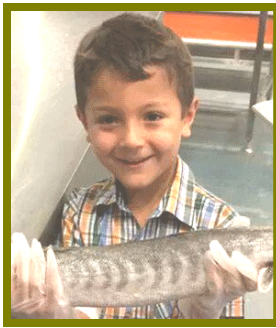


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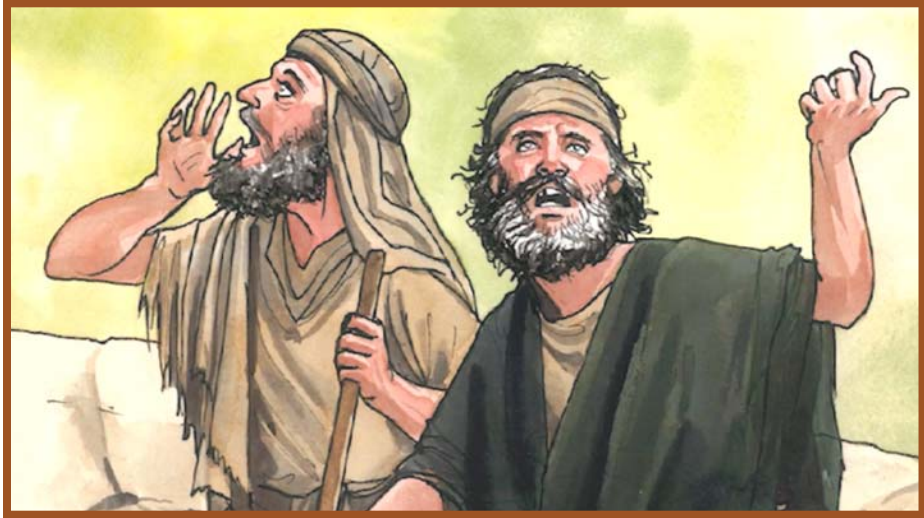
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## BARTIMAEUS, THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T GIVE UP

During the time Jesus lived on earth, people who were blind or had a serious disability had no opportunity for work. In order to make a living, they would sit along the road where people passed by so they could beg for money to buy food to eat.

Jesus and His disciples had been in Jericho. Yes, that is the same city where many, many years before, Joshua and the people had marched around the city! God had given them orders to march around Jericho once a day for 6 days and on the 7th day, the people were to march around the city walls 7 times. The priests were to blow their trumpets and shout. At that shout, God would cause the walls around Jericho to fall down flat! It happened just as God had promised, and the enemy city would belong to the Israelites. Maybe you've even sung the well known song, "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho!"

This trip to Jericho would be the last for Jesus and His helpers. From here they were headed to Jerusalem, where Jesus would be crucified on a cross for our sins and then rise from the dead on Easter morning! But today, as Jesus was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd following Him, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus was sitting by the road.

When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he began to loudly cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" When he called Jesus the Son of David (yes, the one who killed Goliath), he was saying that he believed Jesus was the Christ (Messiah) or Promised One, and Savior of the world! That was amazing since he had never met Jesus before!

Many in the crowd were sternly (without kindness) telling Bartimaeus to be quiet. They didn't think he was worthy of Jesus helping him. How sad! They didn't know the heart of Jesus at all!

Did Bartimaeus let the people stop him from calling out to Jesus? NO! He did not give up! The Bible says, " He kept crying out all the more, 'Son of David have mercy on me!' "

Jesus stopped walking and said, "Call him here." Then the people said, "Take courage, arise! He is calling for you."

Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus. This was his one chance, and he didn't waste a single second!

"What do you want Me to do for you?" asked Jesus. The blind man replied, "Rabboni (translated-my Master), I want to regain



my sight!" By saying he wanted to "regain" his sight, we know that at one time Bartimaeus had been able to see. He remembered how wonderful it was and how at that time, he was not a beggar! And now he had hope that Jesus would actually heal him!

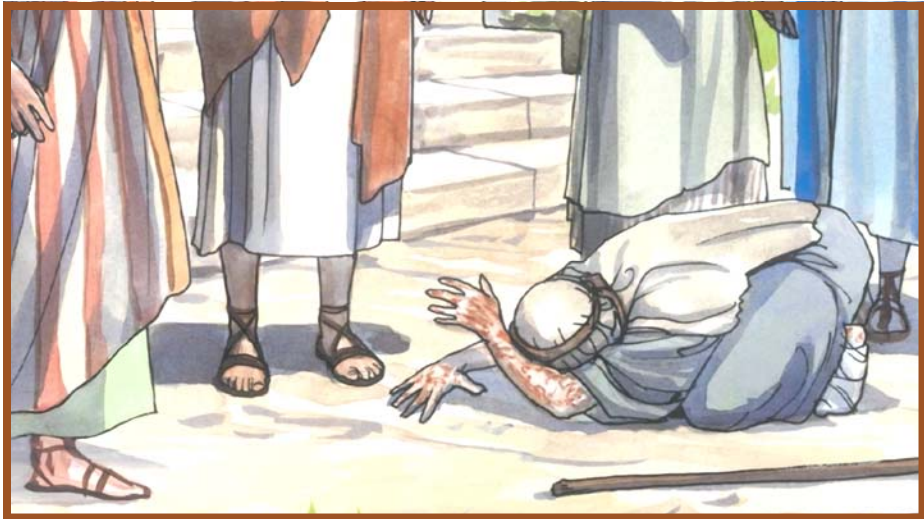
Jesus answered Bartimaeus, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." The Bible says that immediately he regained his sight and began following Jesus on the road!

