

Week 24

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

You are my protector, Yahweh. You look after me and keep me close to You when I continue to do the things You want me to do. (Psalm 7:10)

See It: (Read John 2:1-11)

'This, the first of His miracles, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him.' (John 2:11)

On It:

I am not a very good singer, but for some reason I received a lead part in a school musical I auditioned for when I was in High School. My family was shocked, and unusually proud, but it led to some weird and embarrassing moments for me. When we were out with relatives or family friends, my mom would try to get me to sing a song for them. It was one of those moments you want to shrivel back into your chair and turn into a pile of dust! Well, this is kind of what happens in our story. You see Jesus was obviously a pretty special child, and Mary knew it (being His mother and all)! But Jesus had to have time to understand who He was and what He was going to be on earth. Remember, as well as being fully God, Jesus is also fully human. So, for most of His life so far, He hadn't performed miracles or preached major messages. So, they're at this party and they run out of wine. And rather than popping out to the local liquor store, Mary says, 'don't worry, my Son will take care of it!' I'm not sure Jesus wanted to turn into a pile of dust, but I do think He was a little put off. You see, once He starts performing miracles, it starts a chain reaction, and Jesus knew how important it was for Him to be ready. However, He performs the miracle, God is revealed and the start of the chain reaction. The disciples are pumped! This begins the journey of Jesus' formal war fighting on earth.

Live It:

Check out some miracles happening in The Salvation Army. These aren't things that happened 2000 years ago but are things that are happening today! Miracles show us that God is powerful and wants to do amazing things for His children.

Do It:

Think about your favourite miracle story in the Bible and then tell somebody the story at school today.



In It:

Praise You, Yahweh, that You are a God that enables miracles!

Eat It:

'Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.' (Colossians 1:15)
Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Song of Songs 5-8, & Philippians 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Your voice is like a loud and powerful thunder and all people can hear it. (Psalm 18:13)

See It:

(Read John 6:8-13)

'Another of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go with so many people here?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass around, and they sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.' (John 6: 8-11)

On It:

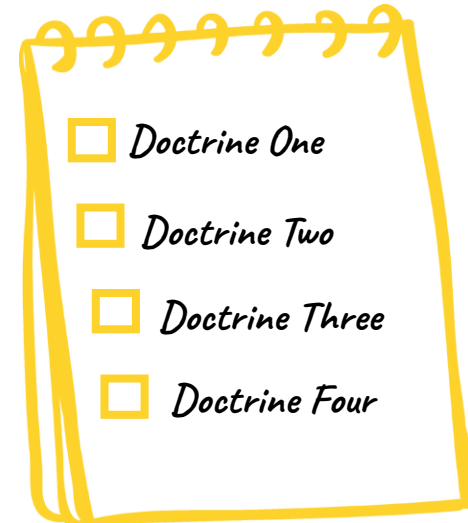
Lots of people had come to hear Jesus speak, but they had stayed too long and would have to go without dinner. So, Jesus does something miraculous! But, you know, the whole miracle started with a little boy who gives up his lunch. Now, how was the boy to know that he would be okay, and that even though he gave away his dinner, he would still be fed? He didn't, but he gave up his food anyway. He is a great lesson for us. We need to give ourselves or our stuff away whenever we see the need and think God is asking us to help, even if it seems crazy! If you can have that kind of generosity, and that kind of faith, who knows what God will do with it next!

Live It:

Commissioner Kay Rader (former World President of Salvation Army Women's Ministries) was raised from the dead by God when she was a youngster. Hallelujah!

Do It:

Can you recite all the doctrines we have learned so far? Read them out loud to someone in your family.



In It:

Help me to have the faith and generosity of the little boy in the miracle story and sorry for the times I keep my things all to myself.

