

Religious Studies

Nature of God – Miracles

Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth to save mankind. While on earth, Jesus performed many miracles. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, cast out evil spirits and even raised the dead. He was able to perform such miracles through the power of God. The miracles Jesus performed impacted the lives of His disciples and others who witnessed them. The Bible tells us that many people believed in God because of the miracles Jesus performed. Many of the religious leaders, however, did not believe that God gave Jesus the power to perform miracles. They were jealous of Jesus and spread the lie that He got His power from Satan. (Mark 3)

What is a miracle? A **miracle** is an extraordinary event that cannot be explained. Miracles still happen even today. Many people in modern times have experienced events they cannot fully explain. People have been healed of diseases, the blind have received their sight and people have been forgiven of their sins.

Jesus performed miracles on earth such as: **controlling nature, multiplying food, healing the sick, and raising others and His self from the dead!**

- **Controlling nature:** Jesus calmed a storm just by saying the words, "Be still". Jesus was able to control forces of nature such as wind and rain.
- **Multiplying food:** Jesus fed 5000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus increased this small amount of food to so much more that it fed 5000 people!
- **Healing the sick:** Jesus healed a man who was blind his whole life. Jesus made some mud with his spit. He put the mud on the man's eyes. Then he told the man, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." So the man went to the pool. He washed and came back. And he was able to see!
- **Raising the dead:** We know that Jesus rose from the dead to save our sins, but he also raised others from the dead as well. Jesus raised a man named Lazarus from the dead. He was dead for 4 days! Jesus shouted "Lazarus, come out!", and Lazarus came out of his tomb, perfectly alive.

Instructions: Fill in the blanks to complete each sentence. Use your notes and what you have learned.

1. A miracle is an _____ event that cannot be _____.

2. Jesus performed different kinds of miracles. Some kinds of miracles he performed are controlling _____, healing the _____, multiplying _____, and raising the _____.

3. Jesus _____ a storm just by saying the words, "Be still".

4. Jesus fed _____ people with just five loaves of bread and two fish.

5. Jesus healed a man who was _____ his whole life.

6. Jesus raised a man named _____ from the dead.