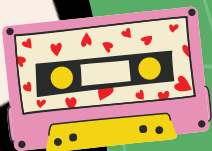
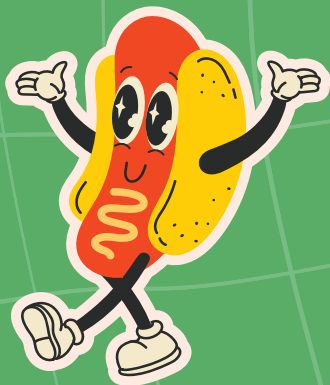




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The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The paper then moves on to discuss the challenges of conducting research in diverse cultural settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local researchers and the development of culturally appropriate research instruments. The final part of the paper discusses the importance of ethical considerations in cross-cultural research. It emphasizes the need for researchers to obtain informed consent from participants and to ensure that their research does not cause harm or exploitation.

# Overview:



In this series, we will embark on a captivating journey through the miracles that Christ performed throughout his ministry on earth. We want students to understand his extraordinary acts and uncover profound truths, revealing His unwavering faithfulness. These miracles go beyond physical healing, felt needs, awe, and wonder. We aim to see some great truth that can challenge our faith and what we can learn from these miracles. We want students to discover the often-overlooked little perspectives hidden within these miracles, inviting us to embrace trust, obedience, faithfulness, hope, and servitude.

# WEEK one

## Authority of Christ (Fig Tree: Matthew 21:18-22)

We must understand the faith and the authority that comes through belief in Jesus. This miracle shows us how Jesus when cursing the fig tree, had complete faith and authority to command the fig. The same authority Christ speaks with is the hope we want students to live with, knowing who Christ is, what his word says, and speaking the authority of Christ's word.



# Discussion Qs:

## Week 1:

1. Reflect on a time when you witnessed or experienced the authority of Christ in your life or in the lives of others. How did that experience shape your understanding of who Jesus is and the power of His word?
2. Read Matthew 21:18-22, the passage about Jesus cursing the fig tree. What does this miracle reveal about the authority of Christ? How does it demonstrate His power and the faith required to speak with authority?
3. Discuss the significance of having faith and belief in Jesus. How does our faith in Christ empower us to speak and live with authority? Share examples of how faith in Jesus has transformed your perspective, decisions, or actions.
4. In what areas of your life do you need to exercise the authority of Christ's word? How can you grow in your understanding of His word and confidently speak it into those areas? Share practical ways you can strengthen your faith and align your life with the authority of Christ.
5. How can we encourage one another in our youth group to live with the authority of Christ's word? How can we support each other in growing our faith, understanding Scripture, and stepping out in confidence to speak and act with the authority that comes from belief in Jesus?



# WEEK two

## What you Got (John 6:1-14)

Jesus performed an extraordinary miracle by feeding 5,000 people using only a few fishes and loaves of bread. Through His blessing, everyone was satisfied, and an abundance of food was left over. This incredible event highlights the significance of the little boy who offered what he had. It serves as a reminder that we often disqualify ourselves from God's work because we underestimate the value of what we possess. The message of hope in this miracle is for students to understand that God can take whatever they have, whether it's their story, influence, or perspective, and use it to impact numerous lives. All it requires is trust in Him and the willingness to offer what we have, knowing that it is enough in His hands.



# Discussion Qs:

## Week 2:

1. Reflect on a time when you felt like what you had to offer was insignificant or not enough. How does the story of the little boy in Matthew 14:13-21 challenge your perspective on the value of what you possess? Share any personal experiences or observations related to this.
2. Discuss the significance of the little boy's willingness to offer what he had to Jesus. What can we learn from his example of trust and generosity? How can we apply this lesson in our own lives by offering what we have to God for His use?
3. Explore the concept of God's multiplication and abundance in this miracle. How does this story challenge our limited perspective on what is possible when we trust God with what we have? Share examples of how you have witnessed God multiply and use your small contributions for His greater purposes.
4. Reflect on your own unique gifts, talents, or resources. How can you offer them to God and allow Him to use them to impact the lives of others? Share ideas or actions you can take to step out in faith and offer what you have to God's work.
5. Discuss the importance of trust in God's provision and His ability to use what we offer for His purposes. How can we cultivate trust in God and overcome any doubts or insecurities about the value of what we have to offer? Share practical steps to deepen our trust in God's faithfulness.