#### **Notes to Parents:**

\* All quotations from the stories in this book are from The New American Standard Bible.

\* This story is found in Mark 10:46-52 and Luke 18:35-43. I used Mark's version because it gives more detail. The story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho is found in Joshua 6:1-16.

\* Some scholars think that Bartimaeus followed Jesus all the way to Jerusalem, where he would have given an offering at the Temple for his healing. Now that he was following Jesus, he may have been present for Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which happened after Jesus arrived there from Jericho. He could possibly have witnessed the crucifixion if he had stayed for the whole week, have even known about the resurrection and maybe have been part of the 120 in the Upper Room on Pentecost. We will get to know the answer to those mysteries in heaven!



## THE HEALING OF PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW AND THE LEPER'S MIRACLE

In the beginning of His ministry, Jesus would enter a town and go to the synagogue (a place of worship to God) and teach people. One day after leaving the synagogue in Capernaum, Jesus and some of His disciples entered the house of Peter and Andrew, along with James and John.

Peter's mother-in-law was lying in bed sick with a fever, so Peter and Andrew spoke to Jesus about her illness. Jesus took her by the hand and helped her stand up. Immediately, the fever left her and she was healed! She felt so good that she began serving food to Jesus and the hungry disciples!

That evening after the sun had set, people in Capernaum began bringing to Jesus people who were sick with various diseases. Mark 1:33 says, "And the whole city had gathered at the door, and He healed many."

Early the next morning, while it was still dark, Jesus went outside and found a quiet place to pray. When Peter and his friends found Jesus, they told Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

But Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else, to the towns nearby in order that I may preach there also; for that is what I came out for." Jesus wanted to share God's good news to people in more than just one town!

As He went to the towns in Galilee, Jesus met a man who was a leper. Leprosy was the most dreaded disease in Jesus' time on earth. It started out as white spots, which became runny, oozing sores that would later scab over. As the disease got worse, it would eat away at a person's fingers, toes, and even their noses or ears. There was no cure, so ultimately the person would die.

Because you could get leprosy from another person, people couldn't live with their families any more. They had to live outside the towns with other lepers. Their families would have to take food for them and leave it outside the city gate. If the leper saw another person, he would have to yell out, "Unclean! Unclean!" The person without the leprosy would get away from them as quickly as possible!

Mark 1:40-45 tells us about a leper who was bold enough to come and fall on his knees in front of Jesus. He said to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus was moved

in His heart with tenderness for this man and replied, "I am willing; be cleansed (become clean)." The man was so excited that he went out and told everyone about the amazing gift of healing that Jesus had given to him! He was really one of the first missionaries, telling others about the power of Jesus!

