

Miracles of Jesus

Story Suggestions:

Matthew 8:1-4 - Jesus heals a man with leprosy

Matthew 8:23-27 - Jesus calms the storm

Matthew 9:1-8 - Jesus heals a lame man

Matthew 17:14-18 - Jesus drives out demons

Matthew 20:29-34 - Jesus heals two blind men

Game Ideas:

Un-poppable Bubbles

Directions: Kids will get a kick out of "Gazillion Bubbles," which you can find at Target or Wal-Mart. These bubbles do not pop for a long time and come in many great colors. Kids expect bubbles to pop as soon as they touch them, but these won't.



"Vanish Into Thin Air"

(Explain to the children that only Jesus could perform miracles, and this is just a fun trick. Emphasize that this is not magic, it is just a trick that you learned how to do.)

Materials:

Deck of playing cards
Handkerchief with a hem
Toothpick
Scissors

Preparation:

Take a toothpick and match it up against the end of one of the cards.
Take the scissors and cut the toothpick so it's the same as the width of the card.
Poke it into the hem of the handkerchief. Make sure it won't fall out.



How to Do the Trick:

Take the deck of cards and spread them out in a pile on the table in front of the class.
Bring out your handkerchief and say, "I will make a card disappear, right before your very eyes."
Place the handkerchief on top of the pile of cards, with the part with the toothpick underneath the rest of the handkerchief. Look casual as you do this.
With one hand, pick up the toothpick between your thumb and forefinger and raise it up from the pile of cards. It will look like you are holding the edge of one of the cards.
Say, "Viola! It is gone!" as you wave the handkerchief in the air, showing there's no card inside.

Snack Ideas:

A good snack idea for this lesson would be Fruit Roll-Ups that leave tattoos on your tongue. Or try this fun idea -

Color Changing Pudding

Ingredients:

1 box Jello pistachio pudding mix
1 baby food jar for each child
(with the lid)
Plastic spoons
Milk

Directions:

Place one tablespoon of pudding powder in each child's jar.
Add 1/4 cup milk.
Place the lid on the jar and have your kids shake away. Adding milk makes the pudding turn green.

Art Center Ideas:

Ocean in a Bottle – (Jesus Calms the Storm)

Materials:

Rubbing alcohol
Mineral spirits
Food coloring
Water bottle

Directions:

Fill half the bottle with rubbing alcohol.
Add in two or three drops of food coloring into the bottle and shake.
Fill remainder of the bottle with mineral spirits and put the top on. *Do not Shake.*
Hold bottle horizontally until clear, then raise and lower ends to create waves.

Have the children color this picture of a storm.



Suggested Prayer:

"Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to let me know you care. May I try my best to please Him - His love I will share."