# WEEK three

**Life and Hope (Luke 7:11-17)** 

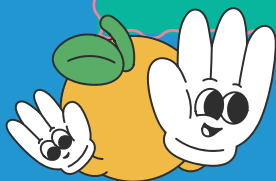
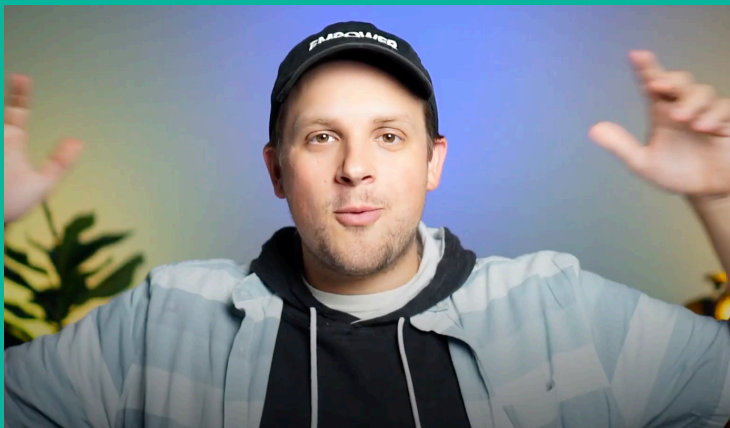
This powerful miracle vividly demonstrates Jesus' authority over death and His compassion for those in need. It serves as a prominent reminder of His ability to restore life and instill hope in the midst of deep grief. Through the perspective of this miracle, we witness a grieving widow walking alongside her deceased daughter's coffin, engulfed in despair and heartbreak. Yet, in this darkest hour, Jesus touches the coffin, miraculously bringing the young girl back to life.

This miraculous encounter holds a powerful message for all of us. Many of us grieve over things in life that we place our hope and identity in, only to discover that they are not everlasting. While these things may cause scars and pain, we are filled with renewed hope and expectation when Jesus enters our path and touches our lives. We can find hope in Him, knowing He can breathe life into what was once dead. Moreover, as we believe in and trust Him, we can expect Him to tenderly wipe away the tears and heal the pains we experience in this life, ultimately leading us to everlasting existence.

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**Life and Hope (Luke 7:11-17)** 

This miracle serves as a prominent reminder that no matter how dark our circumstances may seem when Jesus steps into our lives, He brings forth life, hope, and restoration. It encourages us to place our trust in Him and eagerly anticipate the day when we will experience the fullness of everlasting joy in His presence, where all sorrows will be wiped away.



# Discussion Qs:

## Week 3:

1. Share a time when you felt overwhelmed by grief or despair, similar to the widow in the story. How did this experience impact your perspective on hope and the power of Jesus to bring life and restoration? How did Jesus meet you in that situation?
2. Reflect on the things in life that you may have placed your hope and identity in, only to find that they were not everlasting. How can the story of the widow's daughter being brought back to life remind us of the need to place our ultimate hope in Jesus? How can we shift our focus from temporary things to the eternal hope found in Him?
3. Discuss the significance of Jesus touching the coffin in this miracle. What does it reveal about His compassion and power to bring life to dead situations? How can we invite Jesus to touch areas of our lives that may feel lifeless or filled with despair?
4. Reflect on the phrase "Jesus brings forth life, hope, and restoration" in the context of your own life. Share a personal testimony or example where you have experienced Jesus bringing life and hope into a seemingly hopeless situation. How did this experience deepen your trust and faith in Him?
5. How can we practically hold on to the hope and expectation that Jesus brings as we navigate the challenges and sorrows of life? Share strategies or practices that help you remain anchored in the hope of Christ, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.



