*A spiritual guide to discovering the power, mercy, and love of Christ*

The miracles of Jesus are not merely astonishing stories from the past. They are **living signs of God's love**, manifestations of His power and profound teachings about faith, trust, and mercy.

In the Gospels we find many miracles, but some have a special pedagogical strength for children. Not only because they are easy to understand, but because **they reveal fundamental truths of the Christian faith**.

For the Church, miracles are not magic or spectacle. They are **"signs"** that reveal who Jesus truly is. As the Gospel says:

> *"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." (Jn 20:31)*

That is why it is so important for children to know them. In these miracles they discover that Jesus:

- has power over nature
- loves the poor and the sick
- forgives sins
- conquers even death

And above all, that **Jesus is still acting today**.

Let us look at ten essential miracles that every Christian child should know.

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# 1. Jesus Turns Water into Wine

## The first miracle: God blesses human joy

This miracle takes place at the wedding at Cana.

During the celebration the wine runs out, which in that culture would have been a great embarrassment for the hosts. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, notices the problem and asks her Son for help.

Jesus orders the servants to fill some jars with water… and that water becomes excellent wine.

> *"Jesus did this, the first of His signs, in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory."*
> *(Jn 2:11)*

### Lesson for children

This miracle shows several profound truths:

**1. Jesus loves human joy**
God is not against happiness. On the contrary, He wants our lives to be filled with true joy.

**2. Mary intercedes for us**
It was the Virgin Mary who brought the problem to Jesus. This teaches children to turn to the Mother of God.

**3. Jesus transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary**

### Application for today

A child can learn something very simple:

When things seem to go wrong, **Jesus can transform them into something good**.

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# 2. The Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fish

## When we share, God multiplies

A large crowd follows Jesus into the desert. Everyone becomes hungry.

There are only five loaves and two fish.

Jesus takes them, gives thanks to God, and begins to distribute them.

Then the miracle happens:

Thousands of people eat… and twelve baskets are left over.

> *“They all ate and were satisfied.”*
> *(Mt 14:20)*

### Lesson for children

This miracle teaches three great truths:

**1. God cares about our needs**

Jesus does not only teach. He also cares about people’s hunger.

**2. A small gesture can change a lot**

Everything began with the small offering of a child.

**3. This miracle foreshadows the Eucharist**

The Fathers of the Church saw here an image of the Mass:
Jesus feeds the world with the **Bread of Life**.

### Practical application

Children can learn:

- to share
- to be generous
- to trust that God multiplies goodness

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# 3. Jesus Calms the Storm

## God’s power over fear

The disciples are in a boat in the middle of the lake. A great storm arises.

The waves strike the boat.

Jesus is asleep.

Desperate, the disciples wake Him:

> *“Lord, save us! We are perishing!”*
> *(Mt 8:25)*

Jesus rises, commands the wind to be still… and everything becomes calm.

### Lesson for children

This miracle is very important for the spiritual life.

It teaches us that:

- Jesus is with us even when He seems asleep
- God is stronger than any problem
- fear disappears when we trust in Him

### Practical application

Children also experience storms:

- fear of the dark
- problems at school
- sadness or insecurity

This miracle teaches them something essential:

**Jesus is always in the boat of our life.**

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# 4. Jesus Walks on Water

## Faith allows us to walk toward God

After feeding the crowd, the disciples cross the lake in a boat.

In the middle of the night they see something incredible: **Jesus walking on the water**.

Peter, full of faith, asks to go to Him.

Jesus says:

> *“Come.”*
> *(Mt 14:29)*

Peter begins to walk… but when he feels fear he begins to sink.

Jesus holds him.

### Lesson for children

This miracle teaches a great spiritual truth:

**Faith sustains us.**

As long as Peter looks at Jesus, he walks.
When he looks at fear… he sinks.

### Practical application

Children can learn to:

- trust in Jesus
- not surrender to fear
- keep their eyes fixed on God

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# 5. Jesus Heals the Paralytic

## God can heal the body… and the soul

Some friends bring a paralyzed man to Jesus. The house is full.

So they do something incredible: **they open the roof and lower him down on a stretcher**.

Jesus sees their faith and says:

> *"Son, your sins are forgiven."*
> *(Mk 2:5)*

Then He adds:

> *"Rise, take up your mat, and walk."*

The paralytic stands up in front of everyone.

### Lesson for children

This miracle reveals something profound:

**the greatest miracle is the forgiveness of sins.**

Jesus heals the soul first, then the body.

