



# Jesus The Miracle Worker



## THE MISSION AIM

To demonstrate Christ's divine and human nature by examining His miracles.



## KEY VERSE

**Mark 2:10-11:** "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"... He said to the paralytic man. "I tell you, get up, take your mat, and go home."



## Pre-Mission Activity



## Supplies Needed

- Vary depending on the experiment you choose. Try checking the experiment section on Science Bob's website: <http://www.sciencebob.com/experiments/>

## Directions

Work with recruits to complete a simple science experiment of your choice.



## Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 2 – Who Is This Jesus? Episode 4: Jesus The Miracle Worker"

Play "Who Is This Jesus? (S2) Episode 4 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have WITJ-Episode\_4-Jesus\_The\_Miracle\_Worker.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



## Mission #1



## Supplies Needed

- Chart paper
- Markers
- Bibles



## Mission Assignment

**SAY:** Let's read our mission together (reading mission card from satellite uplink). "This is a quick, but important mission. As a squad, record as many examples of the miracles of God that you can think of." This is one of my favourite topics. It always amazes me to be able to see the power of God through the miracles of Jesus!

**SAY:** Did you know that in the New Testament, there are 37 examples of Jesus' miracles documented? And those are simply the ones that someone thought to write down. Imagine how many more he might have done during his life that went privately unnoticed! Or what about the miracles that God did through others, like Moses? Before we can do this, we need to know what is a miracle? *(An amazing or wonderful occurrence.)*

**SAY:** This is our first mission we are going to see how many amazing or wonderful occurrences we can think of from the Bible. We are going to do a sword drill. This is when we hold our swords of the spirit (our Bibles) up into the sky and I will read out a Scripture verse and say "go!" When I say go, we'll race to find the verse. If you find it, stand up and I will ask you to read it out. Each one is an example of a miracle that we can add to our brainstorm about miracles.

**DO:** Go through sword drill. As recruits read the miracles, add them to a chart/brainstorm of miracles.

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| John 2:1-11     | Water to Wine                     |
| Matthew 8:14-15 | Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-law |
| Luke 5:1-11     | Catching Fish                     |
| Matthew 8:1-4   | Healing Man with Leprosy          |
| Mark 2:1-12     | Healing Paralytic                 |
| Luke 6:6-11     | Healing Man with Withered Hand    |
| Matthew 8:23-27 | Jesus Calms the Storm             |
| Matthew 9:20-22 | Jesus Heals Women in the Crowd    |
| John 6:16-21    | Jesus Walks on Water              |
| Mark 11:12-14   | Jesus Withers the Fig Tree        |
| Luke 22:50-51   | Jesus Heals the Severed Ear       |

**SAY:** What a huge list of miracles! Can you think of any more miracles of Jesus that you know of? *(i.e., feeding the 5000, healing blind men, raising the dead...)*

**SAY:** These miracles are so amazing that they may be hard to believe! Why might someone like William or his father have trouble believing things like this? *(Because they think they should be able to explain it, make sense of it...)*



**SAY:** Some people can sometimes struggle with believing miracles, because they think that everything in this world should have an explanation. However, just because we can't explain it doesn't mean that it's not true. God knows all, not us! He may choose to reveal knowledge to us, but he may not! Can you think of something that we know now, that people from the past didn't know? (i.e. germs and cleanliness, the world is round, current technology methods, new medicines, etc...)

**SAY:** All these things that are considered science were once things that couldn't be explained, understood, created... Yet, God gave us the knowledge and tools for it to become SCIENCE. Maybe, just maybe, those things in the Bible that we consider impossible are simply things that God has not given us the knowledge to understand yet.

**SAY:** Awesome work, recruits! Let's take these miracles back to the Recon Team.



## Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Who Is This Jesus? (S2) Episode 4 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

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## Mission #2



### Supplies Needed

- Bibles (optional),
- Copy of "A Guy, His Friends and Jesus" (see attachment pages 7 and 8)



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** Let's have a drumroll for our second mission. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Your mission is to make the Bible come to life! Re-enact the story found in Mark 2:1-12 and answer the following two questions: 1) What was the challenge the friends faced? 2) What did God do because of their faith? And... ACTION!"

**SAY:** Christie gave us some really important information about God's miracles in that last video. What did she say is God's greatest miracle? (That he can forgive us of our sins.)

**SAY:** Exactly! God performed so many miracles throughout the Bible, but his greatest one is one that he continues to do. Our next mission is to look at this closer through the story of some men and their friend who needed a miracle. This story is told in three different books of the Bible: Matthew, Mark and Luke. To get the big ideas from all three books, we are going to put on a little play.



**DO:** Use the script provided to reenact the story of the paralyzed man.

**SAY:** Excellent job! Now that we have an understanding of the story that the squad was mentioning, we can answer those questions from our mission. What challenges did the paralyzed man and his friends face? *(Too crowded, couldn't get through, etc...)*

**SAY:** This certainly was a challenge, especially during a time when elevators and ramps were not so readily available. But, they didn't let that stop them. Even though they had never met Jesus, they hoped that he could do great things! So, they did everything they had to, in order to get to him. When Jesus saw this faith, what did he do first? *(He forgave him of his sins.)*

**SAY:** Right. Most people hear this story and think of the miracle of allowing this man to walk. But, God only completed this miracle when he discovered that some people didn't believe in his ability to forgive, for those men of the law who needed proof of Jesus' special relationship with God.

**SAY:** His **FIRST** act, his first miracle, in this story is to provide forgiveness. If Jesus gave forgiveness first, what does that tell you about how he feels about forgiveness? *(That it's the biggest miracle/most important miracle of all.)* Why is forgiveness the most important miracle of all? God's forgiveness makes it possible for us to become His friends, which means not only do we enjoy his friendship and love now but also after we die and go to be with Him forever.