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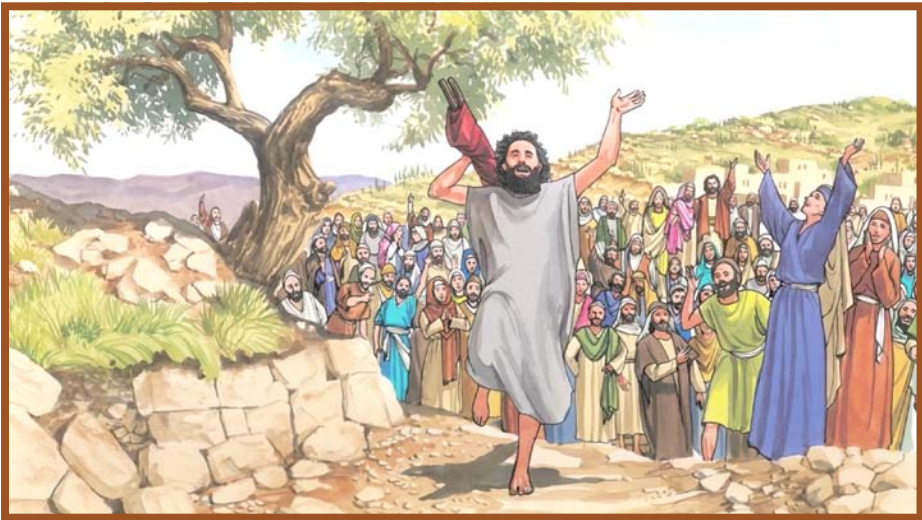
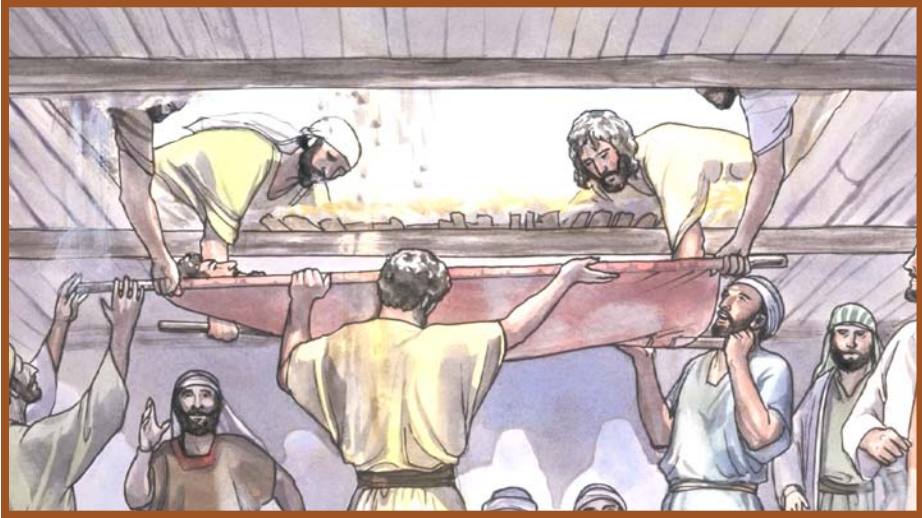
\* The story of Peter's mother-in-law is found in Mark 1:29-38. The story of the healing of the leper is found in Mark 1: 40-45 and Luke 5:12-14.

\* In Mark 1:23-28 we read the story of a man in the synagogue with a demon or unclean spirit that was cast out by Jesus. There are a number of such miracles, but I have chosen not to include these in my stories for the sake of younger children.

\* Please explain that leprosy is extremely rare today and is cured by simple medications.

**Jesus said - "I am willing; be cleansed (become clean)."**





## TWO MIRACLES IN ONE

A few days after healing the leper in our previous story, Jesus and His helpers came back to Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee. People heard He was at home, so word spread and many came to see Jesus. So many came that there was no longer any room for people to fit in the house. There was not even room near the door as He was sharing God's Word with them!

In the town, 4 friends had heard Jesus was at home, so they ran to get their friend who was paralyzed (couldn't walk). We don't know if this man had been paralyzed since birth or by an accident when he was older, but we do know he had 4 good friends who believed Jesus could make him walk!

It took a while for the men to get their friend and then carry him on his pallet through the city streets to where Jesus was teaching. Getting there, they saw the crowd spilling out of the doorway onto the street. There was absolutely no room whatsoever! Did that stop the 4 friends? Oh, no! Seeing the outside steps going up to the roof of the house, they ever so carefully carried their friend up to the roof.

As they reached the top of the stairs, the men started removing bricks from the flat, clay roof. Little pieces of dried clay must have fallen down on many of those listening to Jesus, maybe on Jesus Himself. When the 4 friends had dug a big enough opening in the roof, they gently lowered the paralyzed man's pallet right in front of Jesus. The people must have gasped in surprise!

The men were probably staring down on the scene from the hole they had dug in the roof. When Jesus saw the faith of these 4 friends, He said to the paralytic, "My son (or child), your sins are forgiven." That is the best miracle of all: **Jesus forgives sins!**

However, the Jewish leaders were furious because they said in their minds, "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" These leaders didn't believe that Jesus had the authority to forgive anyone's sins. Jesus knew what they were thinking. In order for the leaders to know that He had authority on earth to forgive sins, Jesus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."

"And he rose and immediately took up the pallet and went out in the sight of all; so they were all amazed and were glorifying



(praising) God saying, ' We have never seen anything like this.' "

Just imagine the celebration that the 4 men had with their friend now that he could walk! He received 2 miracles from Jesus: salvation and his amazing healing!

