

MAY 10, 2020  
JESUS' EARLY MIRACLES

## GAME TIME

### GUESS WHO?

Describe a job in simple terms and invite children to guess whom you are talking about. You may describe a teacher by saying "someone who helps a class of children learn things," or describe a doctor by saying "this person helps you stay healthy." End the activity by describing Jesus as "the Son of God who came to save us."

**SAY:** *You knew exactly whom I was talking about! The people in our Bible story today knew that Jesus was the Son of God by the things He said and did. Let's listen to find out how exactly they knew who Jesus was!*

## BIBLE STORY

### Mark 1

Jesus and His disciples traveled to a town called Capernaum (kuh PUHR nay uhm). Jesus went into a synagogue and started teaching. The people there were very surprised. Jesus was not like other teachers. He spoke with power, like someone in charge. Suddenly, a man with an unclean spirit shouted, "Why are You here, Jesus? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus commanded the spirit to be quiet and come out of the man. The spirit came out. Everyone was amazed! "Who is this Jesus?" they asked. "He teaches with power, and the unclean spirits obey Him!" People all across the land were talking about Jesus.

Next, Jesus and His disciples went to Simon and Andrew's house. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her, took her hand, and healed her. She got up and began to serve them. That evening, large crowds of people came to the house with others who were sick or bothered by evil spirits, and Jesus healed them too.

Early the next morning, Jesus went out by Himself to pray. Simon and the other disciples found Him and said, "Everyone is looking for You."

Jesus said, "Let's go on to the nearby villages so I can preach there too. This is why I have come."

Jesus traveled throughout the land. He preached and drove out demons. One day, a man with a skin disease came to Jesus. He got on his knees and begged Him: "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus was willing, and He healed the man.

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Jesus cares about people. Jesus' miracles helped people and showed that He is the Son of God. Through Jesus, God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He provides forgiveness and life with God forever.

### PLAY HEALING TAG

Ask children to spread around the room and freeze in any position. Explain that they can only unfreeze when you tag them, and then they may crowd around you and try to prevent you from tagging other children. Tag as many children as you can until everyone is unfrozen or you cannot move forward. Play again, timing how quickly you can tag everyone or allowing another child to tag, if desired.

**SAY:** *Jesus healed many people just by a touch or a word. Jesus' miracles helped people and showed that He is the Son of God. But large crowds gathered around Him and made it hard for Him to keep teaching. So Jesus often snuck away by Himself so He could pray and travel on. He wanted to tell more people about God's love!*

