



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 21

Appearing to the Disciples

Lesson Aim: To see Jesus gives us the understanding to know He is the promised Savior and the power to spread the word.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Which miracle has shown you Jesus can save us?

GAME: Miracle Clues

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS SAVIOR

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 119:73.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS OPENS THEIR MINDS TO THE SCRIPTURES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus appeared and proved to Thomas that He was the risen Lord.

Today, we will learn about a different time when Jesus appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem. Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 24:36-49. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 24:45. Pray. **Jesus opened the minds of the disciples to help them understand the Scriptures.** Read Luke 24:36-49.

THE WAY JESUS OPENS OUR MINDS TO THE SCRIPTURES

What did Jesus do that day to show His disciples that He was not a ghost? (He showed them the wounds on His hands and feet. He let them touch Him and see Him eat fish.)

What did Jesus say about everything written about Him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms? (It must be fulfilled.) **What do you think He meant?** (It would all come true to prove He is the promised Savior of the world.)

Jesus had already told the disciples He was going to die and, in three days, be raised to life. Even after they saw He was alive

again, they did not understand. What do you think it means when it says that Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures? Just as He did for the disciples, Jesus helps us understand the Scriptures, so we will know who He is and what He has done.

What did Jesus say would be preached all over the world? (Repentance and forgiveness.) **Repentance is turning from our own way and choosing Jesus' way instead. Forgiveness is free to all who repent and follow Jesus. What kind of power did they need to be His witnesses and to preach repentance and forgiveness?** (Power from on high, the power of the Holy Spirit.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

What did Jesus say would happen if they stayed in the city? (They would be clothed with power from on high.) **Not long after, they received this power when God poured out His Holy Spirit on the disciples. God promised to do this 800 years earlier. Let's find this promise in the Scriptures.** Reveal Joel 2:28-29, 32. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Jesus took time that day to help the disciples understand that every promise God made about the Savior and every description of Him in the Old Testament came true with Jesus. How might this new understanding have encouraged them as they waited for this promise of the Holy Spirit?

We all have questions about Jesus and about the Bible. If Jesus appeared in this room now, what would you ask Him about Himself or about the Bible? Let's ask Jesus to open our minds to help us understand who He is and what He has done for us. Let's also ask Him for the power of the Holy Spirit, so we can tell others. Pray.

If time allows, play MIRACLE MOUNTAIN in the GOT TIME? segment.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "They Saw Miracles" Word Search
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus appearing to His disciples
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Daily Way Celebration

GAMES: Name that Miracle, Miracle Mountain

CRAFT: My Favorite Miracle Card

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Walking on the Word

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