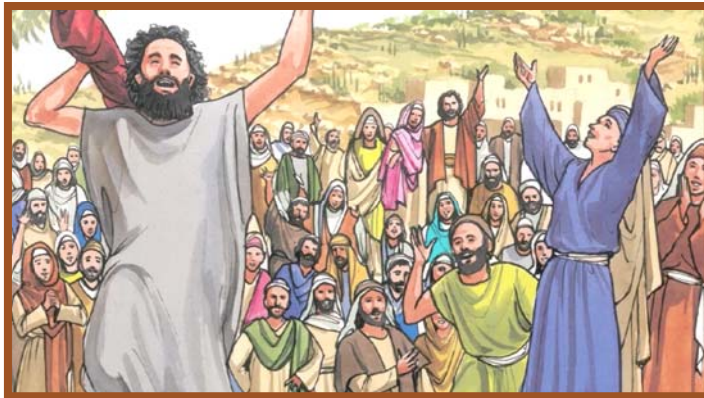
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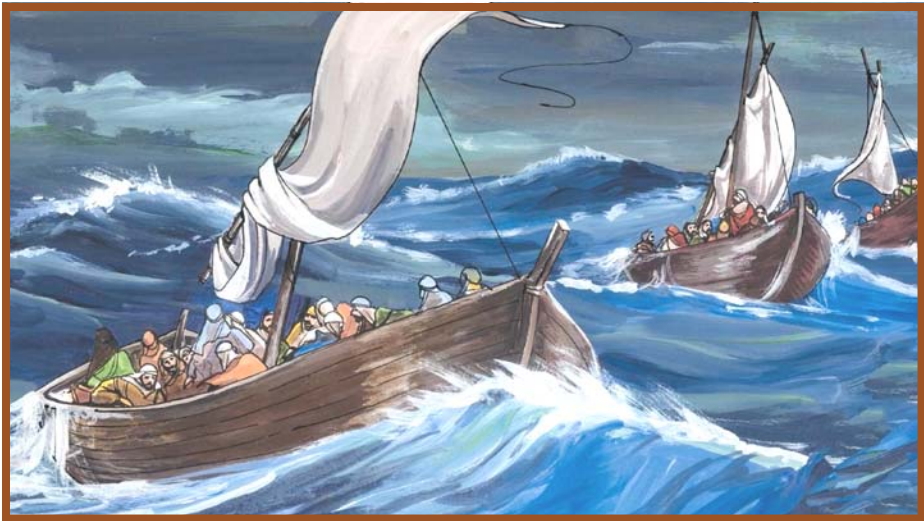
\* This story is found in Mark 2:1-13; Matt. 9: 2-8; and Luke 5:18-26.

\* A number of scholars believe this story happened in Peter's home because of the reference that Jesus was at home.

\* Most scholars believe that John Mark, who wrote the Gospel of Mark, got his information from Peter. That would explain why this miracle has so much more detail than the books of Matthew and Luke. Mark is the oldest of the 4 written Gospels.

**“Jesus forgave his sins!”**





## JESUS AND THE STORM #1

Have you ever been outside when a storm came? If so, you probably ran inside your house as soon as you saw lightning or heard thunder. Some of the disciples of Jesus were fishermen and were used to storms on the Sea of Galilee, but the storm in our story was unbelievably strong and frightened even the fishermen!

Jesus had been busy teaching a crowd of people on the day of this storm. When it was evening, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us go over to the other side (of the Sea of Galilee)."

Leaving the crowd, they entered the boat and began their journey. Jesus was so tired from speaking to the people all day, that He went to the back of the boat, got a cushion, lay down and went to sleep.

A huge storm arose that night on the Sea of Galilee. In the Gospel of Mark, he says the storm was "fierce." The waves were so high that they were coming into the boat. In fact, the boat was already filling up with water!

Remember Jesus had told the disciples before they left, "Let us go over to the other side." In saying that, Jesus was telling the disciples they would most certainly get to their destination!

However, with the howling wind and the waves crashing over the sides of the boat, the disciples forgot that promise! All they could think of was that they would drown!

They woke up Jesus and said to Him, "Save us Lord; we are perishing (dying)!" Jesus looked out at the storm and spoke to it: "Hush, be still." Immediately, the wind died down and the sea became perfectly calm! Three little words, and everything changed!

The disciples stared in utter amazement and said, "What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" Jesus made the sea, and Jesus made the wind, so of course they had to obey Him!

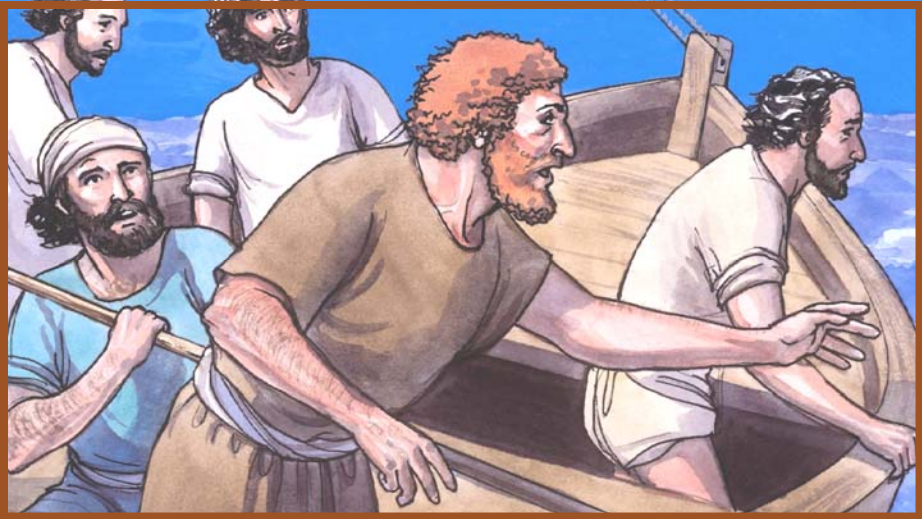
Jesus was sad that His disciples had so little faith. He had told them they were going to the other side of the sea, and Jesus always keeps a promise!

