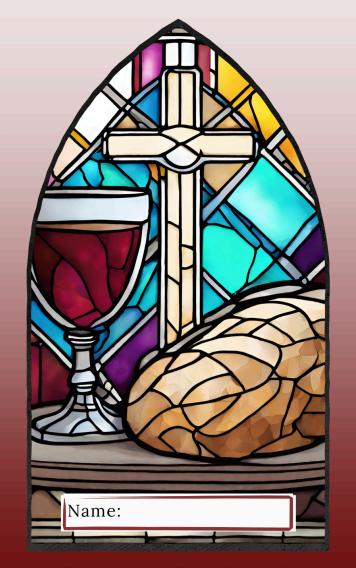


MIRACLE WORKER



Series Guide 10

Use this guide for deeper discipleship as we journey together through

GOD'S MAGNIFICENT WORD



MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 20:30-31

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Towards the end of his gospel, in John 20:30-31, John states the purpose of his writing (that we may believe and have life in Christ). How does his retelling of Jesus turning water into wine in chapter 2 fulfill this purpose?

Since running out of wine at a wedding feast would have been a social embarrassment for the hosts, how does this miracle demonstrate Jesus' grace towards the wedding party? What does the quality of the wine tell us about Jesus?

Why is the image of a wedding banquet significant for a believer in Christ? What does this miracle tell us about God, the Church, and our eternal feast?

What does this sign tell us about the glory, abundance, and generosity of Christ?

This miraculous transformation is Jesus' response to scarcity. Where in your life are you "running out of wine" or experiencing scarcity?

JOHN 11:1-27

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Jesus IS the Resurrection and the Life! Jesus offers purpose and hope through His death and resurrection! This week, praise God, thank Him, and celebrate that He is RISEN!

Hallelujah!



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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Why do you think Jesus waited so long to go to Lazarus? Have you ever been waiting for God to work in your life, but He seemed silent or inactive? How did that affect your faith?

What is the significance of the question Jesus asks in verse 26? How would you answer it? Why?

While Martha believed that there would be a resurrection, Jesus says that He IS the Resurrection. Why is it important that our hope lies in the person of Jesus, not just a future event?

Why was Jesus moved to tears even though He knew that He was about to raise Lazarus from the dead? How do you think God feels about the sorrow and grief in your life? How have you found comfort in Jesus?

Jesus said, "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies..." What does it mean to live, even though we die? How does this bring you hope? Strength? Peace?

We don't see much in the Bible about how Lazarus reacted to all of this. How do you think his life changed after he was raised from dead? How has your life been changed by Jesus?

JOHN 2:1-11

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Jesus performed miracles to show His power, His glory, and His grace. We can see God working in all sorts of ways every day. This brings us joy because He wants to fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit! This week, place a pom-pom or other object in a mason jar every time your family sees God at work!



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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

The sellers and money changers were set up to provide sacrificial animals for sale at the temple as a help to Jews from far away. How might this once-useful practice have deteriorated into a racket? Why else was Jesus angry (see Psalm 69:9)?

How would you feel about Jesus's actions if you were one of the sellers? If you were one of the disciples?

How is Jesus challenged? Why? What effect does his response have on them?

How does this exchange point ahead to what would come, and what does that realization lead the disciples to do?

Why doesn't Jesus entrust himself to the crowds in verses 23-25?

How is this story a sign? What does this sign tell us about what Jesus values?

JOHN 9:1-11

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Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Do we see Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and His grace every day? Talk with your family about how you can remove spiritual blindness in your lives, and share His power and presence with others.



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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What assumptions do the disciples and the Pharisees make about the blind man because of his condition? Have you ever thought your own sufferings were "punishment" from God? How does this story challenge that idea?

According to Jesus, why did God allow this man to be born blind?

How might God be glorified by/through your own painful experiences?

What elements of this miracle anger the Pharisees? Why?

What does the blind man "see" about Jesus in this story that the Pharisees cannot?

Has it ever angered you to see someone else receive grace? Why?

The blind man in the story does not know everything about Jesus, but he does know how Jesus had an impact on his life (v. 25) How could his example be helpful for us as we think about how to talk to our friends and neighbors about Jesus?

JOHN 2:13-25

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The season of Lent is a time for us to think about how our hearts might need cleansing. As a family, talk about what things Jesus might be leading you (individually and together) to 'clean' out so that your relationship with Jesus can grow.





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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

When you were a child, what was the most serious illness or injury you ever had?

According to John 4, what motivates the people in Galilee to come see Jesus? What did they witness Jesus do during the Passover?

Why do you think it's important that the miracle occurred "at the exact time" that Jesus pronounced the boy's healing? What does the physical distance between the boy and Jesus suggest to us about Jesus' power?

Imagine you are the father in this story. Because of the distance between Jesus and the boy, the father is required to take Jesus "at his word." Why do you think it's so difficult to simply trust what God says? In what situations has this been the most difficult to do in your life?

When, in the past, have you taken God at his word and discovered later that God did exactly what he promised?

JOHN 6:1-15

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God is the great Provider! Where in your life do you need to see God's provision? Do you need peace, trust, hope? Pray and ask God to provide exactly what you need.





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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Why does the crowd follow Jesus in John 6? What do they think about him?

How does Jesus include a boy in this miraculous sign?

What does Jesus tell the disciples to have the people do? What does Jesus do?

When have you seen God stretch your limited resources (physically or emotionally) far beyond what you could have imagined? In what way do you need to trust him to do so now?

How are you like Philip and Andrew–failing to remember something about Jesus when you face a difficult situation?

What we offer to Jesus he blesses and multiplies to meet the needs of others, as well as our own needs. What do you think God is saying to you through this story? What can you offer Jesus today or in this season of your life?

JOHN 4:46-54

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We have heard stories of Jesus healing the people of his day but sometimes we lose sight of the miracles we see today. Talk about the miracles we read about in the Bible and miracles that your family has seen happen. Remember: miracles show God's glory and power!





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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

The disabled man who Jesus approaches has been suffering for thirty-eight years. Is there anything that you have suffered with or through for a long period of time? Has God delivered you from it? What have you learned from your times of hardship?

Why does Jesus ask the man if he wants to be made well? What does the man's response tell you about where he is looking for healing?

When Jesus heals the man, he invites him to pick up his mat and walk, even though it disobeys the rules of the Sabbath. What is the significance of this command as it relates to Jesus' explanation of the Sabbath in Matthew 12?

When Jesus sees the man again later in the day, why does he warn him of the dangers of sin? How is Jesus emphasizing the spiritual health of the healed man in this encounter?

Jesus' ministry is especially focused on the suffering and marginalized in his community. What is our role as Christians when we see people in need? How can we help more people make it to "the pool" today or get up and walk?

JOHN 5:1-15

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Sometimes, like the man at Bethesda, we place our trust in things other than God. Recognize and name those things together, and ask God to help your family trust in Him alone!