Eat It:

Colossians 1:15

'Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.' He is like the reflection in the mirror. You might not be able to see Yahweh or God the Holy Spirit or God the Son, but you can look at Jesus who reflects the Godhead.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 12, 2 Chronicles 10-11, & Philippians 2

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Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are like a river that brings joy and hope and life to all of Your children. You bring us close to You and bring us salvation. (Psalm 46:4)

See It:

'When He came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him around. This fellow with leprosy came and knelt before Him and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was healed of his leprosy.' (Matthew 8:1-3)

On It:

A leper asks Jesus if He would heal him. Now leprosy is a condition where your limbs kind of go dead and fall apart. It was not only yucky, it was 'unclean'. If Jews touched a person with leprosy, they became 'unclean' and were not allowed to go to the synagogue. That means people with leprosy had to move away from their family and friends and they weren't allowed to worship God! It would have been a sad and lonely life. So, this guy stretches out his festering arm and asks Jesus to touch it in front of all those people! Oh dear... that would have been uncomfortable. The crowd would have been thinking 'just move on Jesus, don't make eye contact and pretend you didn't hear him!' But you know what? Jesus heals him! Jesus gave this person back everything good in his life. Praise God! The lesson for us? We can't turn our noses up at people whose lives are worse off than ours. We need to help them, just like Jesus would.

Live It:

Comrades in Nigeria were used by God a few years ago to raise a dead teenager back to life at The Salvation Army hall. Hallelujah! I asked them the secret, and they worshipped, and worshipped, and worshipped.

Do It:

Tell someone at school about one of your favourite miracles within The Salvation Army Live It section of this book.



In It:

Help me to love the people that You love and not just the ones that I want to love.

Eat It:

Colossians 1:15
'He existed before anything was made.' Of course – He is God. Paul says it here. The writer of the Proverbs says it. John says it at the start of his Gospel. And so on. HE is God and He was with God in the beginning. He precedes creation because He was never created.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 13-14, 2 Chronicles 12, & Philippians 3

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Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I know that Your goodness and love will be with me every day for the rest of my life. I know that I will always be welcome with You. (Psalm 23:6)

See It:

 (Read Mark 6:45-52)

'He saw the disciples struggling, because the wind was against them. By the fourth watch of the night He went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the lake, they thought He was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw Him and were terrified. But He spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be scared." Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind calmed down.' (Mark 6:50-52)

On It:

Here's the story; the disciples are out on the lake (but think beach because it was massive) and there is a big storm. It's pretty dangerous and lots of fishermen drowned in those sorts of storms. After the fourth night, Jesus decides to help them out. But He doesn't get himself a little rowboat; He just walks on the water! When the disciples see Him, they think He is a ghost! Jesus gets in and the storm stops! The disciples went from being scared (when they thought they were going to die) to terrified (when Jesus showed up) to amazed (when everything had gone back to normal) to having harder hearts (which means they were going to have a smaller faith). What is the lesson for us? First, when times are hard and we are scared, call out to Jesus for help and He will come. But, second, when He does come, praise Him! Don't get terrified and call Him a ghost! Don't pray for help and then be surprised when He does! Third, be children that believe miracles happen and your faith will increase!

Live It:

The father of a current senior Officer in The Salvation Army was raised back to life by God during HIS FUNERAL! Hallelujah.

Do It:

Find someone who doesn't have friends to play with today and play with her/him.



In It:

Can you think of a miracle you would like God to do in your life or someone else's? Talk to God about it and ask Him if He would provide the miracle.

Eat It:

 Colossians 1:15

'He is supreme over all creation.' The right order of the universe is everything – every created thing – submitting to Jesus, obey Jesus, revering Jesus. We need to fight to get everyone and everything to bow to Jesus.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 13-14, & Philippians 4

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Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

Please save me, Yahweh! Please look after me and give me the things that I need. Lead me and help me to follow You closely. (Psalm 28:9)

See It:

“Where did this fellow get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given to Him, that He even does miracles! Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t His sisters here with us?” And they took offence at Him. Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honour.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay His hands on a few sick people and heal them. And He was amazed at their lack of faith! (Mark 6:2-6)

On It:

Jesus has done some pretty cool stuff at this stage and He heads home for a visit. When He starts to do the same miraculous things there, people give Him a hard time and can’t believe what they are seeing. They remember Jesus as a little boy, running around the streets of Nazareth. They can’t possibly imagine that that little boy was actually a big-time prophet, let alone the Son of God! Jesus couldn’t do amazing things in their town because they had little faith in Him. Firstly, miracles are helped or harmed by your faith. So, it doesn’t help you to be skeptical or cautious. Second, we need to realize that there will be people in our schools, or in our families that will do amazing things for God! We can’t get jealous or think twice just because we used to play sport with them or sit next to them in class. Build everyone up and expect God to do amazing things.

