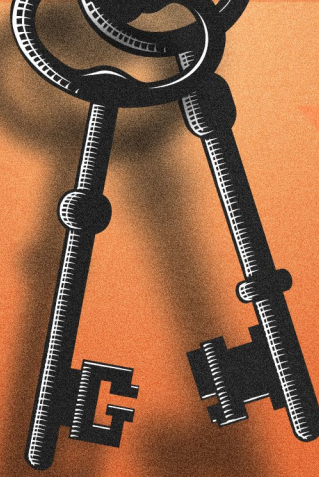




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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

ESCAPE ROOM

Your students are on a mission! They are returning to the time of Christ's ministry on earth, when people were so downtrodden they found it difficult to believe in anything, including heaven. Like most of God's unfolding story, the miracles of Jesus found in the Bible were mysterious to most everyone who witnessed them!

Students will be taken back to solve the mysteries of what happened by decoding the facts—so they can **SEE THE LIGHT** of a glorious series of unforgettable miracles!

Students will learn all the surrounding details, such as what a miracle entails, what miracles Jesus performed, and which ones Christians find most memorable.

THESE MIRACLES WERE PERFORMED DURING SOME OF THE DARKEST DAYS OF ISRAEL, when there was little hope, except for the promised Messiah's appearance

Each mystery is unique. Some puzzles are easy for younger children; others require guidance or wisdom from older counterparts. The main fun is that the codes require critical thinking to determine what secret lies behind each symbol. Each code will reveal interesting facts about faith in new beginnings. These exercises will keep your students captivated while encouraging friendly competition to crack the final code.

The fun for teachers and parents is the lack of prep. This is a **PRINT AND GO** activity requiring little else! Enjoy solving the codes with the kids without cutting, pasting, and problem-solving beforehand.

The best age range for our ESCAPE ROOMS is 8 and up. Younger students can still participate, but they may need some help.

The escape room package includes:

- Teacher Instructions
- Student Instructions
- Four Mysteries
- Four Decoders
- One Final Challenge
- Keys to the Kingdom (Prizes)
- Answer Key

The objective of our ESCAPE ROOM is to read and solve the four mysteries and complete the final challenge in the time allotted, and thereby earn a key.



TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Students can complete the escape room alone, in partners, or teams. If you have a child younger than 8, we suggest they are paired with an older teammate.
2. Print out the 4 mysteries and final challenge for each student/team to fill in (pages 7-10).
3. Print out the 4 “decoders” (pages 13-16) and either spread them out so kids can view them as needed or hang them on the walls. Make sure they are placed where several students can congregate at once if needed.
4. Tell students they have [you decide] minutes to solve the 4 mysteries by decoding the answers, answering the multiple-choice questions, and figuring out the final 4-digit code. Between 30 and 60 minutes usually works well, depending on the age and ability of students.
5. Students can solve the mysteries in ANY order. Encourage them by saying, “If you get stuck, just move on and come back to the tricky one later.”

Note: The first time students see the codes, they may find them a bit confounding. That’s okay! Let them exercise their clue-solving skills independently for a bit before you jump in to help them.

6. Students will not be able to figure out the final code without reading through each mystery.
7. After all mysteries are solved and decoded, the four-digit code is cracked, and the Final Challenge is complete, give out prizes (keys). One key (symbolic to the keys to the Kingdom) should be given to each child involved in finding the solutions.
8. If time permits, review the answers to the Final Challenge to help reinforce the material.



ESCAPE ROOM INSTRUCTIONS



SOLVE THE MYSTERIES OF THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Our Bible is filled with sound wisdom, great advice . . . and **BIG MYSTERIES THAT NEED SOLVING!**

Here is where you come in. Today we will be solving four mysteries that have to do with **the miracles Jesus performed**. These are found in the following places in the Bible:

- Matthew 5:3-12
- Matthew 5:13-48
- Matthew 6:1-34
- Matthew 7: 1-29

Your teacher may want you to read these passages before you begin. Be sure to ask!

THE 1ST MYSTERY: WHAT MIRACLES DID JESUS PERFORM AND WHY?

THE 2ND MYSTERY: DID JESUS REALLY RAISE PEOPLE FROM THE DEAD?

THE 3RD MYSTERY: HOW ARE FAITH AND MIRACLES RELATED?

