

# It's A Miracle!...part 1

Do you like magic? I do. Some tricks are truly amazing to watch. Usually when people watch a magic trick, they're thinking one thing: How did he do that? Some people can't even sit back and enjoy the magic show because they're working so hard to try to figure out how the tricks are done. I've seen some crazy stuff, and I will wonder for hours how they made it work. I've seen some crazy stuff, and I will wonder for hours how they made it work.

Sometimes you can figure out how a trick is done, and even learn to do it yourself. That's because it is a trick. What you thought happened didn't really happen, at least not the way the magician wanted you to think it did.

Today we are going to talk about miracles. Now miracles aren't the same thing as magic, because miracles are not tricks. When God works a miracle, we don't just think we see something happen; it really does happen.

Although we may be able to learn magic tricks, we can never do miracles. But God can. The Bible says, "He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted."

What exactly is a miracle? It is something that happens that goes beyond the laws of nature. When Moses threw his walking stick down on the ground and it became a snake, that was a miracle. When he held his stick over the Red Sea and the waters parted so the Israelites could go through on dry ground, that was a miracle.

When God does miracles, it shows that He is still involved in our world. Miracles show God's love and His power.

Some people don't believe in miracles. They try to explain them away like they might explain away a magic trick. Always remember that if you could understand a miracle, it wouldn't be a miracle! Instead, trust God in what you don't understand.

God performed many miracles through his followers and most importantly through Jesus. While Jesus was alive, He healed the sick, He raised the dead, He walked on water, and He calmed the storms. These miracles could not be explained by a simple trick. They were things that only God could do. Our Bible lesson today tells of the very first miracle of Jesus -- turning water into wine.

There was a great wedding celebration in the village of Cana. Almost everyone in town was there. Jesus' mother was there and Jesus and his disciples were also invited. Everyone was having a good time until a very unfortunate thing happened. They ran out of wine. Jesus' mother went looking for her son. When she found Jesus, she said to him, "There is no more wine." Even though Jesus wasn't ready to reveal that he was the Messiah, he quietly took on the responsibility of helping the host out of his predicament.

His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you to do."

There were six stone water jars nearby. Each one could hold twenty or thirty gallons. "Fill the jars with water," Jesus told the servants. When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out and take it to the master of ceremonies." The servants did as they were told, and I am sure you probably know what happened. The water had been turned into wine. Not only that, it was the best wine they had had all evening.

This was the first miracle that Jesus performed. The Bible tells us that after they saw Jesus perform this miracle, the disciples believed in Him. That was always the reason that Jesus performed a miracle. He didn't do it so that He would become popular or well-liked. He did it so that all would believe that He was God's Son who had come to save them.

As amazing as that first miracle was, it was not Jesus's last. He went on to perform many miracles. He performed so many miracles that we're going to talk about them for 2 lessons. But let's continue with today's lesson. The next miracle for today is about how Jesus fed over 5,000 people. I think feeding just 50 people is a lot of hard work, I can't imagine having to feed 5,000. I would have to find a really good caterer and a lot of money. But Jesus didn't have either of those things. So how did He do it? Let's find out.....

Jesus was teaching, and there was a big group of people that had come to listen to what He had to say. Well, it happened to be dinnertime, and the disciples brought it to His attention that the crowds might be getting hungry. Jesus told the disciples to find something for the people to eat. That seemed a bit astonishing. There were more than 5,000 people present, and to give everyone even a tiny bite of food would cost more than any of them had.

All the disciples could find was one boy who happened to have a lunch with him, and that only consisted of five loaves of bread and two fish. But the disciples brought this kid to Jesus, and he handed over his lunch. Jesus prayed over it,

and had people start passing the food around. Somehow, that one little lunch didn't run out. In fact, it fed everyone in the crowd, with food left over!

How did Jesus do such a spectacular miracle? Well, we know that Jesus could have done anything, so for us it shouldn't be too surprising. But He didn't have to use that little lunch. He was God. He could have produced food out of a couple of rocks. Yet He took what someone had, and out of compassion for the people, He used it to feed the multitude.

We don't see too many of those kinds of miracles in our day to day lives, do we? But think of all the miracles we do see!

People can make and do some amazing things – but look at all the things around us that we could never make. We have the miracles of the moon and the stars, of trees and flowers, of animals and the oceans. Each and every one of you is a miracle as well.

Miracles help us to remember that God is in charge. And that's a good thing to know. Especially when life is hard, it's easy to forget that we aren't in charge. That's when I find it helpful to call upon God and remember that if He has the power to create the miracles all around us than He has the power to take care of me as well. God has a plan for each of us, and He has the power to carry it out. That's a miracle too.

