

Wednesday 6th January 2021

L.O: To understand what a miracle is.

Theme: Jesus' Miracles

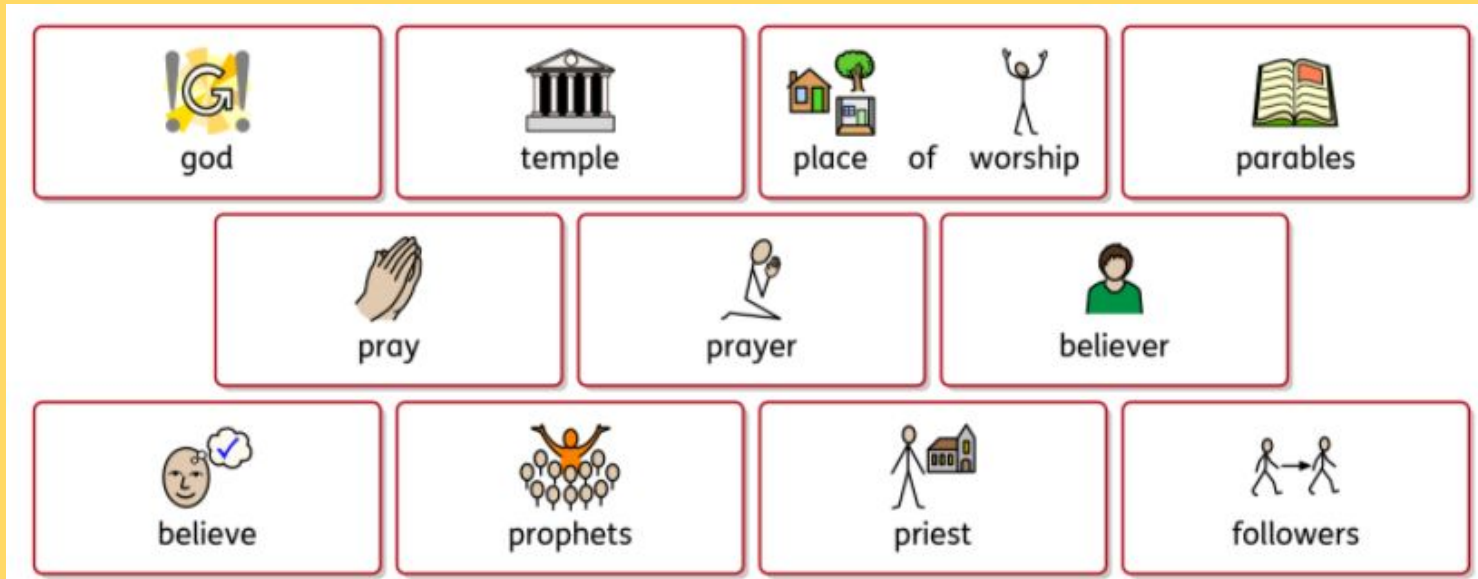
Key Question:

Could Jesus heal people?

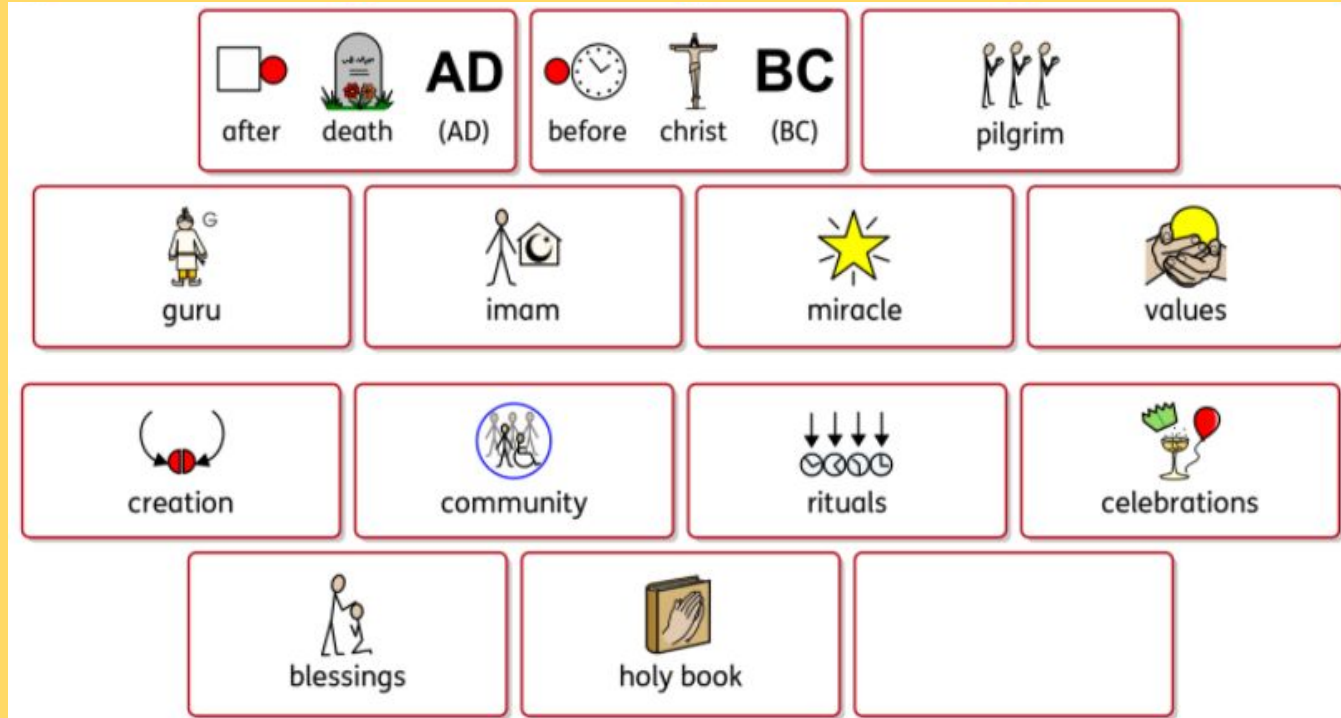
Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?