## Notes to Parents:

\* This story can be found in three of the Gospels: Matt.8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25.

\* The verses in Colossians 1:13-17, especially verse 6, are the background verses for the statement in the story: "Jesus made the sea, and Jesus made the wind, so of course they had to obey Him!" The verses state: " For by Him all things were created..." "...all things have been created by Him and for Him."





## JESUS AND THE STORM # 2

After Jesus had fed the 5,000+ people with the 5 loaves and 2 fish, He made His disciples get into the boat to go ahead to the other side toward Capernaum.

When He had told the crowd good bye, Jesus went up the mountain by Himself to pray.

It had already become dark, and as the men were trying to row, a strong wind had come up, and the waves were getting much higher. The men had rowed 3 or 4 miles, and it became increasingly difficult trying to get the boat to move forward. It was between 3a.m. and 6a.m., and they still had several miles to go before they reached the shore.

All of a sudden as the disciples looked up, they saw Jesus walking toward them on the water! They cried out in fear! Matthew 14:27 says, "But immediately, Jesus spoke to them saying, 'Take courage; it is I; do not be afraid.' "

Peter answered Him and said, "Lord if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Would you have wanted to walk on the water like Peter asked to do?

Jesus said just one word: "Come!"

Peter had to be excited that Jesus had given him permission to do something that amazing! He climbed out of the boat and walked on the water as he came toward Jesus.



"But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out saying, 'Lord, save me!' " Those were almost the same words the disciples used in the story of the first storm at sea when the water was coming over the side of the boat, and they were afraid of drowning. Then they had said, "Save us Lord," and this time Peter was again afraid of drowning and wanted Jesus to rescue him!

The Bible says that immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of Peter. Jesus said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Peter had a lot to learn. He should have remembered the trip in the boat when the wind and the waves had obeyed Jesus. He



should have remembered earlier in the day Jesus had fed the 5,000+ with 5 loaves and 2 fish and had 12 full baskets left over. He should have remembered Jesus raising the little girl from the dead, His healing of the paralyzed man brought by the 4 friends, and all the other miracles he had seen Jesus do. Yes, Peter had a whole lot more to learn!

As Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind stopped and the disciples were astonished! After they climbed in the boat, there was one more miracle! In John 6:21b it says, "...and **immediately** the boat was at the land to which they were going."

Jesus is the King over wind, waves, and all of nature, over time and space, over sickness and disabilities, and over life and death! Revelation 19:1b is only one verse that shows how we are to praise our great King: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God!"

#### **Notes to Parents:**

\* This story is found in Matt. 14:22-34; Mark 6:47-61 and John 6:16-24. I used all 3 Gospels in writing the story.

\* This would be a good story to talk about trusting Jesus when we are afraid. A good verse to memorize is Ps. 56:3, "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee."



## THREE FISH MIRACLES - PART 1

Have you ever been fishing? If you have, then you probably used a pole, with a hook that had some bait at the end of it. That's how many people fish, but in Jesus' day it was different. Most fishing was done with nets, especially if the men were catching fish to sell.

One day while Jesus was teaching the Word of God to a large crowd by the Sea of Galilee, he saw 2 boats lying at the edge of the lake. The fishermen had gotten out of the boats because they were on shore, washing their nets.

Jesus got into one of the boats, which happened to belong to Simon, who Jesus called Peter. The crowd was pressing around Jesus, and so he asked Peter to push the boat a little way from the land. Jesus began teaching the people from the boat!

When He finished speaking, Jesus told Peter to go out into the deep water and let down the nets for a catch of fish. Simon Peter answered Jesus, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your word I will let down the nets."

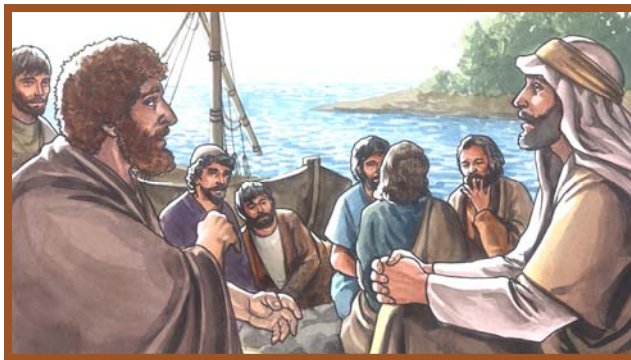
When Peter and his brother Andrew had done this, the Bible says they caught so many fish that their nets began to break.

The two men signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. The men filled both boats with so many fish that the boats began to sink!