# WEEK four

**Touch the Hem (Luke 8:43-48)** 

This miracle exemplifies the beauty of faith and living with an expectant faith. In this story, a woman with a skin disease recognizes her dire condition and acknowledges that, due to her illness and the massive crowd, she cannot approach Jesus directly. However, she firmly believes that if she can simply touch the hem of His garment, she will be healed. This narrative reveals a common tendency in our lives: we often seek unwavering certainty before trusting God. We say, "I'll act when everything is crystal clear." Yet, the beauty lies in this woman's story, for she doesn't require Jesus' direct attention or personalized recognition. She has unwavering faith that a mere touch of His garment will heal her.

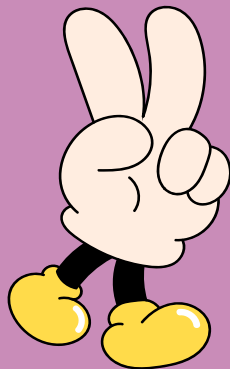
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## Touch the Hem (Luke 8:43-48)



This story prompts us to reflect on the nature of our faith in what Christ can do. Do we approach Him with earnest expectations, firmly believing that being in His presence, being near Him, will bring fulfillment and restoration regardless of the circumstances? There is immense power in hungering for a genuine encounter with God and walking by faith. Our message to students is rooted in the importance of having faith that Christ sees us, understands our needs, and knows our hearts. The question is, do we trust that even touching the hem of His garment is enough to fulfill and heal all our needs in accordance with His glorious plan?

In summary, this miracle serves as a powerful reminder of the beauty and significance of living with unwavering faith and expectancy. It encourages us to trust that Christ is aware of our deepest needs and desires. We must approach Him with anticipation, knowing that even the slightest touch or connection with Him can bring about remarkable transformation and restoration.




# Discussion Qs:

## Week 4:

1. Reflect on a time when you approached God with unwavering faith and expectancy, believing that even the smallest touch or connection with Him would bring about transformation. How did this experience impact your perspective on the power and presence of God in your life?
2. Discuss the significance of the woman's faith in this story. How does her example challenge our tendency to seek unwavering certainty before trusting God? How can we cultivate a similar level of faith and expectation in our own lives?
3. Reflect on the phrase "even touching the hem of His garment is enough" in relation to your own experiences with God. Share a personal testimony or example where a small encounter or connection with God brought about remarkable transformation or healing. How did this experience deepen your trust in Him?
4. Explore the concept of living with expectant faith. How can we cultivate a mindset of anticipation, firmly believing that being in God's presence and drawing near to Him will bring fulfillment and restoration regardless of the circumstances? Share practical ways to nurture this type of faith in our daily lives.
5. Discuss the idea that Christ sees us, understands our needs, and knows our hearts, even when we may feel unseen or overlooked. How does this truth impact our trust in Him and our approach to Him in prayer? How can we deepen our understanding of God's love and attentiveness to our needs?


# WEEK five

**Still the water (Mark 4:35-41)** 

The storms of life can overwhelm us, causing fear and uncertainty as we navigate uncharted territories in our walk with Christ. This particular miracle holds deep significance for several reasons. The disciples, who had witnessed Jesus performing incredible miracles, find themselves on a boat with Jesus during a storm. In their fear, they question whether Jesus cares about their impending danger. Similarly, when storms arise in our lives, we often look to Christ and wonder if He truly cares about our struggles.

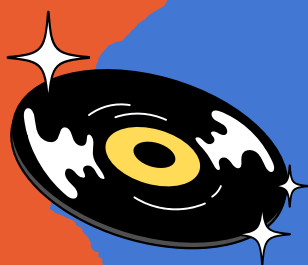


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**Still the water (Mark 4:35-41)** 

What I find remarkable is Jesus' response. He rises from His position and commands the storm to cease, demonstrating His ultimate control over all circumstances. He reveals that He is fully aware of the storms we face and has complete authority over them. We often lose sight of this truth, allowing the storm to distract us while Jesus gently reminds us that He is present with us in the boat. He encourages us not to be consumed by fear but to have faith and find peace, knowing He is by our side.