THE 4TH MYSTERY: WHAT IS EVERYONE'S FAVORITE MIRACLE?

YOUR MISSION: SHED LIGHT ON THE MYSTERIES

Jesus said "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." It is our job to understand God's word so we can defend it!

THE MYSTERIES: Mysteries #1, #2, #3, and #4 will introduce you to people, places, and things in the context of the Bible. Each mystery will raise a question you need to answer.

THE DECODER: Visit the decoder for each mystery and SHED YOUR LIGHT (solve the mystery)!

THE KEY: Once you have solved ALL FOUR MYSTERIES using each one's DECODER, you must take one final step and earn the KEY. This KEY is a symbol of the KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN! In order to earn the key, you must decipher the four numbers needed on the four-digit code page.

When you have SHED LIGHT on the four MYSTERIES and obtained the four-digit KEY CODE, you will be given your symbolic KEY TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!

GO FORTH, SHEDDING LIGHT TO A WORLD FILLED WITH DARKNESS, OBTAINING KEYS TO THE KINGDOM!

MIRACLES OF JESUS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Miracle	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1 Jesus Turns Water to Wine at Wedding / Cana				2:1-11
2 Jesus Heals an Official's Son / Capernaum in Galilee				4:43-54
3 Jesus Drives Out Evil Spirit from a Man / Capernaum		1:21-27	4:31-36	
4 Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law's Fever	8:14-15	1:29-31	4:38-39	
5 Jesus Heals Many Sick and Oppressed in Evening	8:16-17	1:32-34	4:40-41	
6 First Miraculous Catch of Fish / Lake of Gennesaret			5:1-11	
7 Jesus Cleanses Man with Leprosy	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-14	
8 Jesus Heals a Centurion's Paralyzed Servant / Capernaum	8:5-13		7:1-10	
9 Jesus Heals a Paralytic, Let Down Through Roof	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
10 Jesus Heals Man's Withered Hand on the Sabbath	12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11	
11 Jesus Raises a Widow's Boy from Dead / Nain			7:11-17	
12 Jesus Calms the Storm	8:23-27	4:35-41	8:22-25	
13 Jesus Casts Legion of Demons into Pig Herd	8:28-33	5:1-20	8:26-39	
14 Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd, Issue of Blood	9:20-22	5:25-34	8:42-48	
15 Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter from Dead	9:18-26	5:21-43	8:40-56	
16 Jesus Heals Two Blind Men	9:27-31			
17 Jesus Heals Man Who Was Mute	9:32-34			
18 Jesus Heals an Invalid / Bethesda				5:1-15
19 Jesus Feeds 5,000 Men, Plus Women & Children	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17	6:1-15
20 Jesus Walks on Water	14:22-33	6:45-52		6:16-21
21 Jesus Heals Many Who Touch His Garment / Gennesaret	14:34-36	6:53-56		
22 Jesus Heals Gentile Woman's Possessed Daughter	15:21-28	7:24-30		
23 Jesus Heals Deaf & Dumb Man		7:31-37		
24 Jesus Feeds 4,000 Men, Plus Women & Children	15:32-39	8:1-13		
25 Jesus Heals Blind Man / Bethsaida		8:22-26		
26 Jesus Heals with His Spit, Man Born Blind				9:1-12
27 Jesus Heals Boy with Unclean Spirit	17:14-20	9:14-29	9:37-43	
28 Temple Tax Paid with Coins Found in Fish's Mouth	17:24-27			
29 Jesus Heals Blind, Mute Demoniac	12:22-23		11:14-23	
30 Jesus Heals Woman Crippled for 18 Years			13:10-17	
31 Jesus Heals Man with Dropsy on the Sabbath			14:1-6	
32 Jesus Cleanses 10 Lepers / Outside of Jerusalem			17:11-19	
33 Jesus Raises Lazarus from Dead / Bethany				11:1-45
34 Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus / Jericho	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
35 Jesus Withers Fig Tree / Outside Bethany	21:18-22	11:12-14		
36 Jesus Heals Malchus' Severed Ear / Gethsemane			22:50-51	
37 Second Miraculous Catch of Fish / Sea of Tiberias				21:4-11

Miracles mentioned in one Gospel

Miracles mentioned in two Gospels

Miracles mentioned in three Gospels

Miracles mentioned in all four Gospels

Note: These only include miracles performed BY Jesus.

