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## 6. JESUS IS BAPTIZED

The time finally came when Jesus was about thirty years old to leave His home in Nazareth and begin His Father's work.

He went to the region near the Jordan river. His cousin John was preaching there, calling the people back to God. John also baptized them.

When Jesus asked John to baptize Him, John said, "It is I who should be baptized by You." But Jesus told him to go ahead.

As Jesus came out of the water, John saw the Holy Spirit come down upon Him in the form of a dove.

Then a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son." Now John knew, and he told the people that Jesus was the Son of God!

## 7. JESUS CHANGES WATER INTO WINE

One day Mary was invited to a wedding feast. Jesus and His special friends went with her.

There was plenty of food to eat and wine to drink. Everyone was happy.

But later Mary noticed that the wine ran out and she told Jesus. Jesus had the waiters fill six big jars with water. Then He said, "Now pour out what you need and take it to the head waiter to taste." Only then was it known that Jesus had turned the water into wine!

This was the first of His wonderful deeds called miracles. Jesus did them as signs of His power as Son of God.

*John 2*



## 8. JESUS CHOOSES THE APOSTLES

Jesus began to preach the Gospel—the good news of God's great love for us. Many people went to hear Him.

Some became His special friends and helpers. From these Jesus chose twelve men who would share His life in a special way. They were called Apostles.

Jesus sent them to the towns with power to cure sick people. They did other marvelous things in Jesus' name.

He made the Apostles the first priests of His Church. They received power to offer Mass, forgive sins, and teach in His name. They would take His place on earth and pass on their special gifts to other priests.







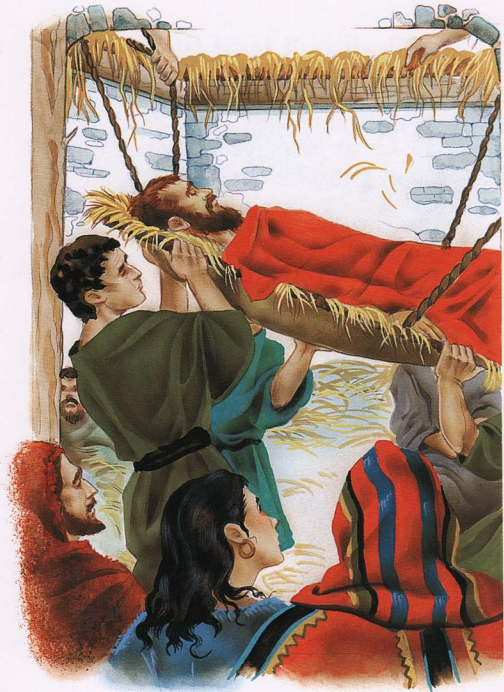
## 9. JESUS TEACHES THE PEOPLE

**M**ore and more people wanted to hear Jesus preach. The crowds grew so large that one day He climbed up on a hill so all could see and hear Him.

He told them that they would be blest if they were poor in spirit; they were humble; they were sorry for sins; they were pure; they were peacemakers; they were willing to suffer for God.

Jesus also taught them to trust in God when they prayed, to forgive their enemies, and to try to be holy. Then they would truly be children of God.

*Matthew 5*



## 10. JESUS HEALS

**I**n the Bible there are many stories about Jesus healing the sick. He did this to take away their pain and help them be happy. These acts also showed His power as Son of God.

One story tells about a man who could not move. His friends brought him to the house where Jesus was teaching. So many people wanted to hear Jesus that no one could get in the door.

But his friends had a great idea. They opened a hole in the roof and lowered him down near Jesus.

Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven. Then He said, "Get up, pick up your mat and walk." He was cured at once, picked up his mat, and walked away!

*Mark 2*

## 11. JESUS RESTORES LIFE

Soon afterward Jesus and His followers went to the town of Naim. There they met a funeral procession. The only son of a widow was to be buried.

