

★ Never So Seen in Israel ★

4th - 6th Grade
Lesson 2

The Healing of Christ

We have learned about many miracles that Jesus did. We read about Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding! We also read the story of when He fed 5,000 people with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes.

A miracle is an act of God. A miracle is something that cannot be explained. You cannot explain someone calming the wind and the sea. That was a miracle! In Matthew 9, Jesus performed six miracles by healing people! In this lesson, we are going to learn about three of them! Each of these stories has a lesson for us to learn!

A Helpless Man

And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed.

—Matthew 9:2

The first miracle we learned about was a man who was crippled. That means he could not walk. He had a disease called “palsy.” He had this disease for a very long time. The Bible says that his friends carried him everywhere he needed to go. They carried him to a rooftop so that he could see Jesus. His friends were good friends. They took care of him. Even though this man could not walk, he needed something even more important than physical healing in his life. He needed Jesus to forgive his sins!

The first thing Jesus did was forgive this man’s sins. Then, He healed his body so that he could walk!

A Hopeless Woman

The next story is about a woman who was very sick. She was so sick that many people would not be her friend. She could not go anywhere or do anything. The Bible tells us that she had been to many doctors, but no one could help her. She had spent all of her money on doctors, but no one could help. Have you ever felt like no one could help you? Have you ever felt like you were all alone? This woman probably felt like that. God promises that He will always be with us! Even when we feel alone, He is still there!

Everywhere Jesus went, people came to see Him. They wanted to hear Him talk, and they wanted to see Him do a miracle. When this woman heard that Jesus was in her town, she hurried to meet Him. She wanted Him to perform a miracle for her!

For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

—Matthew 9:21-22

The woman had so much faith that Jesus would be able to heal her, she believed she would be healed if she could just touch Him! When Jesus was in the crowd, the woman reached out her hand and touched Jesus' clothes. Jesus knew she had touched Him. He asked His disciples who had touched Him. There were many people there, so it was hard to tell who touched Him. But, the woman came to Jesus and told Him that it was she. Jesus told her that she was healed because of her faith! Many other people followed her example once they learned about her healing.

A Lifeless Child

A man named Jarius came to Jesus because his daughter was sick. This man was a ruler in the synagogue. Do you remember the story of Nicodemus? Jarius's job was similar to Nicodemus's job. Even though Jarius worked in the synagogue, he believed that Jesus was from God.

Jarius's daughter was about to die. He knew that only a miracle could save her. Jesus was on His way to Jarius's house to see his daughter when one of the servants came running up to them. He told them that Jarius's daughter was dead. As soon as Jesus heard the man, he told Jarius to believe.

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

—Mark 5:36

When Jesus got to Jarius's house, everyone was crying and weeping. There were people playing sad songs there. Jesus told the people that the girl was not dead. The people laughed scornfully when Jesus told them that she was simply sleeping. Jesus told everyone to leave except the disciples and the girl's mom and dad. He was going to perform a miracle!

Conclusion

What lessons should we learn from Jesus healing these people?

The man who could not walk teaches us that we need to be responsible for our sin. Jesus did not heal him until after he asked forgiveness for his sin. Every day, we should ask God to forgive our sins. It is important that we stay right with God.

The woman with the disease teaches us about faith. She believed that she would be healed if she could just touch Jesus. Many people were coming to Jesus, but the woman just touched His clothes and was healed instantly! We need to trust God and have faith even when things seem hopeless.

The girl who was raised from the dead teaches us that we should never give up. Jarius's servant told him that his daughter was dead, but he trusted Jesus and Jesus healed her! The Bible tells us many times that we should not quit. Sometimes life's circumstances make us want to quit. But we need to keep going and trusting Christ.