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Today we are going to be thinking about what a miracle is.

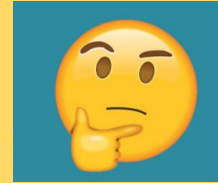
You may have heard this term before. However, there are a few different meanings this word can have, depending on the context.

We will also begin exploring the theme of miracles in christianity and what this means to christians.

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What is a miracle?

- The word miracle can have 3 meanings:
- It can mean something that fills us with wonder.
- It can mean an unlikely event.
- It can mean something scientifically impossible.



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Miracle = a sense of wonder

- **Example:**
- A person looks out of the window after winter and sees daffodils starting to grow. They say, "At last! Spring is here! It's a miracle!"
- What they mean is that it is wonderful that spring has arrived.



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Miracle = an unlikely event

- In the Second World War a pilot jumped out of an aircraft, but his parachute failed to open. He fell through the branches of a tree into very deep soft snow, and survived.

When we say that *this* was a miracle, we mean that it was an extremely unlikely thing to happen.



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Miracle = scientifically impossible

- In the book of Joshua, in the Christian Old Testament, there is a story about Joshua commanding the sun to stop in the sky. The sun stayed where it was for a full day.
- This is called a **miracle**, because it is **not scientifically possible** - it is the Bible's way of showing that God can do anything.

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TINY TASK:

Read through each scenario and decide whether it is a miracle or is not a miracle.

1. Eating carrots will help you to see in the dark.
2. A man with a serious illness visited a fountain in France. He drank some of the holy water and prayed to Mary. A few weeks later he was cured of his illness which has never returned.
3. If you break a mirror you will get seven years bad luck.
4. An elderly woman is sitting in her armchair watching the television in her living room. Suddenly she hears a noise at the back door, so she gets up to investigate. Seconds later a car crashes into the living room window, while the elderly woman is out of the room.

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In the Bible, there are many stories which portray Jesus as the incarnation and producer of miracles.

Can you remember what the term 'incarnation' means?

Use the image to help you.

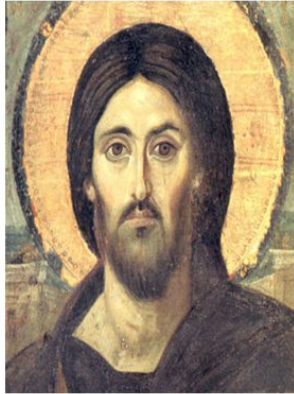


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Incarnation

Incarnation: from the Latin "*carnis*" meaning *flesh*

→ It refers to God taking on **human flesh** and becoming man in Jesus Christ.



Jesus as the incarnation of God is a miracle because there is no scientific proof that a spirit can take on a physical form.

This shows how special Jesus is to Christians; having the power of God whilst being a human and performing many miracles.

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In John Chapter 6, there is a story known as “Jesus feeds the 5000”.

TASK 1

As you watch the clip, *think then write:*

What miracles are being performed?

What messages are delivered through the story?

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Throughout the miracle Bible story of “Jesus feeds the 5000” there is a theme of sharing; Jesus sharing his knowledge and power with the people around him, the disciples sharing their ideas with Jesus of how to feed the people, the young boy sharing the bread and fish he owned etc.

TASK 2

Answer the questions below, using full sentences.

- 1) Would you share something that was special to you?
- 2) What things would you find easy to share? Why?
- 3) What things would be challenging to share with others? Why?
- 4) Write about a time you shared something with someone else, how did this make you feel?

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You have finished today's lesson, well done!

**Remember to send your work from this lesson to Mr Mitchell
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Enjoy the rest of your day!