

## MIRACLES AND POPULARITY

### Scriptures:

Isaiah 35:5-3-6, 61:1-3

*Healing the Demoniac:* Mark 1:21-28

Luke 4:31-37

*Healing the Leper:* Mark 1:40-45

Matthew 8:2-4; Luke 5:12-14

*Healing the Paralytic:* Mark 2:1-13

Matt. 9:2-8; Luke 5:18-26

**Materials Needed:** video camera to record skits!

### Memory Verse:

*Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.*

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Jesus did not do His miracles to impress the crowds or *prove* that He was the Son of God, rather He did them in fulfillment of prophecy that He would heal the broken hearted and preach the favorable year of the Lord.

To Realize—Jesus brought the kingdom of God to the outcast, the hated, the helpless, the forgotten, and the sinner.

To Respond by—recognizing one's needy condition and coming to Jesus to be part of God's kingdom.

### Setting up the Story:

T/F Jesus did miracles to prove that He was the Son of God. (get discussion but don't answer the question.)

You are going to be in groups and each group is going to write a script for a 2-minute reenactment of one of the early miracles of Jesus. You should be able to finish the script today and figure out what props (if any) and costumes (if any) you want for your script. Tomorrow I'll give you time to practice your skits and then we are going to film them!

(note: after filming each skit, I put them together in MS Movie Maker and we watched them together. I also had a second version, where I had added "special effects" in Movie Maker—which made the skits quite funny the second time around!)

Scripture

### Telling the story:

- I. Healing the Demoniac
  - A. Jesus in the synagogue
    1. In Capernaum
    2. Begins to teach
    3. Everyone amazed
    4. Teaches w/ authority
  - B. Man with spirit cries out
    1. "What do we have to do

### As you tell the story:

Students get a ½ piece of paper with their Scripture on it and the following questions they must answer as a group:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-left: 40px;">with you?</li> <li style="margin-left: 20px;">2. I know who you are!</li> <li style="margin-left: 20px;">3. The Holy One of God!</li> <li>C. Jesus Casts the demon out           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Be quiet! Come out"</li> <li>2. Man thrown into convulsions</li> <li>3. Evil spirit comes out</li> <li>4. Everyone amazed</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. News spreads</li> </ul> <p>II. Healing the Leper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Jesus has been preaching</li> <li>B. A leper begs Jesus to make him clean           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Falls on knees</li> <li>2. "if you are willing"</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. Jesus is moved with compassion           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Touches him</li> <li>2. "I am willing"</li> <li>3. Immediately clean</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. Jesus tells the man not to tell anyone           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Show self to priests</li> <li>2. Offer cleansing</li> <li>3. For a testimony</li> </ul> </li> <li>E. The man proclaims it freely</li> </ul> <p>III. Healing the Paralytic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Many gather: no room           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Back in Capernaum</li> <li>2. He is speaking the word of God</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. Four men bring a paralytic           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They can't get to Jesus</li> <li>2. They remove roof</li> <li>3. They lower friend down</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. Jesus Forgives and Heals the Man           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Your sins are forgiven"</li> <li>2. Scribes grumble</li> <li>3. "So you will know that the Son of man has authority to forgive sins..."</li> <li>4. Tells paralytic to get up, pick up pallet, and go home</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. Crowds glorify God</li> <li>E. Jesus teaches by seashore</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name of the Miracle.</li> <li>2. Where it took place.</li> <li>3. Who are the characters in the story?</li> <li>4. What is the need of the person who gets healed?</li> <li>5. How do others view the person before they get healed?</li> <li>6. How does Jesus view the person?</li> <li>7. What is the reaction of the person after they get healed?</li> <li>8. Why was the miracle done?</li> </ul> |
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**Concluding the Story:**

After skits are reinacted, ask opening question—did Jesus do miracles to prove he was the Son of God? He didn't need to prove it! In fact, He often told the people NOT to proclaim it! Then why did He do these miracles? (Look up verses in Isaiah.) Write on worksheet: "Jesus cares for the outcast, the hated, the helpless, the sinful, and the forgotten people." Who is that good news for? US!...if we are in one of those categories! Jesus cares about us!