



## 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

### WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

Props Needed: A package of flower seeds and a flower in a pot (or picture of flower in a pot)

#### SMALL GROUP LESSON:

- Here is a package of seeds.
- What do I do with the seeds?
- How do these seeds become this (hold up the flower pot or picture)?
- Someone plants the seed into soil and it is watered and over time it grows into this plant.
- Sometimes people will say, "That is a miracle." But it is not.

#### POINT TO MAKE:

- A miracle is when God supernaturally changes the ordinary course of nature.
- When a seed grows into a plant, that is the normal course of nature.
- When a baby is born, that is the normal course of nature.
- When Jesus fed 5000 people with two loaves of bread and five fish, that was a miracle. That was not normal.

- When David beat up a lion and a bear with his bare hands, that was a miracle. Men don't normally beat up wild bears and lions with their bare hands.

#### REMEMBER:

- A miracle is when God changes the normal course of nature.

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is a miracle? (when God changes the normal course of nature)
2. What is an example of a miracle? (Jesus feeds 5000, David kills a lion and bear with his hands)



Small Group Notes

### SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

### HOLY SPIRIT: MIRACLES

#### MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:12, "...I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done." (NLT)

#### BOTTOM LINE:

A miracle is when God changes the normal course of nature.



## 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

### ICE BREAKER Questions

#### Question #712:

- What is your favorite animal at the zoo?
- Why?

#### Question #332:

- What is your favorite thing to do outside?
- Why?

### ICE BREAKER Game: Human Web

- Have everyone hold hands, forming a circle, and then have them all walk forward until they are close together and the circle is small and tight.
- Drop hands.
- Now each kid should grab any two different hands except for those of his immediate neighbor.
- The kids need to untangle themselves without letting go of any hands. They will have to step over arms, duck under, and work at it; but it is fun and challenging!

## 2. BIBLE Time

### READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Lions (pages 218 & 219)*  
*3rd Grade and up - n IV Bible: Daniel 6*

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

### BIBLE STORY:

*Lions*

### BIBLE CONNECTION:

*King Darius made a law against praying to any gods or they would be thrown into a den of lions. Daniel knew about the law but continued to pray anyway. There were spies watching Daniel and when they saw him pray they threw him into the den of lions. King Darius was sad, but had to do it. In the morning when they opened the den, Daniel was still alive. God had saved Daniel and closed the mouths of the lions.*

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Daniel thrown into the den of lions? (there was a law not to pray to any other god and Daniel prayed to God)
2. How was Daniel saved from the lions? (God saved Daniel by keeping the lions' mouths shut)
3. Why is this a miracle? (lions would normally eat people but they did not)

**POINT TO MAKE:** *These lions were kept in this den for this purpose. Daniel should have been eaten up. But Daniel was faithful to God and God was faithful to Daniel and closed the mouths of the lions.*