### Practical application

Here we see the importance of the **Sacrament of Confession**.

Children can learn that:

- Jesus forgives
- we can always start again
- God sees the faith of those who help us

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# 6. Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

## God listens to those who call Him

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar.

When he hears that Jesus is passing by, he begins to shout:

> *"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

Many people tell him to be quiet.

But he cries out even louder.

Jesus calls him and asks:

> *“What do you want me to do for you?”*

Bartimaeus answers:

> *“Lord, let me see again.”*

Jesus heals him.

### Lesson for children

This miracle teaches something fundamental:

**God listens to persistent prayer.**

### Practical application

Children can learn to:

- pray with confidence
- never give up
- ask Jesus for help

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# 7. Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain

## The compassionate heart of Christ

Jesus encounters a funeral procession.

A widow has just lost her only son.

The Gospel says something very beautiful:

> *“When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her.”*
> *(Lk 7:13)*

Jesus touches the bier and says:

> *“Young man, I say to you, arise.”*

The dead man comes back to life.

### Lesson for children

Jesus **feels real compassion**.

He is not a distant God.

He is a God who suffers with us.

### Practical application

Children can learn to:

- have compassion
- help those who suffer
- trust in God’s mercy

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## 8. Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

## The importance of gratitude

Ten men suffering from leprosy ask Jesus for help.

Jesus sends them to the priests, and on the way they are healed.

But something surprising happens:

only one returns to give thanks.

Jesus asks:

> *“Were not ten made clean? Where are the other nine?”*
> *(Lk 17:17)*

### Lesson for children

This miracle teaches a forgotten virtue:

**gratitude.**

### Practical application

Children can learn to say:

- thank you to God
- thank you to their parents
- thank you to those who help them

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# 9. Jesus Raises the Daughter of Jairus

## “Do not fear, only believe”

Jairus, a synagogue leader, begs Jesus to heal his sick daughter.

But along the way the news arrives:

the girl has died.

Jesus says to him:

> *“Do not fear; only believe.”*
> *(Mk 5:36)*

Jesus enters the house, takes the girl by the hand, and says:

> *“Talitha cum,” which means: “Little girl, arise.”*

The girl comes back to life.

### Lesson for children

This miracle shows:

**the power of Jesus over death.**

### Practical application

Children can learn that:

- God has the final word
- death is not the end
- faith conquers fear

# 10. Jesus Raises Lazarus

## The miracle that announces the final victory

This is one of the most astonishing miracles.

Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, has died and has been in the tomb for four days.

Jesus says something extraordinary:

> *“I am the resurrection and the life.”*
> *(Jn 11:25)*

Then He commands:

> *“Lazarus, come out!”*

And Lazarus comes out of the tomb.

### Lesson for children

This miracle reveals the central truth of Christianity:

**Jesus is Lord of life and death.**

### Practical application

Children learn that:

- eternal life is real
- Jesus conquers death
- those who believe in Him will live forever

# Why It Is Important for Children to Know the Miracles of Jesus

The miracles are part of the very heart of the Gospel.

They are not stories or legends.

The Church has always taught that they are **real signs of God's power**.

For children, these miracles help them understand that Jesus is:

- **a friend of the poor**
- **a healer of the sick**
- **Lord of nature**
- **the conqueror of death**

But above all they reveal something even deeper:

**Jesus loves every person personally.**

# How to Teach These Miracles to Children Today

In a world full of screens, noise, and distractions, the miracles of the Gospel can become **a school of faith within the family**.

Some practical ideas:

## 1. Read the Gospel together

The stories are short and very accessible.

### 2. Explain their meaning

It is not enough to tell the story; we must show what it teaches us.

### 3. Connect them to daily life

Children understand better when they see the connection with their own lives.

### 4. Pray with the miracles

For example:

- asking for faith like Peter
- giving thanks like the grateful leper
- trusting like Jairus

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## Conclusion: The Miracles Continue Today

The miracles of Jesus did not end two thousand years ago.

Christ is still acting today:

- in the sacraments
- in the Eucharist
- in conversions
- in transformed hearts

Every time someone forgives, believes, rises from sin, or helps another person… **a small miracle happens again**.

That is why teaching these miracles to children is not only about telling stories from the past.

It is helping them discover something wonderful:

**Jesus is still walking among us.**

And whoever trusts in Him, like the disciples, can experience in their own life what the Gospel

proclaims:

> *“For nothing will be impossible with God.”*
> *(Lk 1:37)*