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' feet. "For amazement had seized him and all his companions (friends) because of the catch of fish which they had taken; so also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon (Peter)."

"And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.' " When they had brought their boats to land, all 4 men left everything, followed Jesus, and became His disciples.

Maybe you've sung the song, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men," which is based on this story. Jesus was telling His disciples that they would now be helping to bring people into God's Kingdom, just as they had been bringing in fish from the sea!



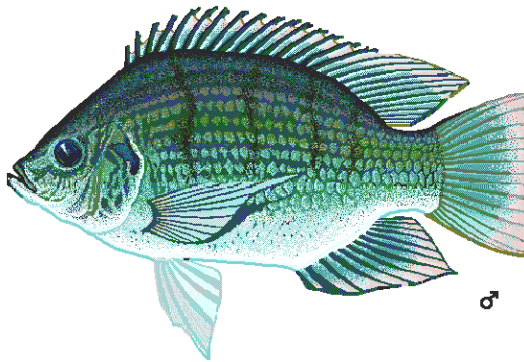
## Part 2

The next fish story took place in Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, close to where our first story took place. Those men who collected the temple tax came to Peter and asked if Jesus paid the "two-drachma" tax. Peter answered, "Yes."

When Peter entered the house, Jesus told him to go to the sea and throw in a hook and "take the first fish that comes up; and when you open it's mouth, you will find a shekel (worth 4 drachmas). Take that and give it to them for you and Me."

A fish with a coin in its mouth! It was worth exactly the amount to pay the tax for Jesus and Peter! And, it was the first fish that Peter caught, just as Jesus had said!

**"Galilee St. Peter's fish"**



## Part 3

This last fish story happened after Jesus had died on the cross for our sins and had risen from the dead. Jesus had His new, perfect body, and He lived on earth 40 days before He went up into heaven on a cloud. In those 40 days, He appeared to more than 500 people!

Our story happened during those 40 days. Peter, James, John and 4 other disciples had decided to go fishing. They got into the boat and went out into the Sea of Galilee and caught nothing that night. ZERO fish! That had to be discouraging!

When the sun was just beginning to come up, Jesus stood on the beach. He called out to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" Jesus already knew the answer to that question, even though He was far away from where the men were. They answered Jesus, "No!" At that point they didn't know it was Jesus because He was about 100 yards from them.

"Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you **will** find a catch." As the men threw the net into the water, there was amazement on their faces! So many fish swam into their net that the disciples were not able to haul them in!

Then John knew this was a miracle and told Peter as they looked toward the shore, "It is the Lord!" Peter was so excited that he jumped in the water to get to Jesus faster, while the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish.

"And so, when they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid, and fish placed on it and bread."

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught."

"Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land full of **large** fish, 153; and although there were so many, the net was not torn."

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Can you imagine Jesus cooking breakfast for you? What a wonderful time they must have had sitting on the beach eating their "miracle" fish!



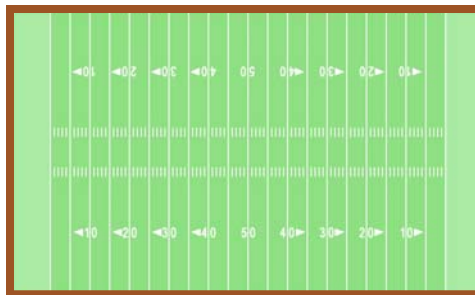
## Notes to Parents:

\* These stories are found in Luke 5:1-11; Matt. 17: 24-27; and John 21:1-19.

\* Two drachmas would equal the money someone would earn for working for 2 days during the time of Jesus.

\* Children may be able to picture that the 100 yards in the third story is the length of a football field.

### Football field - 100 yards



\*The 4th miracle with fish is the feeding of the 5,000 in Mark 6: 35-41 and the 5th miracle with fish is the feeding of the 4,000 recorded in Mark 8:5-9.



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**Denarius coin - Augustus Caesar 27 BC—14 AD**