In this message, our intention is to provide encouragement to all students. We want them to understand that they can experience peace during any life circumstance because Christ profoundly cares for them and ultimately controls all things. We are called to trust Him wholeheartedly and receive the peace He freely offers.



# Discussion Qs:

## Week 5:

1. What storms have you faced in your life? What were the circumstances of the storm? How did you feel during the storm? What did you do to cope with the storm? What did you learn from the storm?
2. What did the disciples do when they were caught in the storm? What did Jesus do? What did the disciples say and do when they were afraid? What did Jesus do when he saw the disciples were afraid? What does this tell us about Jesus' character? What does this tell us about how Jesus wants us to respond to fear?
3. What does it mean to have faith in Jesus during a storm? What does it mean to trust Jesus when things are going wrong? What does it mean to believe that Jesus is in control, even when things seem out of control? What are some ways that we can show our faith in Jesus during a storm?
4. What does it mean to trust Jesus to calm the storms in your life? What does it mean to rely on Jesus to help us through difficult times? What does it mean to believe that Jesus will see us through the storm? What are some ways that we can trust Jesus to calm the storms in our lives?
5. How can you experience peace in the midst of a storm? What does it mean to find peace in the midst of chaos? How can we focus on Jesus and his peace, even when things are going wrong? What are some practical ways that we can experience peace in the midst of a storm?

# WEEK six



**First and Last (Matthew 1:18-25, John 20:1-18)**

This last and final week, we will explore two incredible miracles: the birth of Jesus and His ascension to heaven. The first miracle highlights the significance and meaning of His arrival on Earth, while the last miracle, His ascension, holds tremendous implications for us today. Jesus fulfilled the Father's purpose through this final miracle, conquered death, and became the only pathway to true salvation.

This remarkable miracle is the ultimate game-changer for every person in the world. It releases the curse and breaks the separation from God. Because of what Christ has accomplished, we now have the opportunity to restore our relationship with Him. We are forgiven, redeemed, set free, and filled with love and a desire to obey Him.

Throughout this week, we aim for students to grasp the profound significance of these miracles. We hope that those who have not yet experienced salvation will come to a personal understanding of the transformative power of what Jesus has done for them. His ultimate sacrifice opens the door for us to enter into a life-giving relationship with Him.



# Discussion Qs:

## Week 6:

1. Reflect on the birth of Jesus as a miracle that changed the course of history. How does His arrival on Earth impact your understanding of God's love and plan for salvation? Share any personal insights or experiences related to the significance of Jesus' birth.
2. Explore the implications of Jesus' ascension for our lives today. How does His conquering of death and becoming the only pathway to true salvation impact your perspective on the hope and freedom we have in Him? Share how this truth influences your daily walk with Christ.
3. Discuss the transformative power of Jesus' sacrifice and its impact on our relationship with Him. How does His forgiveness, redemption, and freedom change our lives? Share personal testimonies or examples of how experiencing God's love and forgiveness has transformed your own journey of faith.
4. Reflect on the phrase "we now have the opportunity to restore our relationship with Him." How does this truth shape your understanding of the invitation to enter into a life-giving relationship with Jesus? How can we actively respond to this invitation and cultivate a deeper connection with Him?
5. Share about the importance of personal understanding and experiencing the transformative power of Jesus in salvation. How can we help others, especially those who have not yet experienced salvation, grasp the significance of Jesus' sacrifice and the opportunity for a life-giving relationship with Him? Share practical ways to share the message of salvation and invite others into a personal understanding of Jesus' love and grace.

# ***Bonus Material:***

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Week2: What you Got (John 6:1-14).

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Week 4: Touch the Hem (Luke 8:43-48)

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Week 6: Week 6: First and Last (Matthew 1:18-25, John 20:1-18)

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Did you know a fig tree could mean this much?

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