

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

“You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.”
— Psalm 77:14 (NIV)

FEBRUARY 2ND

This week, kids will see the miracle of **Jesus turning water into wine**.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus does everything out of love.
- **BIBLE:** John 2:1–12
- **ASK**
 - **What was Jesus asked to do at the wedding?** *His mother asked him to fix the problem of the wedding host running out of wine.*
 - **How did Jesus solve the problem?** *He told the workers to fill jars with water, and they became wine.*
 - **How does this miracle show that Jesus does everything out of love?** *He didn't have to do anything but choose actions that showed his love. He obeyed his mother, and he helped make the wedding celebration better.*
 - What do you think it means to do something out of love? Can you think of one way you can do this?
 - Is it sometimes difficult to show love to your parents or family members? What about people outside of your family? Why?
- **CHALLENGE:** Set up a relay race for your kids using a large bowl of water, a spoon, and a pot. Set a stopwatch and have your kids race to see how quickly they can spoon all the water into the pot. If you have more than one kid, they could race against each other, or you can have each member of your family do it one at a time and see who has the best time! Talk with your kids about how the water jugs filled in the miracle of turning water to wine were much bigger than your pots and pans. Consider watching Season 1 Episode 5 of *The Chosen* as a family to better understand this miracle.

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This week, kids will see the miracle of Jesus providing Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John with boatloads of fish.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus calls us to follow him.
- **BIBLE:** Luke 5:1–11
- **ASK:**
 - Why did Jesus step into Simon's boat? *So he could teach the large crowd.*
 - What miraculous thing happened? *After fishing all night and catching nothing, when Jesus told Simon and his friends to cast their nets once more, they caught so much fish that they had to ask for help bringing them in.*
 - What did Jesus invite Simon and the other fishermen to do? *To follow him and fish for people.*
 - How can we be "fishers of people" today?
 - What are ways we can show we are followers of Jesus?
- **CHALLENGE:** Using wrapping paper, tissue paper, or newspaper, ask your kids how many layers of paper they think it would take to hold something without breaking (a book, a gallon of milk, a bottle of shampoo, a blender, etc.). Spend time testing with many different items in your house (if adventurous enough, see how many layers are needed to hold their body weight!). Then talk about how Jesus provided so many fish for the disciples that their nets began to break – how miraculous! Ask them if they were the disciples how they would feel in that moment. Consider watching Season 1 Episode 4 of The Chosen as a family to better understand this miracle.

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FEBRUARY 16TH

This week, kids will see the miracle of **Jesus healing a man** who could not walk.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus knows what we need.
- **BIBLE:** John 5:1–9a
- **ASK:**
 - **What did the man think he needed?** *The man thought he needed to enter the water of the pool once it was stirred up. He believed this was the only way he could be healed.*
 - **How did Jesus give the man what he really needed?** *Jesus helped him walk after not being about to for many years. But more than the miraculous healing, the man got to meet Jesus!*
 - **Who is someone in need you can pray for or help this week?**
 - **Can you think of a time you or someone you know got what was needed in a miraculous way?**
- **CHALLENGE:** You will need a cup of cold water, large ice cubes, a long piece of string, and salt. The goal will be to help your kids try to lift the ice with the string. Have your kid put the ice cubes in their water. Then tell them to use only your string to lift the ice. After they have tried for a couple of minutes, have them lay the string over their cups, letting it rest on the ice. Next let them put a pinch of salt over the string where it's resting on the ice. Let the salt sit for about a minute. While you wait, you can read aloud John 5:6-11. Have kids gently lift the string by its ends and watch the ice lift with it. Talk about how just like the salt had the power here, Jesus has the power to heal others, and He did! Consider watching Season 2 Episode 4 of The Chosen as a family to better understand this miracle.

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FEBRUARY 23RD

This week, kids will see the miracle of Jesus feeding four thousand people.

- **BIG IDEA:** Jesus can do anything.
- **BIBLE:** Matthew 15:29–39
- **ASK:**
 - **What concern did Jesus have for the people in the crowd?** *He knew they had been there for days and had run out of food to eat as they waited for healing. He knew they were hungry.*
 - **How did the disciples react to Jesus' suggestion that they feed the crowd?** *They were puzzled about how they could get enough food to feed such a large crowd.*
 - **What miracles did Jesus perform in this Bible story?** *Jesus fed the crowd of over four thousand with seven small loaves of bread and a few fish. He also healed all sorts of people.*
 - **Describe a time when Jesus gave you more than you even knew to ask for.**
 - **How can you be sure Jesus still does miracles today?**
 - **Who is someone you know that might need a miracle? What could you do to be a part of that miracle?**
- **CHALLENGE:** Give your kid a pipe cleaner or string of yarn. Ask them to make as many fish as they can with what they have. Make it competitive and see who in your family can make the most fish. Talk about how Jesus' power is so much greater than ours and a miracle of taking little and making so much more is something God does for us still today! In this story he provided food, but in our lives today he does this with money and with time. If you can, share a story with your kids of when God extended his miracle to you by stretching something way further than you ever thought could be.