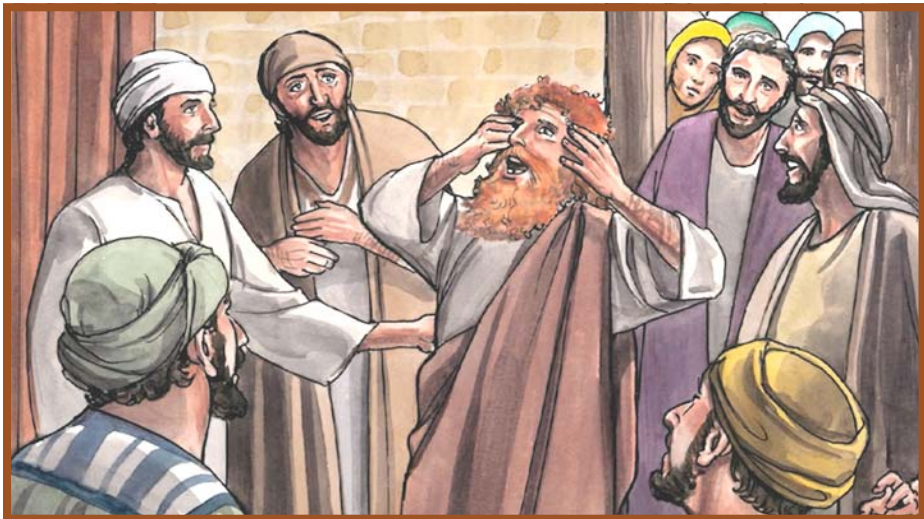
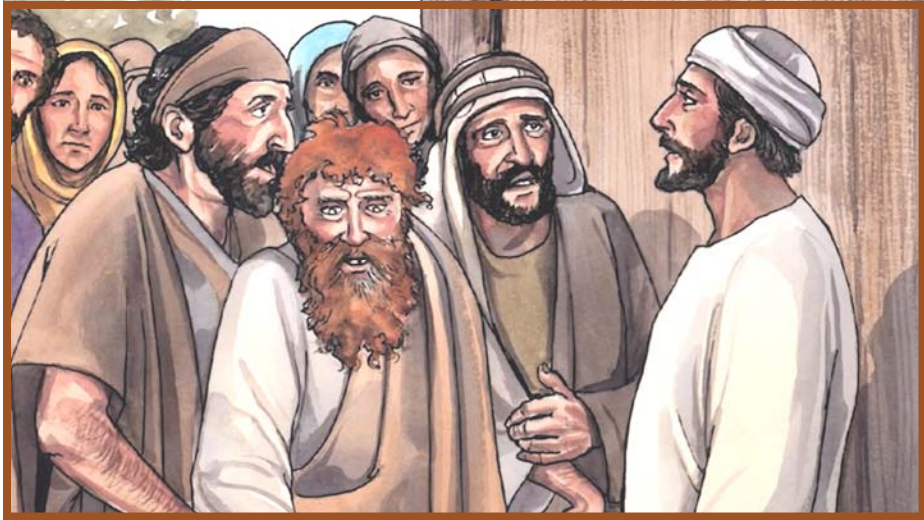
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Denarius - Tribute Penny**



Jesus talked about the denarius when they asked him about paying taxes to the Romans. Mark 12:16-17 says:  
"...And He said to them, Whose image and inscription is this? And they said to Him, Caesar's. And Jesus said to them, **"Pay to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."**

**"BC" - means "before Christ".**

**"AD" - stands for anno domini - "In the year of our Lord" and is referring to the birth of Jesus Christ.**



## JESUS HEALS A DEAF MAN

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born on earth, God gave a prophet named Isaiah true words about Jesus, who would be born approximately 700 years later! These beautiful words telling of Jesus are in Isaiah 35:5-6: "And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unstop the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will shout and sing!"

Isaiah wrote about the healing ministry of Jesus that we have been reading about in our stories. We have already read about Jesus healing a blind man and a lame or paralyzed man. In this last story, we are going to read about a man that family or friends brought to Jesus, hoping He would make the man hear and speak clearly.

Jesus and His disciples had been traveling to many cities to tell people about God's Kingdom, and they had been to the far away cities of Tyre and Sidon, where Jesus had preached and healed many who were sick. They were on their way back to the area of the Sea of Galilee, when some people found Jesus and brought Him a man who needed His help.

The man was deaf, and he spoke with great difficulty. When a person cannot hear, they don't know how to form sounds with their lips and tongue. They try, but it comes out sounding strange, and it's hard for other people to understand their speech.

The man's friends or family members begged Jesus to lay His hand on the deaf man so that he would be healed. Jesus took the man aside from the crowd so they could be alone for a few minutes.

Jesus put His fingers into both of the man's ears. What He did next would have been very unusual to us. Jesus spit into His hand, and then He touched the man's tongue with the saliva!

He looked up to heaven and said, "Ephphatha!" That means, "Be opened!" Jesus was commanding that the deaf man's ears be opened up so that he could hear! Of course the deaf ears had to obey Jesus; the man's ears were opened and he could hear!

At the same time, the man's tongue was able to speak clearly! Jesus had really given him 2 miracles! He could now hear everyone speaking, birds singing, children laughing, and all the other sounds we love. And, he could speak clearly and have everyone understand what he was saying to them!

