

Jesus: More Than a Magician

Scripture: Luke 5-8 Review

Memory Verse: Luke 8:39b *“And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.”*

Lesson Focus: Our last several weeks in Luke we have seen Jesus do and say some amazing things! We will pause in our study of Luke and revisit many of these with a SuperBook video. In this video, the kids contrast the mere tricks of a magician, with the miraculous signs of Jesus and rightly conclude that Jesus is “more than just a magician”. Our hope is that this will complement many of our recent lessons and intensify their awe and wonder of Jesus as they see what they have learned adapted onto the screen.

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.

Unfortunately, RightNow Media does not have these videos available anymore for you to preview. If you have Amazon Prime, you can preview it there (Season 1, Episode 9).

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 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 for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring page or puzzle.
- 3rd-5th graders: 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.

Teachers: If you know any simple magic tricks, consider performing some for the kids after the video!

We will continue with our study of Luke the following week!

Discussion Qs

Dig in to the Story

- 1) The boy, Chris, was initially 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 signs or miracles did you see Jesus perform in this video? Which one are you most amazed by?
- 4) Throughout the story Chris and Joy 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?
- 6) **Read Acts 2:22**. What does this teach us about where Jesus gets His power?

Go Deeper

- 1) **Read Luke 5:23-24**. What reason did Jesus give for performing this miracle?
- 2) **Luke 8:25**. 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 Luke 8:39**. 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.