They do not include miracles performed ON or AROUND Jesus, such as the Virgin Birth, Transfiguration, Resurrection, and Ascension.



MYSTERY #1:

WHAT MIRACLES DID JESUS PERFORM AND WHY?

When Jesus began His ministry, most of the people had never seen a miracle. The Jews were familiar with Old Testament miracles like Moses parting the Red Sea, but people hadn't seen any miracles performed in their lifetime. The Jews were a depressed people, mistreated by Rome and heavily taxed. When Jesus began to be recognized as the Messiah, the people wanted Him to free them from Roman power. However, Jesus didn't do quite what they wanted. Let's look at some of Jesus' miracles and see how they can help us better understand God's perspective and miracles in our own lives.

1. Jesus performed so many miracles during His ministry that the Apostle John said they couldn't be recorded. However, only 44 are listed in the Gospels.
2. Jesus was very clear about why He performed miracles. Miracles were a sign of Jesus' power as the Son of God and the Messiah. He also wanted to show God's love for the people. And they were always performed as a result of great faith.
3. Jesus' first miracle was to change water into wine at a wedding. When the wine ran out during the wedding celebration, and the people were served this new miraculous wine, they said that it was even better than the first wine.
4. Jesus performed nine miracles that dealt with nature, including multiplying food and feeding people. In two occasions, He fed 9,000 people. Twice, He gave the disciples a miraculous catch of fish so large that it started to break their nets.
5. Three times, Jesus raised a person from the dead, including a child.
6. Jesus loved healing people, restoring sight and hearing. He did this eight times and often used physical blindness as a symbol of spiritual blindness, teaching how God's love can help us see.
7. Four times, Jesus delivered people who were possessed by evil spirits. Although this may seem scary to us, Jesus was never afraid.
8. The most important miracle that Jesus ever performed was dying for us so that we are saved from our sins. Although the Jews wanted to be saved from Rome, God's plan was for the Messiah to be the Savior of ALL mankind, not just the Jews.
9. Just like in biblical times, God performs miracles today. But this doesn't mean that miracles will prevent us from having hard times in our life. God allows us to go through hardships so that we can learn and grow.
10. We shouldn't be angry if we don't see big miracles in our life. We can look for the ways God is part of our lives and remember that God has already provided the greatest miracle for us through Jesus.

QUESTION

Jesus gave His disciples a miraculous catch of fish this many times _____

- a. once b. twice c. three times d. 12 times

Question: God doesn't perform miracles all the time. Why not?

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MYSTERY #2:

DID JESUS REALLY RAISE PEOPLE FROM THE DEAD?

One of the most amazing miracles that Jesus performed was raising people from the dead. Bringing someone back from the dead had only been done a handful of times in the Bible, and was a marvelous sign of God's power. In the New Testament, there are three times that Jesus brought someone back from the dead. Let's review these miracles and learn more why they were so important to Jesus' ministry.

1. The daughter of Jairus was the first person Jesus raised from the dead. Jairus was a well-known leader at the synagogue. He came and fell at Jesus' feet, saying his only daughter was dying and asked Jesus to heal her.
2. Jesus agreed to help, and they left to go to the house together. On their way, someone came to tell them that the girl had already died. Jesus still went to Jairus' house.
3. When they arrived at Jairus' house, the household was already in mourning. Jesus told the people that the girl was not dead, but asleep. They laughed at Him.
4. Jesus then entered the room, only allowing the parents and His three closest disciples James, John, and Peter in with Him. Some believe Jesus did this because He was sure those five people had enough faith.
5. Jesus then took the girl by the hand, and told her to get up. She awoke and walked around, astonishing all the people in the household.
6. The second time Jesus raised someone from the dead was for a widow's son, who was her only means of support.
7. The third time Jesus raised someone from the dead, it was His personal friend, Lazarus. Lazarus had been dead for three days before Jesus brought him back to life. This was important because Jewish tradition taught that a person's spirit hung around their body for three days after they died. Religious leaders had explained away Jesus' other miracles using this reason.
8. Lazarus had actually been buried and placed in a tomb before Jesus brought him back to life, and so people viewed this miracle as one of the greatest. Many people came from all over just to watch him eat his food and take care of his sheep.
9. The miracle of raising someone from the dead was astounding! When Jesus raised people from the dead it was evidence that He was the Son of God and He had power over death. And it foretold what would happen when Jesus himself died. It also symbolized how Jesus saves us from everlasting and spiritual death when we follow Him.

