

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MIRACLES AS SIGNS

This week we continue to hear how Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God not just as something coming in the future, but as a reality right now. Jesus makes the Kingdom of God present through His words (parables) and also through His actions (miracles). The healing Jesus brings goes beyond simple physical healing; it is also spiritual through the forgiveness of sin. It is important to remember that Jesus was a real person and His ministry was focused on the towns and villages in the Galilee region of the Holy Land, which is located in present-day Israel.

### PRIMARY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**Jesus performs healing miracles to show us that He is God.**

*Scripture Resources:* [Mark 1:29-39](#); [Luke 4:40-41](#); [Matthew 8:16-17](#)

*Catechism Resources:* [CCC 156](#)

**Because He is God, Jesus can heal physically and spiritually.**

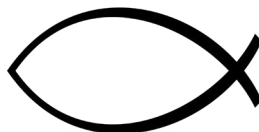
*Scripture Resources:* [Mark 1:29-39](#); [Matthew 9:1-8](#)

*Catechism Resources:* [CCC 1503-1508](#)

**Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God through miracles.**

*Scripture Resources:* [Luke 7:18-23](#); [Matthew 10:5-8](#)

*Catechism Resources:* [CCC 547 - 549](#)





## PONDER: EXPLORE KEY THEMES FOR THE WEEK

*Look for opportunities throughout the week to ponder with and communicate these truths to your child(ren). Use the questions below each objective to explore the topic throughout the week. Remember that our faith is a mystery and you don't always need all the answers. Refer to the Parent Guide for more recommendations on pondering with your child(ren).*

### FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

#### *Learning Objectives*

## 01 Jesus performs healing miracles to show us that He is God.

*To help your child ponder this idea, ask:*

- What does it mean to be healed?
- What is a miracle?
- What do you think people thought about Jesus when they saw Him perform miracles?
- What do you think it would be like to see a miracle?

## 02 Because He is God, Jesus can heal physically and spiritually.

*To help your child ponder this idea, ask:*

- Have you ever hurt yourself or gotten sick? What was that like? What helped to make you feel better or heal your body?
- Have you ever felt sad or angry? What was that like? What helped to make you better or heal your feelings?
- Jesus can heal us of sin and keep our souls healthy. How can Jesus help you keep your soul healthy?

“ARE YOU **THE ONE WHO IS TO COME,**  
OR SHOULD WE LOOK FOR ANOTHER?”

### 03 Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God through miracles.

*To help your child ponder this idea, ask:*

- Why could Jesus perform miracles?
- What sort of miracles does Jesus perform?
- How do Jesus' miracles show us God is with us now?

## FOR OLDER CHILDREN

### *Learning Objectives*

### 01 Jesus performs healing miracles to show us that He is God.

Jesus doesn't just teach; He performed miracles like healing the sick, the blind, and those who are spiritually troubled. These healings are signs that show us that He is truly God and wants to help us all to be happy and well.

*To help your child ponder this idea, ask:*

- How do you feel when you see someone you love who is sad or suffering?
- If someone you love were sad or suffering, what could you do to help them?
- Why do you think Jesus healed others?

### 02 Because He is God, Jesus can heal physically and spiritually.

Just like catching a cold makes our bodies sick, when we sin our souls become sick. Our bodies and our souls are connected, so sin can also make our bodies sick. To be well, both our bodies and our souls need healing. Because He is God, Jesus has the power to heal us completely – physically and spiritually.

*To help your child ponder this idea, ask:*

- Have ever you been sick or hurt? Can you describe what it felt like? What did you do to get better?
- Have you ever felt bad because of something you did wrong or a sin?
- What are some ways that you can ask Jesus to heal you, physically and spiritually? (Confession, receiving the Eucharist, prayer.)

### 03 Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God through miracles.

Jesus has shown people His authority and power through His teachings and His miracles. Jesus demonstrates He is God and He is bringing God's Kingdom to us. He is inviting us to be a part of this Kingdom and to proclaim the Gospel through our words and actions just like He does.

*To help your child ponder this idea, ask:*

- Can you recall any of Jesus' other miracles that you have read about in scripture?
- Why do you think Jesus' miracles help others believe He is God?
- Jesus' actions help us to know that God is with us. How can you help others to know that God is with them?



#### **LISTEN: FAMILY LECTIO DIVINA**

*Choose one or more of the passages listed below for this week's family Lectio Divina time. Ask what your child's favorite part is or what stood out to them. Ask what God may be trying to show your child through the chosen scripture. Please refer to the Parent Guide for further recommendations on doing Lectio Divina with children.*

[Mark 1:29-39](#) - Jesus heals people in Capernaum  
[Psalm 147:1-7](#) - Psalm of Healing



### PRAY: SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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**FOR FAMILIES:** Make a list of people you know who are sick. Begin by making the Sign of the Cross together and invite Jesus to come to your home like He went to the homes in Galilee. Ask a family member to read the names on your list slowly, pausing after each one, and ask Jesus to be close to them and to send His Holy Spirit to them for comfort and healing. Then ask the Holy Trinity to protect everyone who today lives in the land where Jesus lived, especially other Christians, and together pray a “Glory Be” found on page 3 of the Prayer Guide.



### ACT: CONCRETE WAYS TO LIVE OUT THIS WEEK'S THEME

Send a **CARD** in the mail with personal messages to someone you are praying for who may be sick or suffering. Let them know you are praying for them and that you hope they are better soon.