So you and three friends help your paralyzed buddy onto a mat and carry him to Jesus.

But when you arrive at the house where Jesus is, your heart sinks. The crowd is huge. How will you ever get your friend anywhere near Jesus? Then you get a crazy idea. You work together to lift your friend to the roof of the house. You cut a hole in the roof and lower your friend through it with ropes. There's Jesus below. He looks at your friend and then peers up at you and smiles. Jesus says, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

Now the crowd starts to grumble—something about how only God can forgive sins. Jesus knows what they are thinking and says, "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth... I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." Your friend stands up, picks up his mat and walks! You and your friends jump for joy!

What a sight! But Jesus has seen something else: your faith, and the faith of your friends. You didn't let anything stop you from finding Jesus and placing your friend and his needs before him. Your faith in Jesus helped your friend. Now that's amazing!

Jesus, please make my faith in you strong.



The Cleansing of Ten Lepers, Luke 17:11-19

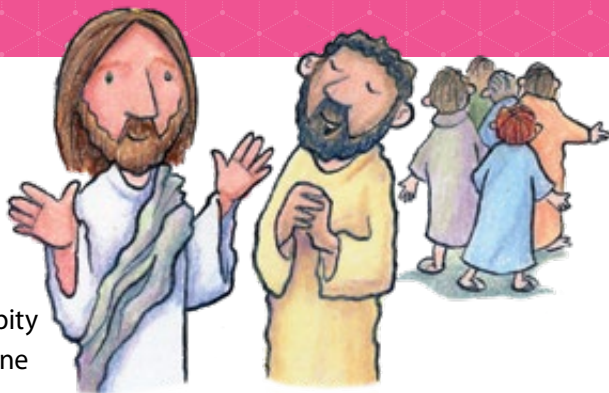
"Jesus, Master!" Ten people huddled together and called out to Jesus as he walked into a village. "Have pity on us," they shouted. Everyone could see why. They had a terrible disease called leprosy, which left sores all over their bodies.

Jesus said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." So they went. On the way, they were completely healed. One of them ran back to Jesus. He sang God's praises as he fell at Jesus' feet and thanked him.

Now this particular person was from another place called Samaria. There, people practiced their faith differently. Many of Jesus' followers refused to have anything to do with Samaritans. But Jesus pointed out that the Samaritan was the only person who had returned to thank God. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked. Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, who was still at his feet, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

So what can we learn here? Well, for one thing, Jesus didn't care where you were from or what you believed. He had come to help all people. But what did Jesus mean, that the man's faith had saved him? Well, remember how Jesus forgave the paralyzed man's sins before healing him? Being healed of disease is one thing, but being healed of sin brings us back into God's friendship and life. That's why Jesus came—to save us from sin. Thank you, Jesus!

Jesus, you came to forgive sins! Help me remember that so that when I sin, I can come to you and say I'm sorry.



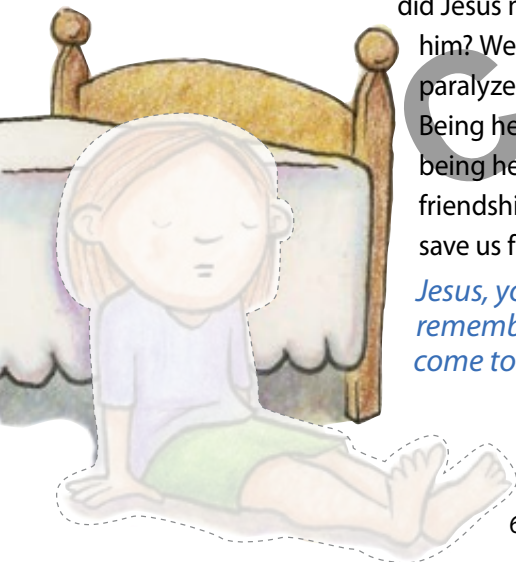
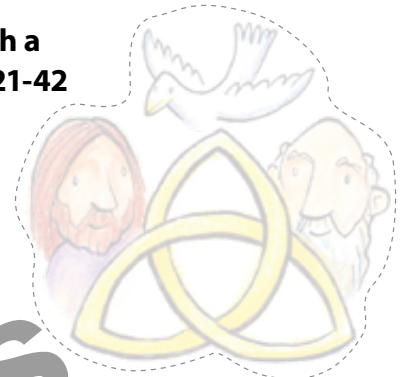
Jairus' Daughter and the Woman with a Hemorrhage [HEM-er-idge], Mark 5:21-42

Jairus was an important person. But when his daughter became sick, his power didn't matter—no one could save her. But Jairus ran to Jesus and fell at his feet, pleading, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." So Jesus went with Jairus. The crowd followed, including a woman who had suffered from a bleeding disease for twelve years. She reached out to touch Jesus' clothes, knowing it was all she needed to get better. Immediately, she was cured. "Who has touched my clothes?" Jesus asked. The woman was terrified, but she came forward—in front of everyone—and told him what she'd done. Jesus told her that her faith had saved her; she could go in peace and be well.