QUESTION

When Jesus told Jairus' relatives that He could raise his daughter from the dead, they did this:

- a. worshipped Him b. laughed c. cried d. ran away

Question: Why did Jesus wait three days to heal Lazarus?

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MYSTERY #3:

HOW ARE FAITH AND MIRACLES RELATED?

Jesus performed many miracles, but one of the most memorable ones was when He walked on water with Peter. Many people offer a lot of explanations for how this miracle was performed, but they don't prove that it didn't happen. This miracle of walking on water is especially important because it teaches about the connection between faith and miracles. Let's take a closer look at this story to find out more about this important relationship.

1. After Jesus had finished teaching, He dismissed the people and told the disciples to go ahead of Him. He went up to the mountain to be alone and pray.
2. The disciples then left in their boat to row across to the other side of the lake. Night fell as they rowed away from the shore. After they were out and away from the shore, a storm came and the wind grew so strong that they weren't able to make any headway.
3. Towards dawn, they saw someone walking on the water. At first, they thought it was a ghost, but Jesus identified Himself and told them not to be afraid.
4. Peter asked Jesus if he could come to Him on the water, and Jesus told him yes. Peter got out of the boat and started walking toward Jesus, but when he saw the wind, he became afraid and started sinking.
5. Peter shows us why faith is such an important part of miracles. When Peter was looking at Jesus, he was able to exercise his faith and walk on the water.
6. However, when Peter saw the scary things around him, like the wind and the rain, he became afraid, his faith failed him, and he started sinking.
7. Some people try to explain how this miracle happened. Some say Jesus was able to do this because the salt content is so high in the Dead Sea. But Jesus never walked on the Dead Sea! This was a freshwater lake that emptied into the Sea of Galilee.
8. Others say Jesus walked on a sand bar or suggest that God "created" a sand bar solely for Jesus to walk on. If this really happened, then this explanation still would be a miracle.
9. We can learn from the example of Peter. It's important for us to remember to keep our eyes on the Lord, rather than be distracted by scary things around us. When we exercise our faith, we can see miracles in our lives.

QUESTION

Which is definitely true?

- a. God changed the saline content of the water
- b. God built a sandbar
- c. Faith is necessary for miracles to occur
- d. Since miracles are impossible, this whole story is a myth.

Question: How is it that walking on water was possible?

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MYSTERY #4:

WHAT IS EVERYONE'S FAVORITE MIRACLE?

One of the most beloved stories of Jesus is when He healed a paralyzed man in Mark 2. Jesus was teaching in a house, surrounded by a crowd. Four men came with their paralyzed friend to see Jesus, but could not get through the crowds to see Him. Let's take a closer look at what happened to the paralyzed man and how this story came to be one of the most beloved and popular miracles.

1. Jesus was becoming known for His teaching and miracles, and traveled to Capernaum. People flocked to see Him and hear His teaching, so this particular occasion, the house where He was teaching was very crowded.
2. Four men with a paralyzed friend wanted the opportunity to see Jesus. But they couldn't get close to Him or even get into the house because there were so many people. In their desperation, the four friends made a hole in the thatched roof and lowered the paralyzed to Jesus, in front of the crowd.
3. Although the crowd of people were probably annoyed, Jesus wasn't. He didn't yell or get mad at the interruption. He was kind to the man and told him that his sins were forgiven.
4. Many people were offended that Jesus said He could forgive sins because they knew that only God could forgive sins. Jesus saw the people's reactions, then asked them an interesting question: What is easier? To say that someone's sins are forgiven, or to heal them?
5. While they thought about this, Jesus healed the paralyzed man, saying, "Rise up and walk." Jesus performed this miracle as proof that He was the Messiah and had divine power. He not only had the power to forgive a man of his sins but to heal him physically from paralysis.
6. Many people love this story because the friends of the paralytic created a big interruption out of love for their friend. Many people love how Jesus healed the paralyzed man so that he could walk again. And many people love this miracle because even though Jesus was busy and surrounded by people, He didn't mind the interruption and took the time to see one man in need.
7. Jesus forgave the man his sins and healed him physically. This helps us understand the power God has in our lives and His love for each of us.