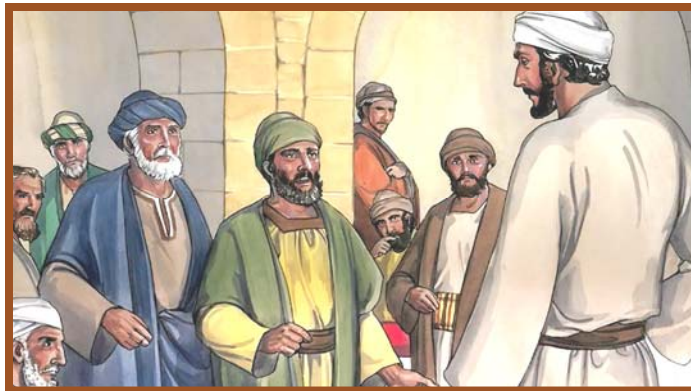
The man and his companions were like missionaries and told everyone they met that it was Jesus who had performed these 2 marvelous miracles! They said that Jesus had done all things well and shared that He could make deaf people hear and heal the speech of those who could not speak clearly.

The man who had been healed must have been thrilled to use his beautiful new voice to proudly tell people about God's Son!

### **Notes to Parents:**

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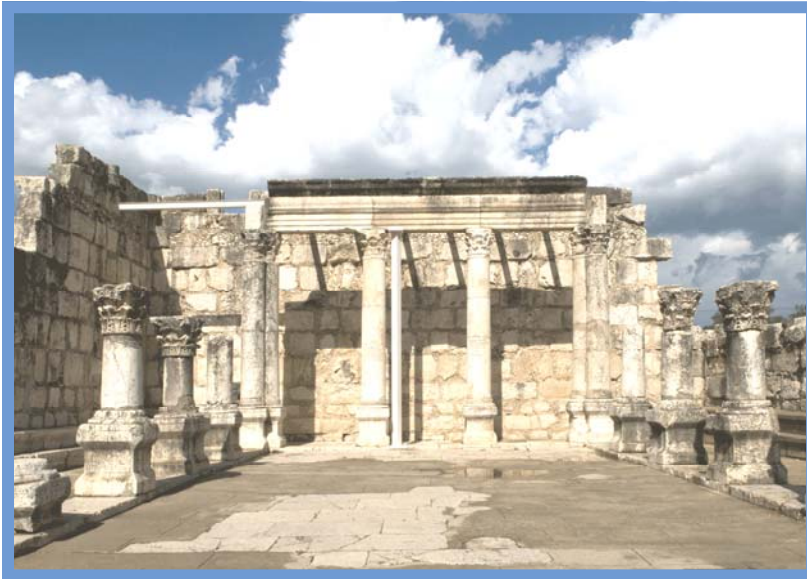
\* The prophecy of Isaiah 35: 5-6 was fulfilled numerous times in the 3 years of Jesus' earthly ministry. I used the New Living Translation for these verses.



**CAPERNAUM RUINS -  
(aerial view)**



**RUINS OF SYNAGOGUE AT CAPERNAUM - TOWN OF JESUS**



## A TRIP TO CAPERNAUM FOR PARENTS

Capernaum was a well-known town in Jesus' time, which had a population of approximately 1,500 people. It is estimated that Jesus spent well over 50% of His time in this area. Capernaum was on a main trade route (The Via Maris), which ran from Africa to Asia, and the city was 20 miles from Nazareth, where Jesus grew up. The area is still a pathway for many kinds of migratory birds from Asia to Africa.

### Capernaum in the Bible:

\* Matt. 4:13-16 "and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in **Capernaum**." These verses fulfill prophecies of Isa: 9:1 -2 and Isa. 60: 1-3.

\* Mark 1:16-22 Jesus goes by the Sea of Galilee, chooses 4 disciples (Peter and Andrew and then James and John.) "And they went into **Capernaum** and He taught in the synagogue."

\* Mark 1:23-28 Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit in the synagogue in **Capernaum**. The next 4 passages of Scripture take place there.

\* Mark 1:29 "And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the **house of Simon Peter and Andrew**, with James and John."

\* Mark 1:30-31 Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law.

\* Mark 1:32-34 Jesus heals many with various diseases and cast out many demons. The whole city had gathered at the door.

\* Mark 2:2-12 While there, the 4 friends brought Jesus the paralytic and lowered him through the roof.

\* Mark 3:20 "And He came **home** (to **Capernaum**), and the multitude gathered again to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal."

\* Matt. 8:5-10 tells the story of healing the centurion's servant in **Capernaum**.

\* Mark 9: 33 They came into the house at **Capernaum**. Jesus questioned what the disciples had been discussing on the road, and it was about who was the greatest among them.



- \* John 2:12 After the first miracle of Jesus turning the water into wine, "He went down to **Capernaum...**"
- \* John 4: 46-54 A Roman royal official came to see Jesus in Cana because his son was dying in **Capernaum.**
- \* John 6:17 Jesus fed the 5,000 and then "after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to **Capernaum.**"
- \* John 6: 59 "These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in **Capernaum.**"
- \* Matt. 1:23 Sadly, Jesus cursed **Capernaum** for the unbelief of its people.

## SEA OF GALILEE



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3. Pray like this:

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and come into my life.

Thank you Jesus, for saving me."

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth,  
and the life; no one comes to the Father,  
but through me. John 14:6 NASB

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