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F) Miracles Today - Worksheet

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1. What are some of the miracles Jesus performed while on Earth as a man?

2. Were any people in the New Testament able to perform miracles after Jesus died? Explain who and how. Why were they able to do that?

3. Should God be able to perform miracles through us today? Have you ever seen a miracle? Why do we not see miracles all the time?

3. Do Miracles Really Happen Today?

We read of Jesus performing miracles while He was on Earth as a man. The Bible also tells of several people God used to do miracles; Moses, David, Noah, Paul, and the disciples to name a few. But do miracles happen today?

First let's look at the definition of "miracle". The definition in my iPhone app WordNet3.0 is "A marvelous event manifesting a supernatural act of a divine agent."

The Bible is full of miracles; here are just a few:

Acts 19:11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Exodus 14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

John 11:43-44 Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

So we know miracles happened in biblical times, but do they happen today? Absolutely yes, miracles happen today.

Here is one example of a miracle that the Lord did for me:

My 15 year old daughter was being bullied at her high school. There was another school that was on my way to work that she wanted to transfer to, but that school was in another school district. We went to the vice principal at her current school and explained the situation and asked if he could help us transfer to the out of district school. He said he doesn't work for that other district and there was nothing he could do. I didn't give up there. I called the other school and spoke to several people of authority. I was persistent, but no one could help us. My daughter told me to just lie about our address and she has a friend whose parents agreed to let us use their address, but I said no to that. Though it was tempting, I didn't want to lie and have to remember that lie. By the end of the day, I finally gave up. I prayed that evening. Since we couldn't get that transfer, I prayed for my daughter's protection. The Lord spoke and told me that my daughter will transfer to the other school and that He is taking care of that. He told me to go to bed and get some needed sleep. Sleep has always been and still is an issue for me, but that night, I slept better than ever before and ever since (a miracle in itself). The next morning, the vice principal at our current school called me. He asked me how I slept last night. Then he told me he slept horribly. Every time he started to fall asleep, a loud voice woke him up and told him my daughter needs to transfer to the other school. He said it went on all night. He repeated "I can not deny that voice" several times. He told me to go to the other school and tell them to call him. He didn't know how it was going to happen, but he was sure that it would. And it did! We signed a contract with the other school and we got that transfer.

Sometimes we can prevent a miracle from happening. In my story above, if I had just said "yes" to lie about our address, the miracle would not have happened. We probably do that a lot in our lives. We believe we can figure it out and do whatever it takes to make things happen. We often times don't give God a chance to perform miracles.

I believe, for the most part, the Lord does want us to handle our situations and make decisions on our own. Though while we are doing that, we must not forget God. Bring the Lord in to your situations and be obedient. He won't perform a miracle in all of your situations (or even in most of your situations), but at least you'll be giving Him the opportunity. When the Lord does perform a miracle, write it down so that you can read it later and be reminded of what He did for you; and your faith will grow even stronger. Let's allow God to perform great miracles in our lives.

12. Does God Still Heal Miraculously Today?

We know that miraculous healings happened in biblical times – see below scriptures:

Acts 19:11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Matthew 9:20-22 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind Him (Jesus) and touched the edge of His cloak. She said to herself, “If I only touch His cloak, I will be healed.” Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” He said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

Luke 9:1-2 When Jesus had called the twelve together, He gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

So, we know healings happened in biblical times, but do they happen today? Jesus tells us that nothing is impossible if we have faith.

Matthew 17:21 (Jesus said) “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Yes, miraculous healings do happen today. I received two miraculous healings myself. One was permanent, and the other was temporary (only for that night).

The temporary healing happened while I was at church. It was a bad air quality day and I was having trouble breathing. During worship time, I was continuously coughing. So, I sat down and told the Lord “Sorry Lord, but I just can’t breathe”. At that moment my lungs opened up and I breathed in the biggest clearest breath ever. I’ve never experienced my lungs being that clear before. It lasted through the church service and I didn’t cough even one time. As soon as the service was over, all the breathing difficulties came back.

The permanent healing happened when I was 20 years old. I was not raised in church and knew nothing about God. I was just married and we had a neighbor who witnessed to me about how good God is and how much she loves Him. That was all new for me. I had been having headaches. One day, having a horrible headache, I decided to try praying for the first time ever. I told God that if He got rid of my headaches, I would not just say I don’t believe in the Bible, but I would actually read the bible first and make an educated decision whether I believed it or not. At that moment, I felt a hand go into my head, grab the pain, and pulled the pain out through the top of my head. I went up on my toes when He was pulling it out. The pain was gone! And I did go get a bible and read it all and studied it. Unfortunately, I was stupid and decided I didn’t believe it and went on in my worldly life. Twenty years later, I got a CT scan on my sinuses and they found what looked like a brain tumor the size of a dime. I had to go get some other tests and the Neurologist explained that he had been doing this for 30 years and he had never seen anything like this. It appears I had a brain tumor at one time, but it is now black and completely dead. He said I could have had it for many years, maybe even as a child. It could possibly be a calcium deposit, but he really didn’t think so. I believe the Lord healed me from a brain tumor by pulling the life out of it. In 2021, I had a CT Scan done and it still shows up. It’s an awesome reminder for me of what God has done.

I have not seen a miraculous healing on another person yet, but I have heard from very reliable sources that they have happened. I’m not talking about praying for healing, and the person goes through treatments and/or surgery and was eventually healed. I’m talking about a miraculous healing at the moment of prayer. I believe they do happen today and I’m hoping to be a witness to many miraculous healings to come.