

Luke 5:12-6:19

Jesus's Highlight Reel

Scripture: Luke 5:12-6:19

Memory Verse: Luke 6:19 *“And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.”*

Lesson Focus: We cover a lot of “WOW” moments of Jesus in this passage of Scripture, both things He did and things He said. This text almost reads like a “highlights reel”. We want to open the eyes of the kids to how great Jesus is so that they would admire and love Him more and more.

Activities and Crafts: Coloring Picture of Jesus healing the leper, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Craft for 1st/2nd grade: Lowering the Paralytic

Starter Activity: Michael Jordan Highlight Reel

We will keep all of the kids in the Summit Room immediately after worship for a quick video to introduce the lesson. We will watch a minute or two of a Michael Jordan highlight reel. First, we'll ask the kids a few Qs about what a highlight reel is:

Q: How many of you guys like to watch pro sports games? Who are some of your favorite teams and players?

Sometimes you might miss the game because you had other things (or more important things) going on. * But fortunately, if you missed the game should be able to find a “highlights” video of the game.

Q: What kind of things might you see on a “highlights” video? A: The best plays, the touchdowns, the home runs, all of the “WOW” moments from the game!

I want to show you a little bit of a highlight reel of the greatest basketball player of all time: Michael Jordan. *

SHOW VIDEO

WOW, right? * Well, the reason we watched this is because as we continue our study of the gospel of Luke we will encounter a “highlights reel” of the life of Jesus. Luke gives us so many quick snapshots of some of the “WOW” moments of Jesus's ministry. While Michael Jordan may be the greatest basketball player of all time, we want you to see that Jesus is the greatest person of all time! Let's take a look! *

Teachers: Consider reading each “highlight” below and teaching as you read. For each one, enthusiastically tell the story and draw out some of the **WOW** moments or **WOW** statements of Jesus. There is a lot of text in this lesson and feel free to just focus on just a few of the highlights with your kids!

Luke 5:12-16 (Jesus Heals a Leper Highlight):

- v. 12: Leprosy was a highly contagious skin disease and lepers were to be quarantined (like COVID). Yet notice this man knew Jesus had the power to heal him!
- v. 13: Jesus touched the leper and healed him instantly. **WOW!** Instead of Jesus getting sick, He made the leper all better!
- v. 14-15: Jesus’s fame began to spread and the crowd multiplied around Him like they would if a celebrity like Michael Jordan showed up.
- v. 16: But Jesus instead avoided the crowds to pray and stay focused on His mission which was to go to the cross to die for people’s sins.

Luke 5:17-26 (Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic Highlight):

- v. 17: Jesus’s fame is spreading so fast that the religious leaders of his day took notice of Him.
- v. 18-19: Whoa! A paralyzed man (a man who can’t walk) was being carried to Jesus by his friends, but they couldn’t get to Jesus because of the crowd so they brought him in through the roof!
- v. 20-21: Did you catch that? Jesus forgave the sins of the paralyzed man, but this made the religious leaders mad because only God can forgive sins. *
- v. 22-26: **WOW!** Jesus not only meets their challenge, but raises the stakes. For anybody can just say “your sins are forgiven”, but no one can heal a paralyzed man....except God! * Not only did He heal the paralyzed man, but He proved He was indeed the son of God with power to heal AND forgive sins.

Teachers: Consider playing a “Carry Your Friends to Jesus” game before continuing with the lesson. Have the students get into teams of five. Have four friends carry the fifth kid to the other side of the room where you or another volunteer, pretending to be Jesus, are waiting for them. Once they get there, “Jesus” touches the person being carried and says, “Rise up and walk!” The whole team then races back to their starting area and then the next group of five comes up. Use this to remind the kids that just like the paralyzed man needed someone else to bring Him to Jesus, some of our friends might need us to bring them to Jesus (like inviting them to church)! *

Luke 5:27-32 (Jesus Calls Matthew the Tax Collector Highlight):

- v. 27-28: Just like we saw last week when Jesus called Peter and the other fishermen now he calls Levi (also known as Matthew) the tax collector. *
- v. 29-30: Levi is so excited about following Jesus that he throws a party to celebrate with many of the religious leaders. But they don’t like Jesus’s company.
- v. 31-32: **WOW!** Jesus’s company are the outcasts like Levi who realize they are sick with sin! You don’t go to a doctor unless you are sick. In the same way, it is not until we realize how sick we are because of our sin that we go to Jesus!

Luke 5:33-39: (Jesus Teaches with Wisdom Highlight):

- v. 33-35: Jesus and His followers are getting criticized for not “looking more religious” with their fasting. Jesus counters by pointing to His future death on the cross when His followers will mourn and fast.
- v. 36-39: Jesus tells two similar parables to teach a very important lesson: Jesus doesn’t want to improve the “old” you. He wants to create a “new” you! **WOW!** *

Teachers: Consider demonstrating this with some water and a few cups or glasses (have some paper towels ready too!). Put out a small paper cup in front of the class and tell them this represents you. Now pull out a large pitcher of water that represents all the great stuff that Jesus wants to teach us and do through us. But as you pour out the water into the small cup what happened? It spilled out and made a mess! We need to be changed! Now bring out a big glass and pour the rest into the big glass. The big glass represents the “new” you that is born-again and lives for Jesus. Levi was changed, Peter was changed, and we need to be ready to be changed too if we want to follow Jesus!

Luke 6:1-11: (Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath Highlight):

- v. 1-2: The religious leaders now complain about Jesus “working” on the Sabbath day which was a special day of “rest” for the Jewish people. * It was given to them by God as a blessing, but the Pharisees had warped it into a heavy burden.
- v. 3-4: Jesus rightly embarrasses them by implying they have “never read” this passage of the Bible about King David. *
- v. 5: **WOW!** Jesus clearly claims to be God, the One who gave the Sabbath.
- v. 6-7: Now it is another Sabbath and there is a man with a shrunken and paralyzed hand at the center of the action.
- v. 8-9: Jesus knew their thoughts and that they were scheming against Him. **WOW!** * He then looks at them right in the eye and challenges them.
- v. 10-11: **WOW!** Another miracle to prove He was who He said He was! How sad that instead of rejoicing the religious leaders were blinded by their hatred.

Luke 6:12-19: (Jesus Heals a Great Multitude):

- v. 12: He did the same thing back in **Luke 5:16**. Jesus took time to pray.
- v. 13-16: Jesus chose very ordinary men who will do very extraordinary things.
- v. 17-18a: Jesus continued to draw large crowds from everywhere to hear His words and to be healed of their sicknesses.
- v. 18b-19: **WOW!** He healed them all as great power went out from Him. This sounds like a highlight from a superhero movie!

This completes our highlight reel of many of the wonderful things that Jesus said and did.

Q: What was your favorite? What amazed you the most?

Key Point: These are just a few of the wonderful things that Jesus said and did. **John 20:31** says that many of these “highlights” were written down for us so that we would believe and trust in Jesus and admire Him more and more! * This same Jesus that did all of these things loves you and wants to forgive you and change you too!

BRING IT HOME

Of all the "highlights" of Jesus's ministry we studied today, what was your favorite? Why?

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Challenge: Who are the twelve original apostles?

Read Luke 5:31-32. What did Jesus mean with these words?