Meanwhile, Jairus' friends came and told him it was too late. His daughter had died. But Jesus told Jairus, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." They went to Jairus' house, and Jesus asked why everyone was crying. People said Jesus and Jairus were crazy—the girl was dead! But Jairus followed Jesus to the girl's room. Jesus took her hand and said, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" And she did! She was completely well!

Jesus is the Son of God and the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Jairus and the woman didn't know that, but they knew Jesus could help them. What amazing faith!

Jesus, make my faith strong so that I always come to you for help.



Jesus' love is stronger than the strongest storm...and deeper than the deepest sea!

The Calming of a Storm, Mark 4:35-41

Imagine being in a terrible storm—in a wooden boat on the sea. The wind tosses your little boat like a toy, and waves fill it with water. That's what happened to the disciples, but Jesus was with them. Now you might think the disciples weren't afraid—after all, they had Jesus right there! Nope. They were terrified. They shouted at Jesus, who was sound asleep in the back of the boat. "Teacher, do you not care that we are going to die?" Jesus woke up. He commanded the wind and the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind stopped howling, and the sea became calm. Then Jesus looked at his friends. "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

Oops. How do you think the disciples felt? Maybe you've been in a situation like this. Maybe you asked Jesus for something, but it felt like Jesus didn't answer your prayers. So what can you learn from this story?

*Jesus, help me understand
that you always answer
my prayers (even if it
isn't the answer
I want).*

Walking on the Water, Matthew 14:22-33

Uh-oh. The disciples were back in the boat, but this time, Jesus wasn't there. As the night wore on, the sea grew rough and the wind picked up. To add to the disciples' fear, they spotted someone walking on the water, right toward their boat! "It's a ghost," they shouted. (Yes, they were grown men. But imagine how you'd feel if you saw someone walking on the water, in the middle of the night—right toward you!)

"Take courage," Jesus said. "It is I; do not be afraid." Now Peter, who always had something to say, called out, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." So Jesus told him to come on out. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. Wow! But Peter saw how strong the wind was and how high the waves were. He got scared! He began to sink. "Lord, save me," he called. Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, saying, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

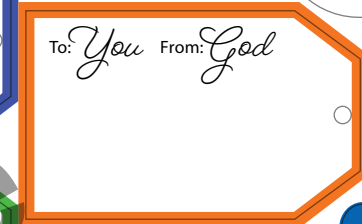
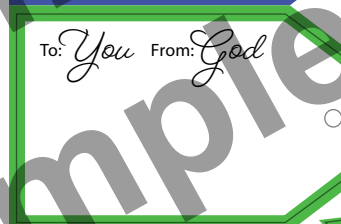
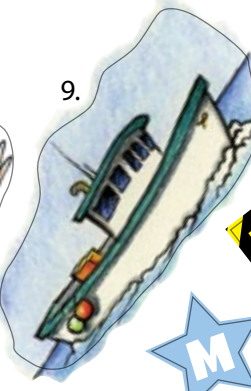
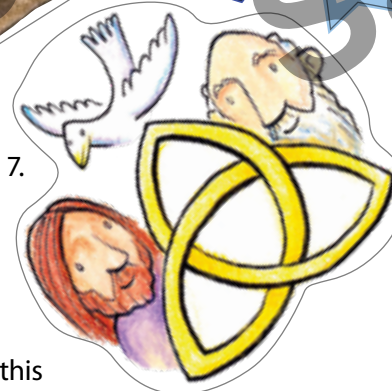
All of us have storms in our lives—times when we are stressed out, worried, afraid or in pain. Jesus won't always make the storms go away, but he does ask us to trust that he will get us through them. Remember Jesus' miracles and take courage. Jesus is always at your side!

*Jesus, walk with me through
all the storms in my life.*



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We talk about miracles all the time: "It will be a miracle if we win this

game." Or, "I got an A on that test—what a miracle!" Sure, those could be miracles, but Jesus performed true miracles. He healed the sick, calmed storms and even brought the dead to life. Why did he do this? One word: Love. Learn more about Jesus' miracles and God's love for you in this little booklet!



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