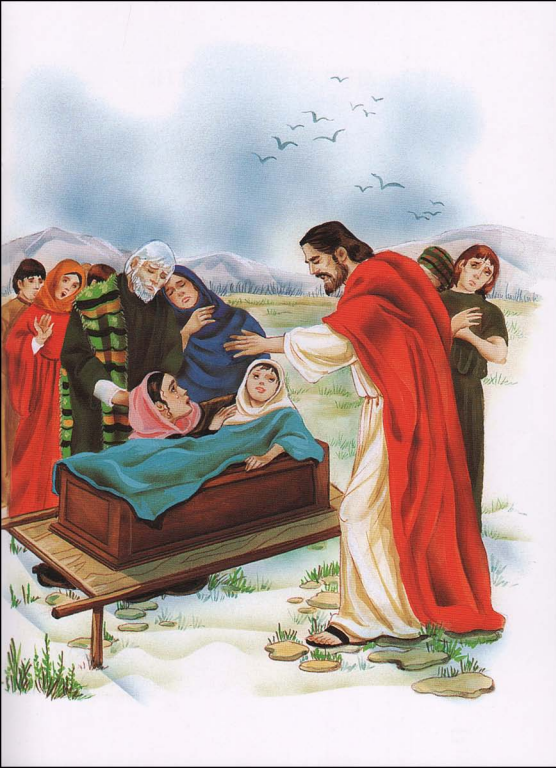
Jesus was moved with pity as He saw the mother's sorrow. He said to her, "Don't cry."

Then He touched the coffin and said, "Young man, I tell you, arise." The young man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother.

The people watching were filled with fear. They knew that only God, the Giver of life, could raise a dead person back to life.

In this way once again, Jesus showed that He was the Son of God.

*Luke 7*



## 12. JESUS FEEDS THE PEOPLE

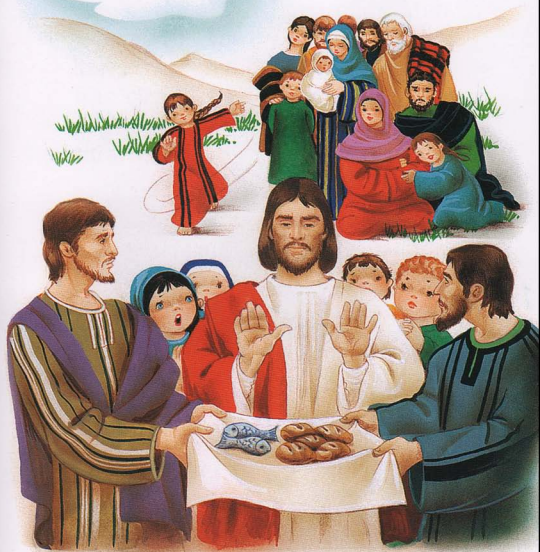
**I**t was a long day. The large crowd listened to Jesus for many hours. Now they were hungry.

When the Apostles asked Jesus to send the people home, He said, "You can give them food to eat." For Jesus knew what He was going to do.

They had five loaves of bread and two dried fish. Jesus took the loaves and fish into His hands. He blessed them and told the Apostles to give them to the people—there were over five thousand! And they all ate as much as they wanted.

When the people saw how Jesus had fed them with so little food, they wanted to make him king. But Jesus hid from them.

*John 6*







"This is My beloved son:  
Listen To Him"

### 13. JESUS SHOWS HIS GLORY

Jesus is really God and really Man. When He lived on earth, He looked like other men. For His Man-ness was clearly seen but His God-ness was hidden. But one special day He showed His glory.

That day Jesus went up a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. Suddenly His face became as bright as the sun and His clothes were whiter than snow. Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with Him.

Then a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him."

Jesus let the three Apostles see His heavenly glory so they would remember that He is God even though He would soon suffer on the Cross.

*Matthew 17*



## 14. JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN

Jesus loved little children. One day some mothers brought their children to Him to be blessed.

The Apostles, knowing that Jesus was tired, tried to keep the children away.

But Jesus told them, "Let the children come to Me. Do not stop them." Children were not a bother to Him. They were His special joy.

Then Jesus said to the grown-ups, "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Jesus wants us to imitate little children in the way they are so trustful, have hearts full of hope, and are always ready to share their love.

*Mark 9*