QUESTION

Jesus performed miracles so that people could learn something else about the nature of God.
The lesson about God in this miracle is

- a. God wants to do things for those who believe
- b. God wants to show who He is
- c. God doesn't mind being interrupted when you need Him
- d. all three

SECRET CODE

Question: Why did Jesus commend the four friends instead of being mad that they had interrupted His speech?

Jesus _____ appreciated the men's _____.

He would rather you _____ a _____ than

_____ He doesn't have _____ for you.





4-DIGIT CODE ANSWER:

FIRST NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

The number of miracles recorded in the four Gospels MINUS 38 _____

SECOND NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

From Mystery #2: The number of times Jesus raised someone from the dead in the Gospels MINUS 2 _____

THIRD NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

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From Mystery #4: The number of letters in the town that Jesus was in when he performed this miracle MINUS 2 _____

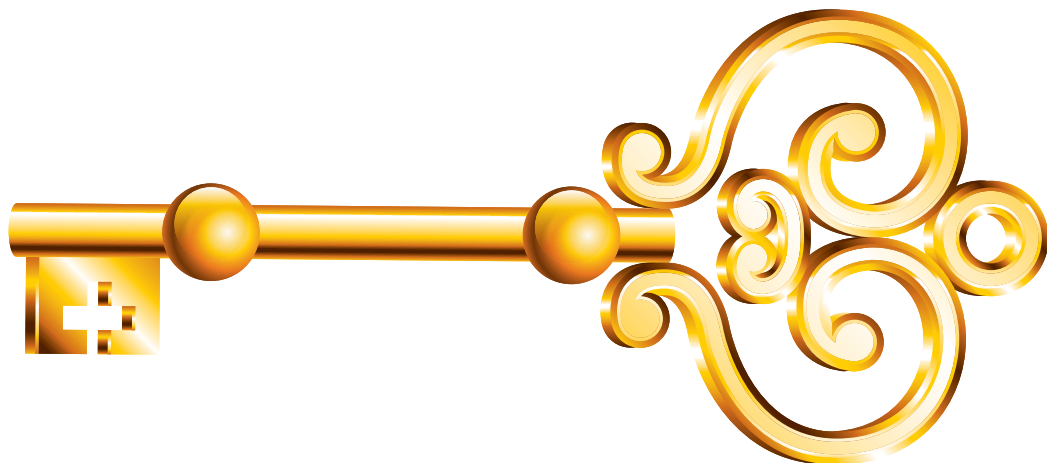
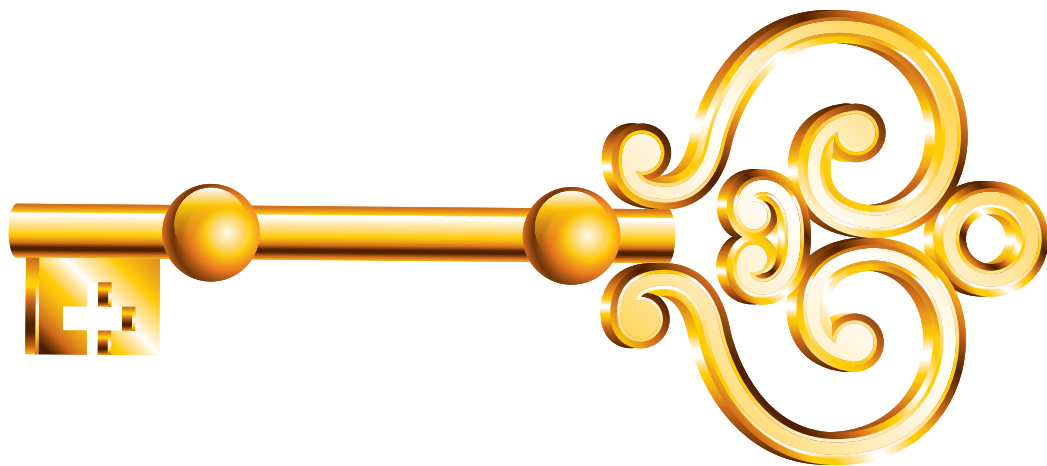
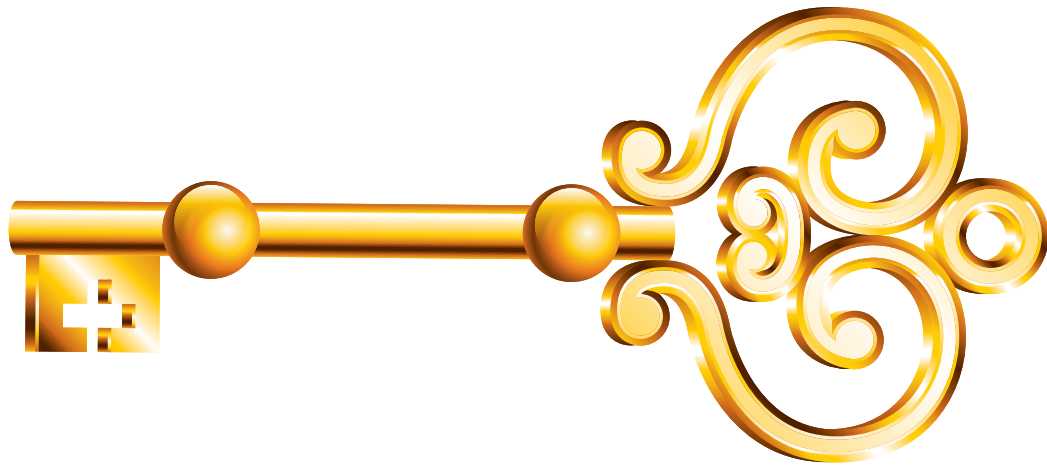
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FINAL CHALLENGE

