

BOTTOM LINE: The miracles of Jesus are a demonstration of God making all things right.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks

optional icebreaker: family

GOAL: To be the head of the family without your secret name being guessed.

INSTRUCTIONS: Give every student a small piece of paper and have them choose a famous person (character, celebrity, athlete, etc.) to write on the paper. They want to keep their person secret. Collect each student's paper. Tell the students you will read the names off the paper out loud. Choose one student to start and instruct them to guess the person/character of another person in the group. If they guess correctly, they become a family and are now on the same team together. They guess another student. If they guess incorrectly, the student who was asked then gets a chance to guess. The last student whose person / character has not been guessed wins.

hear from God through His Word.

DO THIS: Read Matthew 8:1-4 as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passage using the questions below.

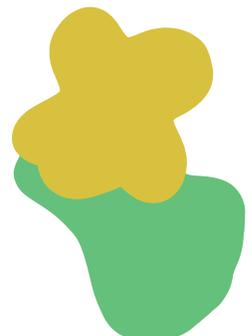
- Tell your students to open their Bibles to Matthew 8:1-4 and then have someone read it out loud for the group.

Bible Moment

In Hebrew culture, it was against the law to be close to a person who had leprosy, let alone to touch them. Jesus broke through the expectations of the culture to change this man's life.

- **ASK:** *What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word "miracle"? Why is that what you think of?*
- **ASK:** *Put yourself in the shoes of the man with leprosy. What would lead you to ask Jesus for healing?*
- **ASK:** *Besides this man's health being restored, how else was his life changed as a result of this miracle?*

watch the "Jesus" week 2 video.



talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a discussion about miracles using the questions below.

- **ASK:** *What is a miracle? What do you think are some of the things that make something a miracle?*
- **ASK:** *Have you ever experienced or know someone who has experienced a miracle? Can you share it with us?*
- **ASK:** *How do Jesus' miracles display the message that He came to tell the world?*
- **ASK:** *Is there a miracle you are asking Jesus for in your life right now? Do you want to share it with us?*

say this:
The miracles of Jesus are real, tangible displays of His power and authority. Miracles are what happen when Jesus and His message encounter real people and real situations.

pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a time of prayer using their **Students Notebooks**.

- Tell your students to open their **Student Notebooks** to a new page and then write down something in their lives that they want to see a miracle in right now. Then, tell them to spend 30 seconds talking to Jesus and asking Him for that miracle. Close out the time with a prayer for your students.

live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenges for this week.

- Commit to praying for the miracle you wrote in your notebook every day this week.
- Memorize Matthew 8:3 this week.

JESUS

memory verse

"Jesus reached out and touched him. 'I am willing,' He said. 'Be healed!' And instantly the leprosy disappeared."

Matthew 8:3