

5th Grade Religious Ed Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Theme: Miracles of Jesus

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- I. 6:15-6:30 Welcome Sarah, Jessi, Ali
- Attendance
 - Cell Phones
 - Rosary, Youcat, Bible
 - Resources to share with parents and on website:
 - The Miracles of Jesus Prove that He Is God Made Man (website): <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/miracles-of-jesus.html>
 - The Church's Teaching on Miracles (website): <http://catholiceducation.org/articles/facts/fm0032.html>
 - Miracle Stories in the New Testament (website): <http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Miracles.htm>
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 - Copies to make:
 - Miracle Worksheet
- II. 6:30 – 6:40 Opening Prayer Sarah
- Moment of silence to prepare our thoughts and minds for God.
 - Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be
- III. 6:40 – 6:45 Trivia Answers/Questions Sarah
- This week's trivia:
 - What was one of Jesus' miracles? Bonus: tell where it is in the Bible.
 - Any new questions?
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 - Next week's trivia:
 - What are all the mysteries of the rosary? Bonus: include Biblical references.
- IV. 6:45-7:00 Miracle Discussion Sarah
- YC 90: Did Jesus work miracles, or are they just pious tales?
 - YC 91: But why did Jesus work miracles?
 - A miracle is:
 - Supernatural sign or wonder
 - Brought about by God
 - Signifying His glory and salvation of mankind
 - From Latin word for wonder, literally means "a sight to behold"
 - Require divine intervention = supernatural

- What kinds of miracles did Jesus perform?
 - Exorcisms - casting out demons and unclean spirits
 - Healings - physical illness and impairment
 - Restoration - to life, from dead
 - Nature - feeding multitudes, calming storms
- What were his two greatest miracles? (Hint: we are in a season now celebrating one of them; we celebrate the other every week at Mass)
 - Eucharist
 - Resurrection

V. 7:00-7:15 Reading about Miracles Sarah

- Assign each student a separate passage from Bible:
 - Matthew 17:14-21 (boy with epileptic spirit / exorcism)
 - Matthew 3:1-6 (healing of withered hand / healing)
 - Luke 7:11-17 (raising widow's son / restoration)
 - Mark 6:45-52 (walking on water / nature)
- Answer these questions about their passage:
 - What does Jesus do?
 - For whom does he do it?
 - Why?
 - How do people react?
 - --> Might have to read further to get answers to all the questions
- Share answers, insights, discussion

7:20 - 7:25 Closing Prayer Sarah

- Decade of the rosary, reflecting on Institution of the Eucharist
 - In the Eucharist, we have a miracle we can witness every single week at Mass
 - It gets so easy to see beyond it, to take it for granted, to even ignore the wonder that's in front of us
 - Jesus looks at each of us individually, as a person, and he loves us for who we are
 - Nothing we can do will make us worthy of his love, but it doesn't matter: he loves us anyway
 - In the Eucharist, we have proof of this love every single week and even more often if we want
 - Let's turn to this mystery and ask for the grace to see the wonder of it

7:25 – 7:30 Clean-up & Dismissal Sarah, Jessi, Ali

- Return Phones!!