**SAY:** Let's take these answers back to the RTS Team, squad!



## Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "Who Is This Jesus? (S2) Episode 4 (3/4)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



## Field Mission Project



## Supplies Needed

- Copies of Faith & Friends (may wish to see if your church has previous issues)
- Bristol board
- Copies of local newspapers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Colouring tools



## Mission Project

**SAY:** Let's countdown to our next mission, 3-2-1! (reading mission card from satellite uplink). "Your final mission today is to help others see the miracles around them. Take a look at examples of present miracles (local or abroad) and create a collage to display in your corps."

**SAY:** It's true that there are many examples of miracles in the Bible, but it doesn't mean that miracles are a thing of the past. As Michael and Simon mentioned, just because we have greater understanding of things today (like how to heal disease), doesn't mean that some things aren't still miracles. Miracles are things done by a divine power. Hopefully, William can use this information to help his dad understand that you can believe in science and still believe in miracles.

**SAY:** What miracles have you witnessed in your life? (Take time for recruits to share or share your own personal stories.)

**SAY:** Our Field Mission for today is to remind ourselves of the miracles that are still around us. We are going to use these magazines and local newspapers to find examples of miracles, both the big and small kind. As we find them, we will create a miracle board to put up here at the church, as a reminder to everyone that God still does miracles.

**DO:** Work with recruits to create a collage of miracles.

**SAY:** Amazing work, recruits! Before we go, we are going to pray over this miracle board.



## Prayer Huddle



**YouTube:** Play "Who Is This Jesus? (S2) Episode 4 (4/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

**PPT:** Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



## Supplies Needed

- Miracle Boards from Field Mission Project

## Directions

**SAY:** We are going to go around the team and I would like each one of you to pick one of the miracles that we found to give thanks to God for. If you can't pick one of the miracles, simply pray that all these miracles may encourage someone else in building their faith and trust in God and what he can do.

**DO:** Go around the room to let recruits pray. Be aware that some may not be comfortable and might want the right to pass. At the end, close the prayer.



## Example of Closing:

"Awesome God, today we have had just a glimpse of the many miracles you perform and will continue to perform in this world. Help us to remember that everything we can do comes from you! That in itself is a huge miracle. But, God, don't let us forget that the biggest miracle of all is the miracle of forgiveness a miracle that only you can provide. As we leave today, help us to look for those miracles around us and let them build our faith in you! Amen!"

**SAY: See you next time recruits!**

## NOTES



## A Guy, His Friends and Jesus

Actors:

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Paralyzed Man      | Bob   |
| Rob                | Frank |
| Hank               | Jesus |
| Teacher of the Law |       |

**Paralyzed Man:** Once upon a time, God performed a miracle. Well...not really once upon a time. He did it more than once, so they say. But, this one I can definitely believe, because I was there !

**Rob:** Me too!

**Bob:** And me!

**Hank and Frank:** Don't forget about us!

**Paralyzed Man:** Right! As I was saying, once upon a time, Jesus came to Capernaum.

**Rob:** This is where we were all hanging out at the time!

**Bob:** Not just us- a lot of other people were there too! They had all heard that Jesus had come back home and everyone wanted to see him!

**Hank:** The crowd was ridiculous!

**Frank:** Ya! You would have thought that you were at a One Direction concert.

**Paralyzed Man:** My friends, Rob, Bob, Hank and Frank, were a huge help for me that day. I really wanted to go see Jesus, but getting there was a bit tricky!

**Rob:** We had carried him and his mat all the way there, but the crowd was just too big!

**Bob:** There was no way we were going to get through.

**Hank:** Until I thought, "If we can't go through them...we could go over them!"

**Frank:** We made an opening to the roof of the place where Jesus was inside.

**Rob:** Then we lowered our bud down through the hole!

**Bob:** You might think we were crazy, but I'm sure you've done some crazy things for your friends!

**Hank:** Plus- we really felt it was worth it to see Jesus.

**Frank:** We had heard all that Jesus had done and had "mad-faith" in him!

**Jesus:** Can I get in on this “sharing time”?

**Rob, Bob, Hank, Frank, Paralyzed Man:** Say Whaaaat!? Jesus!?

**Jesus:** Hey, guys! I have to say, I was really impressed by the dedication these guys had. They had a difficult challenge with the crowd that day, but they didn’t give up! They did whatever they had to, so that their friend could see me. I didn’t know them, and they didn’t know me, but they believed I was who I said I was!

**Paralyzed Man:** We all had faith!

**Jesus:** When I saw that, I told the man coming through the roof, “Son, your sins are forgiven”. What more amazing miracle could I perform than to take away his sins!?

**Teacher of the Law:** Hmpf! Miracle indeed. This Jesus thought that he could do what only God can do. No human can take away someone’s sin! It’s a fact! When I heard him say this, I was soooo mad!

**Jesus:** I could tell that was what he was thinking, so I figured he needed more proof.

**Paralyzed Man:** Some people just get so stuck in their beliefs, that they lose the ability to just HAVE FAITH!

**Jesus:** That’s alright, everyone is different and I knew this man needed proof that I could forgive the roof guy of his sins.

**Teacher of the Law:** Jesus asked me which is harder, to say someone’s sins are forgiven or to heal the paralyzed man? What happened next was amazing!

**Rob, Bob, Hank and Frank:** Yeah, it was!

**Jesus:** I told the roof guy to grab his mat and walk.

**Paralyzed Man:** And I did!

**Teacher of the Law:** After seeing that, I couldn’t do anything BUT believe! If he could heal this man, surely he had the ability to forgive.

**Hank, Frank, Bob and Rob:** Amen!

**Paralyzed Man:** And that is the story of Jesus’ miracle in my life.