1. Jesus' first miracle was a. changing soil into flour b. healing a blind man c. changing water into wine d. raising the dead	2. Jesus is recorded as have miraculously fed two multitudes for a total of a. 550 people b. 1,000 people c. 1,600 people d. 9,000 people
3. The father of the little girl Jesus raised from the dead was named a. Joseph b. Jairus c. Jordan d. James	4. One of the "explanations" of how Jesus walked on water is self-defeating in disproving miracles. It is that a. Jesus flew b. Jesus didn't actually do it c. Jesus walked on a sand bar that God created for Him d. Jesus was suspended from the clouds by strings
5. Peter sank when he tried to walk on water because a. He saw the circumstances rather than God's goodness b. He ate too much that evening c. He wanted some extra attention d. He had sinned in the boat	6. Number of times Jesus healed people who were possessed a. eight b. four c. three d. five

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!

Print and cut out these keys, one for each person who solves the mysteries.



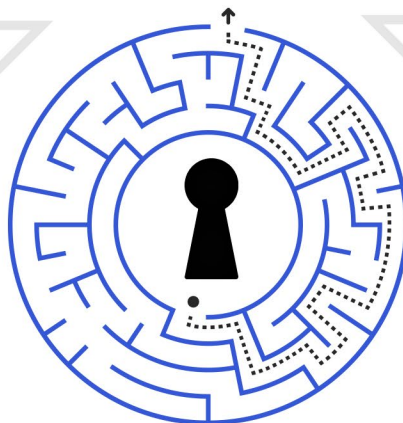


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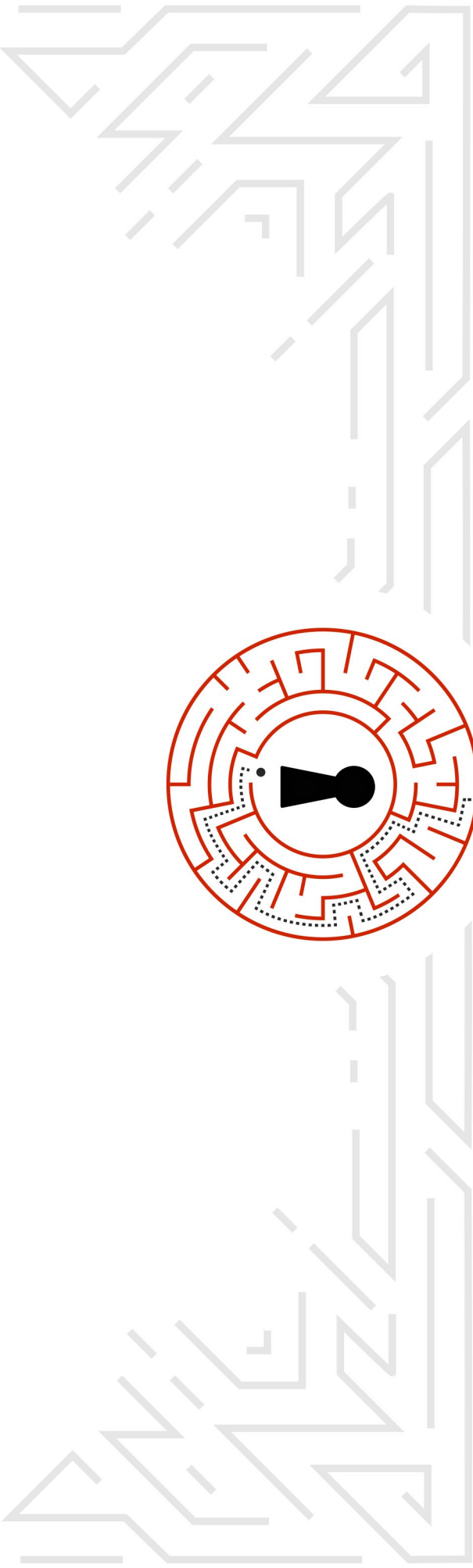


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ANSWERS

MYSTERY 1:

Jesus gave His disciples a miraculous catch of fish this many times

- a. once **b. twice** c. three times d. 12 times

Answer:

God has a different perspective than us so the miracles that we're looking for may not be the miracle He's working on. If He doesn't give us what we ask for, it's because He has something else in store for us.

MYSTERY 2:

When Jesus told Jairus' relatives that He could raise his daughter from the dead, they did this:

- a. worshipped Him **b. laughed** c. cried d. ran away

Answer: **Religious leaders had explained away the other times Jesus raised the dead with Jewish tradition. When Jesus waited, He showed that He really was the Son of God and had power over death.**

MYSTERY 3:

Question: Which is definitely true?

- a. God changed the saline content of the water
b. God built a sandbar
c. Faith is necessary for miracles to occur
d. Since miracles are impossible, this whole story is a myth.

Answer: **In any true miracle, God creates a situation that will be unforgettable to the people who witness it because of their faith. that is over quickly.**

