



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 11

Banishing an Evil Spirit

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to privately assess their current relationship with Jesus.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Have you ever been in charge of something?

GAME: Command Tag

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: Romans 8:38-39.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS BANISHED AN EVIL SPIRIT

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus healed the ten men with leprosy.

Today, we will learn about a miracle in Capernaum at the synagogue. Point to Capernaum. **This story shows the power and authority Jesus has over evil.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 4:31-37. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 4:36. Pray. Read.

THE WAY KNOWING JESUS AS LORD OF EVERY DAY

Where was Jesus? (The synagogue.) **What is a synagogue?** (Where Jewish people gather to worship God.) **An evil spirit was controlling him.** **The Bible does not explain why the man was inside the synagogue.** **What are some reasons someone with a big problem might come into a synagogue or church?** (To hear teachings about God, be with others who are seeking God, worship, pray for help and healing, give an offering, confess sins, find comfort, be encouraged, feel God's presence and love.) **When you have a big problem, where do you go and why?**

What did the evil spirit ask Jesus? ("What do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us?") **Do you think the evil spirit was afraid of Jesus? Who did the evil spirit say Jesus was?** ("The Holy One of God.") **What does holy mean?** (Perfect.) **What does "Holy One of God" mean?** (Jesus is God's perfect Son.)

Even evil spirits (also called demons) know Jesus is the Holy One of God; Jesus has power over them, even though they do not love Him or serve Him as their Lord. What is the difference between knowing facts about Jesus and putting Him first as Lord over every area of your life? Many people believe some or all of the facts about Jesus, His miracles, and His teachings, yet they do not choose to follow Him as their Lord. Others choose to trust Jesus as Lord by putting Him first and doing things God's way. Which choice would describe your actions this past week?

If we know facts about Jesus and talk about having faith but never show it in our actions, then we have not yet trusted Jesus to be Lord over our daily lives. James, the brother of Jesus, explains this in James 2:16-19. Read James 2:16-19. God wants to see that our daily lives show we know Jesus as God's Son and our Lord. Just knowing Jesus is God's Son is not enough; even evil spirits (also called demons) know that much.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 1400 years before the evil spirit obeyed Jesus' command, Joshua told the people how to put God first in every way. Reveal Joshua 22:5. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

When we walk in His ways and serve Him as Lord, then we want to obey His commands. What are some reasons you would want to obey and serve Jesus? Let's pray for God to help us obey and serve Jesus this week. Lead prayer for wisdom and courage to walk in His ways.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Hallelujah! Jesus is Lord" Door Hanger
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #11
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus saying, "Come out!" to banish an evil spirit
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Spread the News

GAME: "Come Out! Come Out! Wherever You Are!"

CRAFT: "Jesus is Lord" Cross

DISCUSSION: The Sounds Around the Throne

THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: "Sit on the Throne" Musical Chairs, Bible Memory Verse Bop

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW



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Raising Lazarus

Lesson Aim: To understand why the story surrounding Lazarus' resurrection impacts all believers as well as Jesus' public ministry.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite miracle?

GAME: What's Different?

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS RAISED LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus banished the evil spirit from the man in the synagogue.

Today, we will learn about a miracle that took place in the small town of Bethany, just two miles from Jerusalem. Point to Bethany. Jesus' friends, Martha and Mary, sent word to Jesus that their brother Lazarus was very ill. Lazarus was also one of Jesus' close friends. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 11:3-6, 14-15, 21-27, 32-36, 40-54. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 11:25-26. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS GIVES LIFE FOREVER TO BELIEVERS

How do you think Mary and Martha felt when Jesus did not come as quickly as they had hoped? What did they say? (If He had been there, Lazarus would not have died.) **Have you ever been disappointed in God's timing? We don't know what God has planned, but earlier in His ministry, Jesus did explain part of God's plan. God's plan is also called His will.** Read John 6:38-40. **What did Jesus say is God's will for all who believe in Jesus?** (To be raised up at the last day, eternal life.)

Jesus knew Lazarus had died. Why did He tell the disciples He was glad? (He knew they might believe after they saw Him raise Lazarus from the dead.) **Jesus said God's Son would be glorified (praised and honored). What did He mean?** (Everyone would see He had the power to raise people from the dead.) **What did many of the Jews there do after**

seeing this miracle? (Put their faith in Jesus.) **How did the Pharisees and the chief priests react?** (They were afraid people would believe in Jesus and they would lose control of their temple (power) and their nations.) **What did they plot to do?** (Take Jesus' life.) **How did this change the way Jesus moved about?** (He had to stay away from the crowds.)

Jesus told Martha the way to have life forever. Imagine Jesus saying these words to you. Read John 11:25-26. **What did Jesus mean when He said we will not die? Even if our bodies die, Jesus will give life forever to the souls of all who believe in Him. One day, Jesus will resurrect (bring to life) everyone who believes in Him. He will take our souls up to heaven so we can live close to Him forever.**

The Jewish people believed God would send someone to raise all believers up to heaven to live forever with God. Martha believed this. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life"? Jesus is the Christ, the one God sent to bring us life forever with Him. Jesus asked Martha, "Do you believe this?" What was her answer? ("Yes, You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.") **What would your answer be?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 1000 years earlier, Job described the day when the Lord would come and raise Job to heaven. He called the Lord, his Redeemer. Reveal Job 19:25, 27. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What three things did Job know about his Redeemer? (He lives, He will stand upon the earth in the end, and Job will see Him.) **Job suffered many disappointments. How might knowing these things have encouraged Job? How can it encourage you?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Eternity ring
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #12
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus at the tomb calling, "Lazarus, come out."
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Lazarus Wraps

GAMES: Relay Wrap, Find That Miracle!

