

★ Never So Seen in Israel

1st - 3rd Grade
Lesson 2

The Healing of Christ

A miracle is something that only God can do. Our lesson today talks about three miracles of Jesus. These miracles changed the lives of three people.

A Helpless Man

Matthew 9 tells us about a man who was “sick of the palsy.” People with palsy could not walk. They had to be carried everywhere they went.

This man in today’s lesson couldn’t go to Jesus to be healed. But he had four good friends. They would take him to Jesus. When they got to the house where Jesus was, they couldn’t get in. There were too many people. They would have to take off part of the roof and let their friend down into the room where Jesus was teaching.

And that’s just what they did. Before he knew it, he was being lifted up to the roof and down into the room. Then when “Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee” (Mark 2:5).

Jesus knew it was more important for this man to be saved than for his body to be healed. Jesus told him to get up, take up his bed, and go home. Right away, he stood up. Everyone praised God for healing him. (Mark 2:11-12)

A Hopeless Woman

Have you ever been so sick that you had to go to the doctor? Maybe he gave you some medicine that soon made you well again.

This woman had gone from doctor to doctor, but she only felt worse. The doctors didn’t make her well. But, she had to pay them anyway. Mark 5:26 says “she spent all that she had.”

She had been sick for 12 years. People were afraid of her. They didn’t want to get her sickness. Everywhere she went, people moved away from her.

Then Jesus came to her town. She knew He would heal her if she could just get to Him. She followed the crowds to where He was. She could see Jesus, but she couldn’t get close to Him. She thought to herself, “If I can just touch His clothes, I will be healed.”

She reached out and touched Him. She could feel it. She had been healed! Just then, Jesus turned around and said, “Who touched me?” (Mark 5:31) She was afraid. But Jesus spoke kindly to her, “Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole” (Mark 5:34).

A Lifeless Child

About the same time, a ruler of the synagogue came and knelt down in front of Jesus. His little girl was dying. He knew Jesus could heal her.

My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

—Mark 5:23

Jesus went with this father named Jairus. But while they were walking, they got some very sad news. The little girl was dead. Jesus turned to Jairus and said, “Be not afraid, only believe” (Mark 5:36).

Before they got to Jairus’s house, they could hear people crying. Musicians were playing their sad songs. Jesus surprised them by saying, “Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth” (Mark 5:39). The people should have been happy to hear that. Instead, they laughed at Jesus.

Jesus told the people to leave. He and the girl’s parents went to the girl’s room. Sure enough, she didn’t move. She wasn’t breathing. Jesus took her hand and said, “Damsel, I say unto thee, arise” (Mark 5:41). Immediately, she stood up. She was alive!

In these true stories, Jesus healed the people because they trusted Him. The man with the palsy had friends that believed in Jesus, but he had to trust Jesus too. The woman who had been sick for 12 years had great faith in Jesus that Jesus would heal her. Jairus also had great faith in Jesus, even when his friends told him his little girl had died.

Whatever happens in your life, trust in God. He knows what is best. And He can make miracles happen in your life, too, if you trust in Him.

Teacher’s Notes