MYSTERY 4:

Question: Jesus performed miracles so that people could learn something else about the nature of God. The lesson about God in this miracle is

- a. God wants to do things for those who believe
b. God wants to show who He is
c. God doesn't mind being interrupted when you need Him
d. all three

Answer: **Jesus really appreciated the men's faith. He would rather you share a need than think He doesn't have time for you.**



ANSWERS

4-DIGIT CODE ANSWER:

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FINAL CHALLENGE:

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- Jesus is recorded as have miraculously fed two multitudes for a total of
a. 550 people b. 1,000 people c. 1,600 people **d. 9,000 people**
- The father of the little girl Jesus raised from the dead was named
a. Joseph **b. Jairus** c. Jordan d. James
- One of the "explanations" of how Jesus walked on water is self-defeating in disproving miracles. It is that
a. Jesus flew b. Jesus didn't actually do it **c. Jesus walked on a sand bar that God created for Him**
d. Jesus was suspended from the clouds by strings
- Peter sank when he tried to walk on water because
a. He saw the circumstances rather than God's goodness b. He ate too much that evening c. He wanted some extra attention
d. He had sinned in the boat
- Number of times Jesus healed people who were possessed
a. eight **b. four** c. three d. five

CIPHER HINTS

TABLE CIPHER: (PAGE 13)

Use the two decoder tables to block out the extra words from the table and reveal a message.

MORSE CODE (PAGE 14)

Match each symbol with the corresponding word to reveal the hidden message.

CODE WORD (PAGE 15)

This a code word cipher. Following the code word "STORMY", fill in the rest of the alphabet removing any letters already used in the code word. Example, STORMYABC...

Then fill out the rest of the alphabet regularly underneath.

Finally match up the letter from the code on the Mystery Page, and find the coordinating letter below. Do this for all letters to decode the Secret Message.

S	T	O	R	M	Y	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	N	P	Q	U	V	W	X	Z
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

ABOVE/BELOW CIPHER (PAGE 16)

Fill the box with a letter from above or below to make a word