Live It:

The greatest miracle is not raising people from the dead today. After all, they are going to die again some time anyway. A greater miracle is when people are saved from death forever. When we repent and give our lives to Jesus, we live forever!

Do It:

Ask the person you played with yesterday if she/he would like to come with you to Sunday School this weekend.



In It:

Give me a faith that is big enough to see Your miracles!

Eat It: Colossians 1:15

This verse is important in that it corrects mistaken views of Jesus from various religions - that He was only a prophet, or just a teacher, or merely a religious leader. He existed before anything was made. He is the image of God.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 16, 2 Chronicles 15-16, & Colossians 1

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Day 6



Jehovah Rocks!

You are not going to hide from me. You will come all the way down from Heaven and save me. (Psalm 57:3a)

See It:

'Jesus, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid in front of the entrance. "Take away the stone," He said... So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this to help the people standing here, that they will believe that You sent Me." When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead fellow came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." (John 11:38-43)

On It:

Jesus just brought someone back to life after four days of being dead! Wow! We see that Lazarus was 'mortified', which, basically, means 'dead'. You know, until we repent and believe, we are dead, too. But then there's step number two - 'mummified'. Do you know what a mummy is? It is one of those Egyptian dead people, all wrapped up in white cloth. Well, this was like Lazarus when he came out of the tomb. For us, being mummified is when we go from being dead, to being alive in Christ! We are believers and we finally wake up and can see God. This is where Jesus brings us back to life! But we're all wrapped up like mummies in our old grave clothes, our sins. We need to throw off the sins wrapping us up. It's here where we become 'electrified'! We are alive, we believe in Jesus and then we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Live It:

In 1887 alone The Salvation Army exploded by 50%, from 1,552 to 2,328 Corps. That is 15 new Corps each week! How is that for miraculous?!

Do It:

Ask your teacher if she/he ever seen any miracles.



In It:

Help me to get others saved so they won't be mortified. Help me to be unhappy when I am just mummified.

Eat It:

Colossians 1:15
By hiding God's word in our hearts, we are helping to keep ourselves from sinning against God (as another verse teaches).

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 17-19, & Colossians 2

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Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

You are so powerful, and You are going to defeat all those who work against me and try to keep me from You. You always show me Your love. (Psalm 57:3b)

See It:

'On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus entered a village and was approached by 10 lepers. Keeping their distance, they called out to Jesus for mercy. When He saw them, He said to them "Go and show yourselves to the Priests." And as they ran away to the priests, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He laid down before Jesus and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked "Were not 10 made clean? But where are the others? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except for this foreigner?" Then He said to him "Get up and go on your way, your faith has made you well.'" (Luke: 17:11-19)

On It:

Did you know that people were so afraid that touching a leper would make them unclean, that they used to make lepers ring a bell when they walked around? So, these lepers know not to go near Jesus, but He knew exactly what they needed. He told them to go to the priest because if you were healed of leprosy only a priest could say you were clean and allow you to come back into the temple. Then something interesting happens that teaches us an important lesson. One of the lepers turns around and goes back to thank Jesus. And who was he? He was a Samaritan, a non-Jew, a gentile. He wasn't even accepted in the Temple, and yet he knew Jesus was his God and he wanted to worship Him. God will do amazing things in our life and He wants you to enjoy them, that is why He gives them to you. BUT, you must ALWAYS remember to give praise to God first!

Live It:

God called one of our officers in a dream one night. He had never heard of The Salvation Army, but God showed him he was going to be an officer and he went on to start a Corps with over 100 soldiers before even going to Training College.

Do It:

Ask God to give you a special dream or vision of what He wants you to do for Him.



In It:

Thank you so much for saving me and setting me free! I will praise You for the amazing things you have done in my life!

Eat It:

Colossians 1:15
Memorize this verse and share it with five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Kings 20-21, 2 Chronicles 17, & Colossians 3