CRAFT: I Will See God

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Riding into Jerusalem

Lesson Aim: To see when Jesus is the Lord of our life, we can trust Him and give to Him whatever He asks of us.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite way to praise God?

GAME: Palm Branch Limbo

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: Mark 11:8-9.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS RODE INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

The news of this miracle must have spread quickly. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowd gathered to give Jesus the highest praise. Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 19:28-42. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 19:40. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GIVE THE LORD WHATEVER HE ASKS OF YOU

What did Jesus tell the disciples to say if asked why they were taking the colt? ("The Lord needs it.") **What did the colt's owner do?** (Gave them the colt.) **Riding into Jerusalem on the colt was how Jesus chose to build His kingdom. Because the owner trusted the Lord enough to give his colt, he had a part in building God's kingdom.**

The donkey would have been important to its owner. Does the Bible say the owner understood why Jesus needed his colt? (No.) **What would you say if Jesus asked you for something important to you? Even if we do not understand why Jesus wants us to do something, it is important for us to trust and obey Him. Have you been trusting Jesus with everything? What do you need to trust Him with today?**

When Jesus is our Lord, everything we do is for Him. How do we find out what He wants us to give Him? (Read the Bible, listen to others who

build God's kingdom.) **What are some examples of things the Lord might want us to give?** (Time, best effort, talents, money, things, etc.)

What would you have sung or said to praise Jesus as He passed by? **The crowd shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." What does the Hebrew word, "Hosanna," mean?** ("Save.") **Some people hoped Jesus would save them from the Roman government. Why did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?** (To save all who would believe in Him from the punishment for their sins.) **Why do you think Jesus wept as He saw Jerusalem? He was sad. He knew how hard life would be for those who refused to believe in Him. How do you feel when a friend or family member does not believe in Jesus?**

The Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke His disciples by telling them to be quiet. What did Jesus say would happen if His disciples had to stop praising Him? ("The stones will cry out.")

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The truth about God will always be told. If people are unable to tell it, God will tell it through His creation. Over 1,300 years before Jesus explained the stones would cry out, Joshua showed people a stone that would be a witness to the covenant promise they made with the Lord. Reveal Joshua 24:25-27. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Where did Joshua set the stone? (Under the oak tree near the Holy Place.) **What did Joshua say the stone would be?** (A witness.) **It would be a witness to the people about the covenant promise they made with the Lord. The people would think about whether they had been true to their promise. Today's Treasure Treat is a stone, reminding you to praise the Lord and to be true to Him.**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Stone
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #13
- OFFERING OF ART: People praising Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Praise Rocks

GAME: Pin the Tail on the Donkey

CRAFT: Palm Leaf Cross

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The Miracle of Easter

Lesson Aim: To consider eyewitness reports, prophesies, and faith God gives us to see who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite Easter miracle?

GAME: Roll the Stone Away

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Read Worship Scripture: John 3:16

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS DIED; GOD RAISED HIM TO LIFE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt.

Point to Jerusalem. **In Jerusalem, Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and was raised from the dead so we might have life forever close to God. Those are the two miracles we celebrate each Easter. As I read, listen closely to see how many eyewitnesses were present.**

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 27:50-51, 54-66; 28:1-10; John 20:1-9. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Matthew 28:6. Pray. Read Matthew 27:50-51, 54-66. **God raised His Son, Jesus, from the dead. That is called the resurrection.** Read Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:1-9.

THE WAY EVIDENCE AND FAITH

It's time for a brain buster to see how many eyewitnesses we can list in the next 30 seconds. Think of who was there at the cross or at the empty tomb. Write the names as the children call them out.

Who saw Jesus die on the cross? (Mary Magdalene, Mary [James' and Jesus' mother], the mother of Zebedee's sons, the centurion, guards, and a crowd that mocked Him.) **Who saw the midday darkness, the earth shake, and the rock split?** (Same as previous.) **Who saw the stone placed as a seal on the tomb?** (Joseph of Arimathea, both Marys.) **Who saw the stone was rolled away?** (Angel, tomb guards, both Marys.) **Who**

saw and heard the angel? (Both Marys.) **Who saw, heard, and touched Jesus that morning?** (Both Marys.) **Who saw the strips of burial linen folded neatly in the empty tomb?** (Peter and John.)

Why is it important to have eyewitnesses? (Proof helps others believe.) **How would it feel to be at the cross when the sky grew dark? To see the rocks split and feel the earth shake? To see the stone roll away and feel the earthquake? Which miracle would you have most wanted to see and why?**

Jesus had told His twelve disciples He would be crucified and then rise on the third day. Yet, on the third day, did the women or the disciples expect to see Jesus rise? (No.) How did different followers react when they saw the tomb was empty? (Surprised, confused.) **Only His enemies remembered Jesus said He would rise on the third day. How did Pilate try to prevent rumors of Jesus' resurrection?** (He ordered the stone to be sealed and posted guards at the tomb.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Old Testament scripture also predicted and explained these events hundred of years earlier. Saving us through Jesus' death and resurrection has always been God's plan. Reveal Isaiah 53:4-5, 11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How does Isaiah describe Jesus' death and resurrection? We have read the eyewitness reports and fulfilled prophesies proving Jesus has made a way for us to be forgiven and close with God, but only God can give us faith to trust and believe. Let's pray silently for God to give everyone faith to believe in Jesus. Lead a silent prayer.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Stone
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #14
- OFFERING OF ART: Angel sitting by the empty tomb saying, "He is risen!"
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Stone Rolls

GAME: Easter Egg Relay: He Is Risen Indeed!

CRAFT: Easter Card

DISCUSSIONS: Easter Miracles Egg, What Do You Think?

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