



3rd–5th

February 21-22, 2015

DATE

Jesus Does Miracles

LESSON TITLE

Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 14:13-21 and Luke 5:17-26 Adventure Bible (pp. 1099, 1070, 1130)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God has power over everything

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Before you come, read Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 14:13-21 and Luke 5:17-26 so you're familiar with each story kids will hear today. Each story refers to a miracle (or two) Jesus did. Feel free to ask kids about modern day miracles they've seen, too!

check-in/out

Kids are taking home a strip of paper. Encourage them to tell their parents what's been written on it.

large group heads up

Kids will hear how God has power over life, death, nature, sickness...everything! Jesus—both God and man—showed us examples of it when he was on earth. This lesson is important because when we know God's power, we can rest in his plan.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

DON'T LOSE CONTROL

**Split kids into small groups or have one person lead the whole room.*

- **Direct kids to do things that will be difficult to keep control of.** Have them see who can keep control the longest. Here are ideas (feel free to make up your own!):
 - Stand on one foot
 - Sit against a wall (lean your back against the wall but have your feet out as if you were sitting in a chair)
 - Walk across the room balancing a piece of paper on their heads (and not letting it fly off)
 - Crabwalk across the room without sitting down to rest
- **Debrief:**
 - Were any of those activities hard? Which ones? Why?
 - What does it mean to have control?
 - What kind of things can we control? What can't we control?
 - What can God control?
- **Let kids share the best and worst part of their weeks.**

Before you head into Large Group, remind them of your expectations for behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that God has power over everything, (2) identify ways they can see that through Jesus' life or other examples and (3) recognize how life changes when we realize God's sovereignty.

Why? We can rest in God's plan when we know his power

Tip: Adapt the charades game to best fit your group. If you want to have kids act individually instead of in pairs, work as one team instead of two, or tweak it in some other way, feel free! And see the asterisk below for a heads up on potential conversations.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What can't we control? Why?
2. What can God control?
3. How did Jesus show us God's power?
4. Why can we trust in God's plan for us?
5. How else have you guys seen God's power in your own lives? (No miracle is too "small"; remind kids that even things like changing seasons are wonderful examples of God moving!)
6. Did anybody feel like God showed you something about his power that you'd like to share? (From the Large Group response time)

***Pray together, thanking God that he has power over everything!**

"POWER" CHARADES

- Give each kid a **strip of paper**
- On it, they must write ONE thing God is in control of (*Tell them it should be something they could act out in charades. If they aren't sure how they'd act it out, it's probably too hard.*)
- Put all the strips in a **bag** (*the bag already has some pre-made ideas in case kids write similar things or vague ideas that are hard to act out; switching is allowed at your discretion, but sticking to their ideas as much as possible is best!*)
- Then split your group into two teams
- Choose a scorekeeper and a timekeeper
- Have each team choose two kids to "act" as a pair

- Have one team's pair choose a strip and act it out. Their team has 30 seconds to guess it (keep time with a **stopwatch**). If they guess correctly, they get a point (keep score on a **blank sheet of paper**).
 - *Bonus point opportunity:* Explain how life changes for us when we understand God is in control of the thing they acted out. (If kids come up with something, add another point.)
- Then game play goes to the next team. Continue as long as you can. The team who's ahead when parents begin to arrive, wins!

Make sure kids head home with one strip of paper (it doesn't have to be theirs). If you have extra time, play the game from Connect Time again. You can have kids make up actions!

*****Kids may ask hard questions, like: "If God controls sickness, why do people get sick?" Encourage them to ask God about it or look for what he says in the Bible. Remind them that we live in a broken world where bad things happen, but that Jesus rescued us so that one day we could live with him in a perfect world where we don't get sick or hurt...or even die.***

special notes

Today's lesson involves quick hits on three stories instead of focusing on one story. After each one, you'll ask kids the same question. If you want to have kids turn and discuss with friends or stand up or make a motion as soon as they know the answer during the story, go for it! Feel free to give the lesson your own personal flair.

***Make sure the beach ball is ready!**

presenter tips

Today's video is not a Kids' Club original. Watch it ahead of time here:
<https://vimeo.com/96083704>

**The miracles in the script can be found in Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 14:13-21 and Luke 5:17-26*

script

****Click to play intro music***

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. Your game in Connect Time looked like a lot of fun! But some of you lost total control. I saw some falling over...some tripping...some giving up. Raise your hand if that happened to you (let kids respond). Yeah, it would have happened to me too.

And who can tell me: what does it even mean to be in control? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it's the power to direct certain behaviors or things. So why did some of you lose control when you were standing on one foot or sitting against the wall? (Let kids respond.) Yep, you didn't have enough power. It's like if you're playing a video game. You use a controller; you're *kind of* in control. But why do you ever lose control? (Let kids respond.) That's right, we don't have full power, do we?

INTRO GAME: WE DON'T HAVE CONTROL

Let's have a little fun to understand this. I've got a beach ball (***hold up beach ball; if you are presenting at the first service, you may need to blow it up first***). Everybody, stand up! (Have kids stand.) Your job is to control it so that it doesn't touch the floor. But you also can't hold onto it. So I'm going to throw it out to you guys and let's see how long we can tap it and keep it in the air. Ready? (*Throw the beach ball out and let kids try to keep it going. Click to the next slide to play the "dancy" intro music and set a fun tone. As soon as it touches the floor, the game is over.*)

Oh, great try! But looks like we couldn't do it; we couldn't keep the ball in the air. And why not? (Let kids respond. Once a reason is given, ask 2-3 kids for other reasons.) Yes, sometimes our hands slip and we don't have the power to judge how far it'll go. We also can't control other people, who might mess it up. And we can't control gravity and the fact that the ball just wants to fall.