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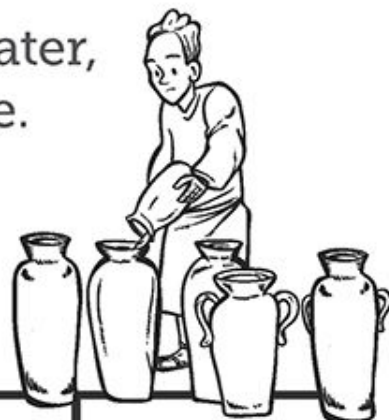




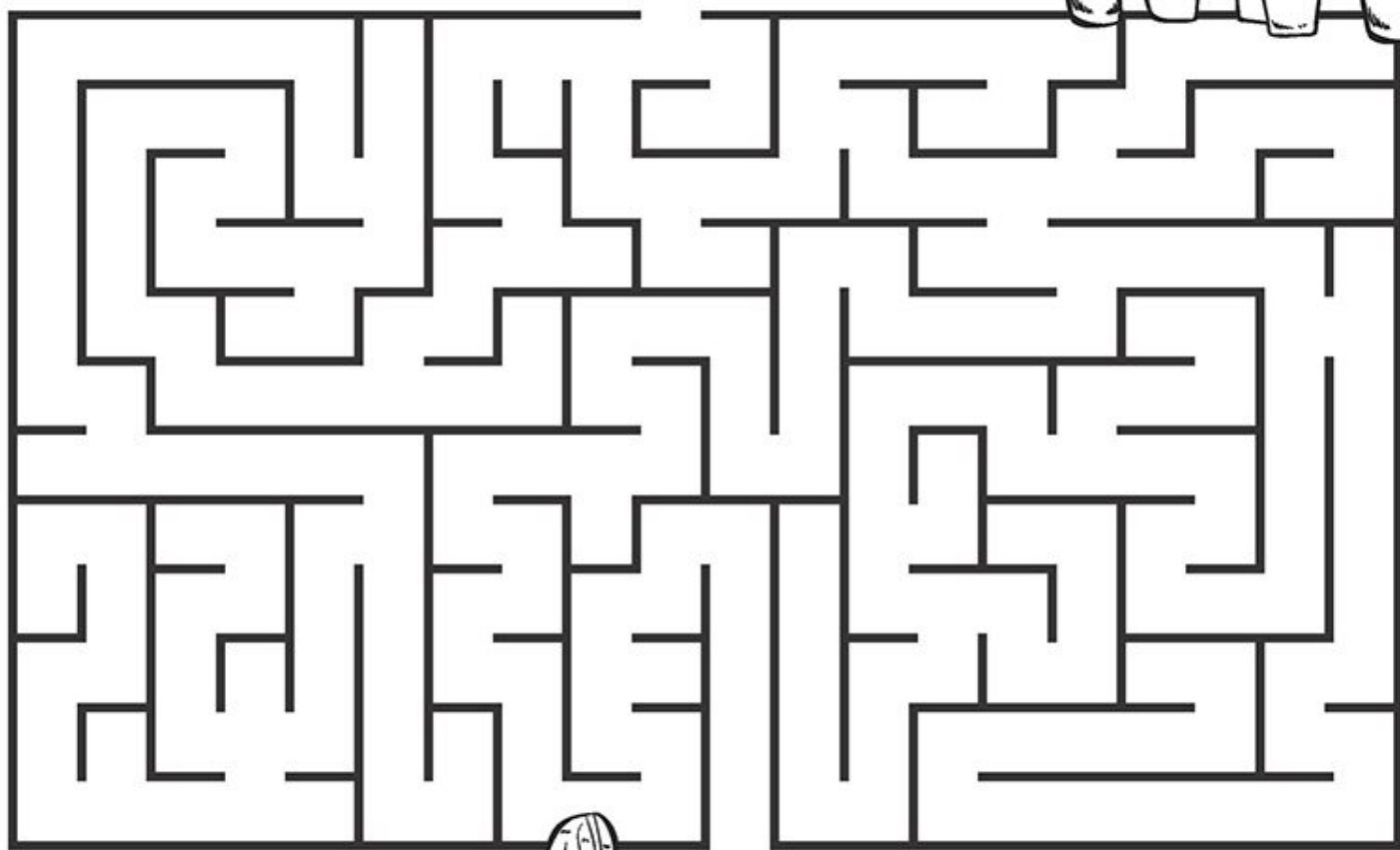
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# JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE

Lead Jesus to the stone jars of water, so he can turn them into wine.



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START



# THE WEDDING AT CANA

CAN YOU SPOT THE 20 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO PICTURES?



# Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.  
Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



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FOOT	PEOPLE	LATE	TOWNS	BOAT

# JESUS FEEDS 5000

Help Jesus and his Disciples pass out all the food.

