

Jesus: More Than a Magician

Scripture: Various

Memory Verse: Matthew 11:5 *"The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them."*

Lesson Focus: Last week in John 2 we saw Jesus perform His first miracle. We will pause in our study of John and look at some other amazing things that Jesus did that are recorded in the other gospel accounts. All classes (1st-5th grade) will watch a cartoon video following kids as they observe these other miracles that Jesus performed. In this video, the kids contrast the mere tricks of a magician, with the miraculous signs of Jesus and rightly conclude that He is "more than just a magician". We want our RMC kids to come to a similar conclusion such that they would draw closer to Jesus in wonder and trust!

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video that has some intense moments in it. While the video is very well done, one of the scenes portrayed is when Jesus heals the demoniac which could frighten overly sensitive kids. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

If you would like to preview the video beforehand, you can find it here on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQXyhM592RU>

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the Summit Room as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, we will introduce the video with some info. *
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and a word maze available.

- 1st-2nd grade leaders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Qs provided or your own Qs) or leverage the activity sheets.
- 3rd-5th grade leaders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) The boy, Chris, was astonished by "Miraculo the Magician" and even called him a miracle worker. What is the difference between magic tricks and actual miracles?
- 2) Why do you think Miraculo liked to do magic tricks? Did Jesus have better reasons for doing his signs and wonders? **Read Matthew 14:14** for one reason.
- 3) What three signs or miracles did you see Jesus perform in this video? Which one are you most amazed by?
- 4) Chris and Joy, throughout the story, wonder over whether Jesus is just like Miraculo or "something more". How is Jesus more than just a magician?
- 5) At the end of the story, Chris finally understands that Jesus is more than just a magician. What did he learn about Miraculo's tricks that convinced him of this?

Go Deeper

- 1) **Read Mark 2:9-11**. Why did Jesus perform this miracle?
- 2) **Read Mark 4:41**. This is the response of the disciples after they saw Jesus calm the storm. Why is this kind of power so astonishing to the disciples?
- 3) The man who lived near the tombs was a little scary. Why wasn't Jesus afraid? **Read Mark 5:19**. After Jesus healed the man, what did Jesus tell him to do?
- 4) At the end of the story, Chris said that "God is the only true miracle worker." What does that teach us about Who Jesus is?
- 5) Before Jesus sent the kids back home he told them to go and tell others about what they have seen. Who are some people in your life that you can go and tell about Jesus and what would you tell them? Pray for them now as a group.