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Key Thought:

The Holy Ghost, the greatest miracle of all, is for EVERYONE and it is still happening today.



Key Verse:

Mark 16:17-18 - *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*



Key Teaching Point:

Practice and Preparation make perfect. There are a lot of things to prepare before this week's lesson. You also have to practice the color change object lesson beforehand to get it right. It will be well worth it when kids in your class are praying through to the Holy Ghost.



Key Materials:

One large poster board with the Lanny Wolf song, "God Will Make a Way When There is No Way," 6 poster boards with parts of verses written on them, index cards with phrases pre-written on them, tape, bleach, food coloring, three large clear drinking glasses, and FAITH!



Key of making it your own:

Prayer Causes Miracles

Unlock their minds by doing!



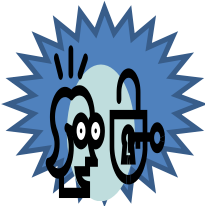
Worship the Lord to Generate Faith

Sing: God Will Make a Way When There is No Way

If you haven't heard this old tune, it is worth investigating. It is by Lanny Wolfe, is catchy, and really inspires faith that God can work miracles. Write it out on a poster board if your students are not familiar with it. It can become a revived favorite and set the mood for today's topic.

Note: For a switch or a signal you may want to sing this song in between each activity to keep your students focused on the topic.

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Replay a lesson from week one

Have the teacher walk up to the front of the class backwards and speak nonsense and then put the Bible on the ground in front of them. Press your nose like you are turning yourself off from being on rewind. Next, ask the class who remembers the lesson from a few weeks ago about how reading the Bible is like God standing right in front of you talking to you? Let the students retell the lesson.

Then ask, "Do you really believe that? If you do, take a look at this..." **Mark 16:17-18** *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

This is written in red. It is Jesus talking and in the Bible, so it is like God Himself standing in front of us speaking. Help the children understand that the things written in this verse ARE miracles. Talk about each thing listed in this verse; casting out devils, speaking in tongues, taking up serpents, drinking deadly things with no harm, and laying hands on the sick and they recover. These miracles are promised to all of us. We can be used by God to work a miracle.

Sing "God Can Make a Way" as a "signal" that you are changing activities to keep your students focused on the topic.

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Acting out each phrase

Pick a group of five students then give each of them a poster board with the following phrase from verse **Mark 16:17-18**

- And these signs shall follow them that believe;
- In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- They shall take up serpents;
- And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;
- They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Ask the students to act out something that will help the other student remember their phrase as it is being said. Say the verse with the actions three times; then randomly turn around one of the phrases on the poster board and have the student continue to do the actions. See if the other students can still remember the phrase. Aim for being able to turn every phrase around and the students still able to recite the verse.

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The Words are on (not in) Your Head

This by far is one of the funniest activities done with a group of children. It is easy, and makes your students think. First, before class, write out the words below on index cards and put tape on the back of each card. Place one of the words or phrases on each student’s head without letting them see what is on their own heads. Then, let the students walk around the room reading the words on other, and acting them out. Everyone should try to guess what word or phrase is on his or her own head while trying to help others do the same. If they guess their word or phrase, that student gets to sit down. Play until all the words or phrases are guessed. Use easier words on younger students. Help emergent readers, or slow readers and aid them in reading other students cards.

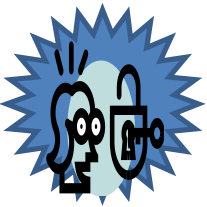
- Water into wine
- Withered hand made whole
- Blind eyes
- Deaf ears
- Lame walk again
- Possessed by demons

- Dead raised to life (you could list different accounts of this)
- Leprosy healed
- Oil that never ran out
- No rain for three years
- Rain on demand
- Fire from heaven that consumed a sacrifice
- Birds that brought food
- A tree that died in one day
- Receiving the Holy Ghost
- Stick that turned into a snake
- Ten plagues (you may want to list them out if you need more phrases)
- Parting of Red Sea
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Once everyone has been “guessed” and is seated, explain to the group that everyone had some sort of miracle on their head. The Bible is full of miracles and God is still performing them today.

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The Miracle of a Changed Life Because of the Holy Ghost

Before class you need a fresh pack of food coloring, two clear glasses, bleach, water, a bowl to pour extra liquid in, **and some practice**. As you tell this story add the different food colors to the water. The bleach will neutralize the colors at the end and turn the liquid clear again. However, different brand of food coloring and bleach react differently, therefore, you must do this at least once before Sunday school to get it right.

Start by talking about Jesus’ first miracle, turning water into wine. Put a few drops of red food coloring in the glass of plain water, stir, then neutralize with bleach. Pour that glass out, and say that miracle was nothing compared to the greatest miracle of all, which is still happening all around us every day.

Continue by saying; God sees right through us all just like this glass of water. We cannot hide our inside from Him. Some of us are always scared; we are yellow on the inside. We won’t stand out and say we are Christians, or worse, we won’t pray in front of others for fear of what they may do or say. Add a few drops of yellow. Others are blue all the time; sad and full of doubt and self-pity. Explain that some people are green with envy. The Bible says jealousy is as cruel as the grave. You can never be happy as long as you are envious. Add the blue to the yellow and make green.

Next, add colors randomly and mention sins that are common to your students until the water is dark. Then, explain this is how God sees all of our hearts. However, God performs a miracle every time He pours out His Spirit. Pour the bleach into the dark water and neutralize it into clear water. He cleans even the dirtiest heart. Receiving the Holy Ghost is the greatest miracle that can happen to a person and it still happens all around us. You can have this miracle too, today.

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Making the Connection to the Word



Story of the day of Pentecost

If things are going well, and the last object lesson hit the mark, your students may be ready to pray for the Holy Ghost. So, recapping this story may be quick. If you have visitors who have never heard the story of, **“The day of Pentecost”** you may need to give more details. Whatever the case may be, be sure to drive home the idea that receiving the Holy Ghost is the greatest miracle ever, and it can and will happen today if they PRAY.