

# Unit 13 at a Glance

## Jesus' Miracles

### Unit Overview

In this unit, the students will watch Jesus calm a stormy sea, heal a paralyzed man, drive out demons and raise the dead. Although the students will see only a few of these breathtaking miracles, they will witness God's power unleashed in full strength through Jesus. The students will see that Jesus' miracles were a power-filled testimony to his equality with God and his compassion for all people. As the students watch Jesus' ultimate act of divine power in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, they will consider the possibilities of God's power in their lives as well.

### Unit Goals

- The students will learn that Jesus had God's power to perform miracles.
- The students will understand that Jesus is God.
- The students will believe that God has power to protect them today.

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#### Lesson 1 Power over Nature

##### Scripture Memory Verse

Psalm 121:2

*My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

Sleeping peacefully during a raging storm is where the students will find Jesus in this powerful lesson of trusting God. Jesus not only calms the wind and waves, but he also calms his disciples' anxious hearts. Jesus uses this perfect opportunity to challenge their lack of faith in him and God's ultimate control over everything—even a stormy sea. The students will also be challenged to think of areas in their lives where they need to trust God.

#### Lesson 2 Power over Disease

##### Scripture Memory Verse

Matthew 8:7

*Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."*

Power and compassion are joined together as Jesus meets people suffering with every kind of disease and disability. Jesus' response is to go and heal them. Jesus' ultimate healing touch of forgiveness shows that

indeed he is God and cares most about healing the heart. The students will reflect on ways that they can trust God with those they love who are sick or hurting.

#### Lesson 3 Power over Demons

##### Scripture Memory Verse

Psalm 46:1

*God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.*

Unfamiliar to most students this age is the concept of demons. Jesus, however, was not only aware of demons, but he was determined to free their prisoners. Jesus displays the power and passion of God for people to be truly free from sin and its devastating effects. The students will be encouraged as they consider the many ways that God's power has already delivered them to safety.

#### Lesson 4 Power over Death

##### Scripture Memory Verse

John 11:25

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."*

Few accounts in the gospels portray the perfect balance of Jesus' divine power and human compassion like the raising of Lazarus from the dead. From his faith-giving meetings with Martha and Mary, to his life-giving call to the dead man to come out, Jesus proves that nothing is impossible for God. As the students see this family's hopelessness change to rejoicing, they will consider what impossible situations they can entrust to God's power.



**3rd and 4th Grades**



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Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Designate a "Miracle Month" in your family. Focus family devotionals on the miracles of Jesus. Each week have a different focus, such as those in this unit: miracles of nature, healing, etc., in which you read about Jesus' miracles in each area. Talk about ways that Jesus' power can help your family with difficult situations you face right now. Have a M.O.W.—miracle of the week—in which your family recognizes something extraordinary that God has done. If you are really ambitious, try having a M.O.D.—miracle of the day! Make a list of family and friends who are in need of a miracle and pray for them.
- Have a family devotional entitled: God—the Ultimate Superhero. Use popular superhero images to familiarize your child with the idea of a protector against evil. Explain with conviction to your child that Jesus is different. He is NOT make-believe—he is the ultimate and true power over evil. Talk with your child about the reality of evil in the world using real-life examples. Read to your child from Psalms about God's protection, such as: Psalm 5:11, 12:7, 32:7, 91:14, and 140:1,4. Look for others and make your own list of Protection Passages. Pray about specific situations in your family that need God's protection.
- Make special plans for your Thanksgiving celebration to focus on thanking God for his miracles and protection in your family this year. Inspired by John 12, in which a dinner was given to honor Jesus for raising Lazarus from the dead, take special time to honor Jesus for the ways he has done the impossible in your life. Include the children in the sharing. Make it a tradition to share "Lazarus" stories every year at your Thanksgiving dinner.

We look forward to being partners with you to help your child grow to know and love God more.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

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