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GOD IS IN CONTROL

There are some things we can control. And in the Bible, God wants us to control things like what we say to others and how we treat others and ourselves. So we can make some choices but we definitely don't have power over everything.

But guess who DOES have power over everything? (Let kids say: God.) Yep, God! He has absolute power over everything. One word we can use to describe him is "omnipotent" which literally means all-powerful. We've been talking about what Jesus did when he came to earth to rescue us. He taught us all about following God and how to treat each other.

And he showed us what God's kingdom is like because he brought God's kingdom to earth. Jesus was both God and man. It's kind of hard to understand that, but let's take a few minutes to see how much power Jesus had. We're going to see what we can learn about God's power through Jesus.

JESUS DISPLAYED GOD'S POWER

I'm going to tell you a few quick stories about Jesus. I want you to figure out how we see Jesus' power in the story. What could he control? Ready?

(Click to show the stormy loop.) Once, Jesus was on a boat with his disciples. Jesus was actually taking a nap when a huge storm came up. His disciples woke him up and said, "We're going to drown!" Jesus simply said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" And the storm stopped.

What did Jesus control? (From Mark 4:35-41; let kids respond.) Yes, nature!

(Click to show picture of loaves and fish.) Another time, Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd of at least 5,000 men and lot of other women and children. It's hard to even imagine a crowd that big! He was healing all the sick people who were there to see him. By the end of the day, Jesus' disciples said they should go away. Jesus said that the disciples should feed them instead. All they had was five loaves of bread and two fish, but Jesus turned it into enough food to feed everyone there AND have 12 whole baskets of leftovers.

What did Jesus control? (From Matthew 14:13-21; let kids respond.) Yep, he controlled food and made something out of nothing! And he controlled sickness. He could heal sick people.

(Click to show picture of Mat.) If you were here a few weeks ago, you might remember this guy. And if you weren't, that's OK—I'm about to tell you about him. So this guy couldn't walk. He knew Jesus could heal him, and some of his friends introduced him to Jesus. They pushed through a crowd of people, and eventually cut a hole in the roof and lowered this guy down to Jesus. But the first thing Jesus did was NOT heal his legs. The first thing Jesus did was heal his heart. We know this because Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven."

That shows us that Jesus has power over...what?? (Let kids respond.) Yes, Jesus can forgive our sins. And that's great news, because on our own, we can't be good. We'll always mess up. But Jesus—because he's God—has the power to forgive us, which means he can make it as if we've never messed up at all!



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WE CAN TRUST IN GOD'S POWER

So is there anything that God CAN'T control? (Let kids say: No.) No, there's not! Now, sometimes it doesn't feel like it. We live in a broken world where people make choices that hurt other people. And wrong things like sickness and sadness and death exist. Even Jesus had to go through pain and suffering when he was on earth. He had people make fun of him. He probably got sick. He even died.

But God had a plan for Jesus to understand everything we feel and to die even though he didn't deserve it. He had never messed up. He was perfect. And God knows what he's doing. In fact, one day, he will re-create the world and everyone who's a part of God's family will get to live with him forever, in a perfect home.

For the next few weeks, we're going to learn a verse. It's from the Bible in Jeremiah 29:11. Here it is (have the kids repeat it out loud in small, repeatable phrases):

SLIDE: Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you," announces the LORD. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.

That's amazing, isn't it? We can trust that God is good and that he is in control of all things, even when hard things happen. Jesus showed us how God can control nature and sickness and food and even forgiveness. The only thing he doesn't control...is us. Because he doesn't want to force us to love and trust him. He wants us to *truly* love him, with real love.

RESPOND

We're going to watch a cool video about God's plan for nature and plants. You'll see seasons change and things come and go. As you watch, talk to God and thank him for being in control. You can also tell him you trust his plan. If you want, ask him if he wants to say anything to you or if he wants you to give him control over something in your life. Then listen.

Video: <https://vimeo.com/96083704>

That's a pretty cool video, huh? I love how everything seems like it's cold and dark and bleak in the winter. There was even a fire in the beginning and it seemed like it might be the end of that forest. But it wasn't. God had a plan to fix it, and we can trust him because he's in control. Like plants, people go through seasons, too. God is powerful through it all!

WORSHIP

Now let's stand and tell God how thankful we are that he has the power to do anything. One way we can thank him is by singing to him. Our first song will declare that we trust him and put our hope in him. The next song is a love song for him that we can choose to sing, if we want, because loving God is a choice he gives us!

Music Video: All Our Hope

Music Video: You Are

PRAY

Ask somebody to come and pray for the group, thanking God that he's in control of all things.



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Keeping control game – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid

1 strip of paper (used to write charade clues on)

Per group

Markers

Adventure Bible (pp. 1099, 1070, 1130)

1 paper bag

1 ziplock of 7 charade clues (new set needed per service)

1 stopwatch

1 blank sheet of paper

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (pp. 1099, 1070, 1130)

1 beach ball (can be re-used at each service)

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Regular KC logo slide
3. Slide with intro music AGAIN (same as slide one)
4. Regular KC logo slide
5. Video: stormy loop (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZpbjEA7TeQ>)
6. Image: loaves and fish
7. Image: Mat (man healed by Jesus – from a few weeks ago)
8. SLIDE: Jeremiah 29:11 “I know the plans I have for you,” announces the LORD. “I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.
9. Video: Plants <https://vimeo.com/96083704>
10. Music Video: All Our Hope <https://vimeo.com/99668247>
11. Music Video: You Are (Mae will have file if not on Vimeo already)

connect questions

Tell me about some miracles Jesus did.

How do we know that God is in control?

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