

**Lesson 14: A Day of Miracles**

**Objective:** To learn that with Jesus we can have peace no matter what happens to us.

**Background:** The miracles of Jesus were called "signs" and "mighty works". For they were signs that God is at work here on earth among us; and they were the power of God working through Jesus to smash the force of evil. (Luke 11:20) and to set people free from the control of Satan (Luke 4:18-20). God not Satan, now rules in the hearts of believers.

**Instructions:** imagine you were Peter and went on the trip with Jesus and saw the miracles with your own eyes. (Please read Mark 4:35-Mark 5:42 through once) and one day you are sharing the experience with your friend and answering his questions.

**Let's Think:** Be sure to read over carefully each miracle first before you answer the question.

1. You said it was near sunset, after a day of teaching about the Kingdom of God. Jesus suggested that the disciples go across to the other side of Lake Galilee with Him. And when you did, you ran into a dangerous storm, right? (Mark 4:35-41) (Lake Galilee was known for its storms; they were dangerous because they came suddenly without warning.)

a) What was Jesus doing during the storm, Peter? How many "storms" were you disciples having when you came to Jesus? (read over Mark 4:38,40 carefully)

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b) Why were you all filled with awe, Peter, when Jesus told the storm to be quiet?

2. You said soon after you arrived at Gerasenes Jesus was met by a man who looked terrible, a man tormented by evil spirits and rejected by the people. And you mean Jesus accepted that man? (Mark 5:1-20)

a) Peter, what evidence do you have that Jesus has set the man free from the power of demons? (Mark 5:9-14) Tell me again how the power of Jesus changed the man (Mark 5:2-5,15)

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b) I don't understand why the people begged Jesus to leave their town after seeing such a fantastic miracle. Do you, Peter? Explain (Mark 5:13,16,17)

c) Did I hear you say that the man begged to “follow” Jesus? Where is he? (Mark 5:18,19)  
Could the man “follow” Jesus in his hometown, Peter? How? (Mark 5:20)

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3. I believe you said that you also ran into a woman who was not supposed to be around the people because of her illness (Leviticus 15:25-27 in the Old Testament). She was desperate, so she decided to come behind Jesus quietly and to touch Jesus’ cloak thinking no one would know about it, right? (Mark 5:25-36)

a) What two things did the woman find out after she touched Jesus’ cloak? (Mark 5:29,30)

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b) Peter, what made the woman’s touch different from the rest of the crowd? (Mark 5:25-31)

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c) What blessings did the woman receive when she told Jesus the whole story (Mark 5:32-34)

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4. I am really surprised to hear, Peter, that Jairus came to Jesus for help! You know those Synagogue officials haven’t been friendly to Jesus. And you said Jesus was very kind to him and his family! (Mark 5:21-43)

a) Well, why did Jairus want Jesus to come to his house anyway? (Mark 5:21-23)

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b) Tell me again what happened on the way to Jairus’ house. Was Jairus without hope? (Mark 5:25-36)

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c) And you said, the presence of Jesus changed the scene in Jairus’ house? How? (Mark 5:37-43)

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5. Let me ask you, Peter, did Jesus work miracles to become a “hero” or “famous”? Had He ever advertised His “miracle-healing” meeting ahead of time to get the crowd? Explain

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6. Peter, I hope you don't mind that I ask you a personal question, what had this trip taught you about the person Jesus and His power? (Thank you for sharing and answering my questions, Peter, I learned so much about Jesus.)

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Let's Remember: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)