



## LOW-ENERGY GAME

### Miracles Move

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- ping-pong balls (1 for every 3 kids)
- painter's tape
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

#### Easy Prep

- For every 3 kids, tape a roughly 10-foot zigzag line on the floor. Space the lines at least 3 feet apart from each other.

#### Blow Ping-Pong Balls Along a Curving Line

Say: **Today's Bible story was *amazing* because God worked through Paul to bring Eutychus back to life after he fell out of a window. God is miraculous, and God works through us to do miracles. Let's play a game that'll help us understand that better.**

- Form teams of three, and give each team a ping-pong ball.
- Have team members introduce themselves if they don't already know each other's names.
- Have each team choose a zigzag line and line up single file on one end of the line.
- The person in each team who's holding the ball can then move to the opposite end of the line, get down on all fours, and place the ping-pong ball on the ground at the end of the tape nearest him or her.
- When you say "go," kids with ping-pong balls will start moving the balls along the zigzag lines using only their breath until they get the balls to the other end near the rest of their teammates.
- All the other teammates will cheer on the Ball Mover by his or her name.
- Once the first Ball Mover reaches the end of the line, the next person in line can have a turn, with teammates cheering.
- Continue this way until everyone on each team has had a chance to move the ball.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play.

#### Talk About It

Ask: • **How did you know it was you moving the ball even though you couldn't see your breath?**

• **How can we know God is working through us if we can't see God or his power?**

Say: **God is miraculous, and he works through us. God is like the Ball Mover in this game. As he works through us, he moves us to just the right place to be part of his miracles.**



**TALK-ABOUT VIDEO**  
Caution: Open Window

[10 min]

**Supplies**

- “Caution: Open Window” teaching video

**Discuss and Watch “Caution: Open Window”**

Say: **In today’s Bible story, Paul was preaching to a group of people really late. And then a guy named Eutychus fell out the window and died! Thankfully, God is miraculous, and he works through us. He worked through Paul to bring Eutychus back to life.**

Ask: • **What would you say to Eutychus about this story? to Paul?**

Say: **Let’s see what a girl about your age has to say about Eutychus’ fall.**

Watch “Caution: Open Window.”

Ask: • **Have you ever seen a miracle? Tell about it.** If you have a story of your own, share it first.

• **Why do you think God chooses to work through people to do miracles?**

• **What amazing things do you think God might have in store for you?**

Say: **God is miraculous, and he works through us. As the narrator said, “God can do some amazing things through some very ordinary people.” He might just have some incredible miracles planned to do through you!**



## DEEPER BIBLE Does God Actually Do Miracles Through Me?

[15 min]

### Supplies

- Bibles

### Hear a Story

Say: In our Bible story, God did an amazing miracle through Paul. You probably haven't brought a dead person back to life like Paul did. So you might be wondering, does God actually do miracles through me? Let's dig in to that.

One thing to keep in mind is that some miracles are big and exciting like Paul's and others might seem small to us. But you might not realize the full impact of an encouraging word right away.

Here's a true story to help you imagine what that might look like. Billy Graham was an amazing evangelist. An evangelist is someone who tells other people about God. He held a lot of events where tens of thousands of people chose to follow Jesus. A lot of his events were shown on television to reach even more people. Many people have heard of Billy Graham; he's a well-known guy in Christianity.

But most people *haven't* heard of Henrietta Mears. Henrietta Mears never became very famous. When Billy Graham was young and just starting his events, they weren't going so well. He even thought of giving up. Henrietta Mears ran a camp, and she invited Billy Graham to visit for a few days. Some people didn't want her to invite him, but she did anyway. While he was there, he spent time praying and listening to God. He heard a clear message from God to keep going. Because of Henrietta's invitation, Billy kept on preaching about Jesus...and the rest is history.

Henrietta Mears' camp led to a lot of miracles! Her camp led to Billy Graham reaching a lot of people for Jesus. Some of those people were in gangs and turned to Jesus instead. And just think, without Henrietta Mears, that never would've happened.

You might not think little things you do are miracles, but those little things just might save lives someday.

Ask: • Tell about a time you felt like God wanted you to do something that seemed small, and you didn't know why. Share your own story first.

Say: **God is miraculous, and he works through us in big, flashy ways...and in seemingly small ways. Let's practice some ways God can work through us.**

### Dig Deeper

Have kids form five groups. Assign each group one of the following Bible passages and topics:

- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (encourage others)
- James 5:16 (pray for others)
- John 15:12 (love others)
- Romans 12:13 (help others)
- Romans 12:18 (make peace)

Have each group read its passage and spend two minutes brainstorming a way to put the verse into practice *right now* in the Sunday school class.

After kids brainstorm ways to put the verses into practice right now, have them do it! Kids will have five minutes to live out their verses right there in class.

After the five minutes is up, allow time for groups to read their verses aloud to the whole class.

Say: **God is miraculous, and he works through us. He just worked through you to do amazing things! This week, listen to God and see how else he wants to work through you to do the miraculous.**



## LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

### Miracle Mosaic

[5 min]

#### Supplies

- scraps of construction paper
- markers
- tape

#### Make a Miracle Mosaic

Say: **God is miraculous! Let's make a mosaic of his miracles.**

- Have kids each write on a scrap of construction paper a miracle they've seen. Remind them that a miracle could be a beautiful sunset or the heartbeat of a new baby.
- Have kids tape their miracles to the wall to make a mosaic.
- Have kids each write on a new scrap of construction paper a prayer request for a miracle they'd like God to do.
- Have kids make a second mosaic with their prayer requests.
- Have kids stand by the second mosaic and silently pray for the requests they see on the wall.

#### Wrap Up

Pray: **God, thank you for being so miraculous! You've done amazing miracles, and we trust you to do more. Work through us to do your miracles this week! In Jesus' name, amen.**

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.



## ACTIVITY PAGES WITH A POINT Back Together

[10 min]

### Supplies

- “Paul Brings Eutychus Back to Life” Activity Pages (1 per reader)
- scissors
- envelopes
- crayons

### Older Kids: Do an Activity Page

Say: **God is miraculous**. And sometimes he even works through us to do miracles! God worked through Paul when he brought Eutychus back to life. Let’s see if we can put Eutychus back together.

Distribute the activity pages and scissors. Kids will cut the page into pieces, then reassemble it. Kids can make their puzzles easier or harder depending on how many pieces they cut. When time is running out, provide envelopes in which kids can store their pieces to take home.

Ask: • **How well do you think you put Eutychus back together?**

• **What are some *real* things God can use you to do?**

Say: **God is miraculous**, and he works through us. Sometimes that might be to do big things, and other times his miracles may seem small, like when he gives us encouraging words to tell someone. Ask God to do miracles through you this week!

### Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: **God is miraculous**. **When a young man fell out the window and died, God used Paul to bring the man back to life!**

Allow time for kids to color.