

*The Amazing Power of Jesus
God's Awesome Promises
The Extraordinary Word of God*

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Bible Studies For Life: Kids Worship enables kids to experience an interactive large-group worship in a kid-friendly setting!

Customize each session to fit the needs of your kids, leaders, and worship environment. Included are Bible stories, worship songs, videos, games, Bible verse activities, and more. There also are ideas for small group activities to use during your drop-off or pick-up times. Here's a breakdown of a suggested schedule. Adapt it to fit your time and space.

PRODUCTION NOTES

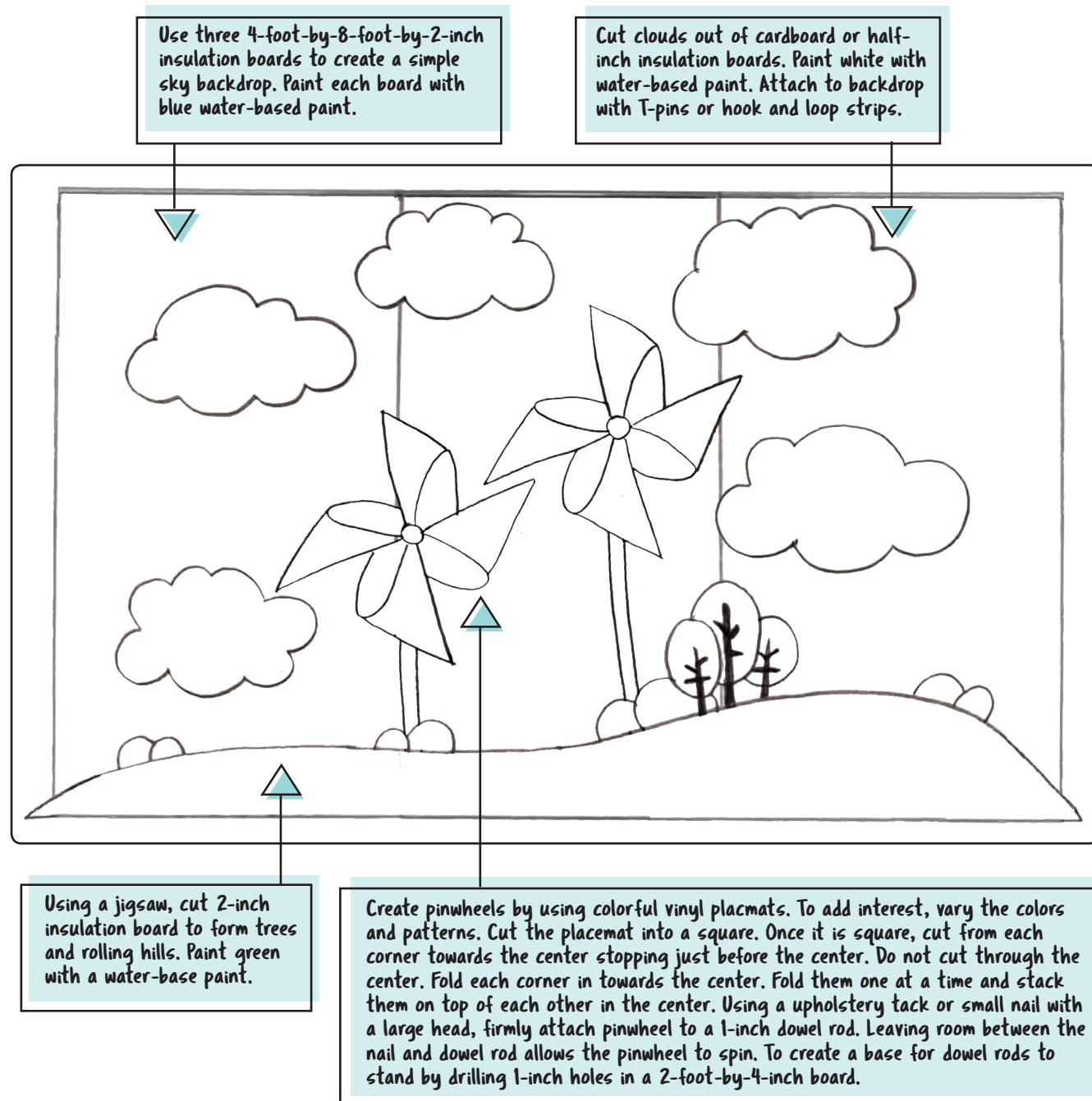
Tailor *Kids Worship* to your kids and leaders:

- For easy prep: Enlist a Worship Leader to show music videos and lead songs. Prepare the Connection Point Game and Bible Verse activity, and show the videos for the Bible Story and Connection Point Missions.
- Have an additional leader? Enlist that person to lead the Connection Point game, Bible Verse activity, and missions. Then prepare and tell the Bible Story for an interactive experience with your kids.
- Do you have musicians who would like to lead worship songs? Check out the lead sheets on the DVD-ROM or substitute your songs.
- Need easy ideas for decorating your stage area? See "Decorating Tips" in the How-To section on the DVD-ROM.

HUDDLE UPS	Optional small group activities for your drop-off or pick-up times	Small Group Leaders
COUNTDOWN VIDEO	Signals the end of Huddle Ups and beginning of worship time	Video
WORSHIP SONG	Use preselected song or choose one of your own	Video or Worship Leader/Team options
WELCOME AND PRAYER	Introduction to Bible story and Bible verse	Bible Study Leader
TRUE 2 LIFE DRAMA OR MOOSEBERRY VIDEO	Reinforces the Life Point	Video or drama script option
CONNECTION POINT GAME	Interactive game to create excitement about the day's Bible story or Life Point	Connection Point Leader
WORSHIP SONG	Use preselected song or choose one of your own	Video or Worship Leader/Team options
BIBLE STORY	Interactive Bible story	Bible Study Leader or video option
WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING	Offering; Choose a favorite worship song	Worship Leader/Team
CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE	Interactive Bible Verse activity	Connection Point Leader
CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS	Missions video and summary	Video and Connection Point Leader
REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS	Application of the Life Point to kids' lives	Bible Study Leader or video option

DECORATING TIPS

Build a thematic backdrop to create a fun and exciting worship experience for your kids.



SIMPLE IDEAS TO ENHANCE YOUR LEARNING SPACE

- Purchase small pinwheels from your local discount store. Turn a large foam cup upside down and push a pinwheel's handle through the bottom of the cup. Line your stage area with the pinwheels.
- Create large pinwheels from poster board. (See instructions above. Use a paper brad to secure the corners instead of upholstery tacks.) Tape pinwheels to the wall.
- Cut poster board into large cloud shapes. Glue batting or cotton balls to cover both sides of the shape. Use fishing line to hang the clouds from the ceiling.

SESSION 1

Jesus Healed the Official's Son

BIBLE PASSAGE

John 4:46-54

LIFE POINT

Jesus has power over sickness.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus performed miracles through the power of God.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus performed miracles because He is God's Son.

SUGGESTED USE DATE: September 1

BIBLE VERSE

This Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through him. Acts 2:22 (CSB)

Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you. Acts 2:22 (KJV)

Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him. Acts 2:22 (NIV)

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst. Acts 2:22 (ESV)

Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst. Acts 2:22 (NKJV)

SCHEDULE AND PROPS

Huddle Ups (Optional)

Supplies (for each small group):
• "What's the Diagnosis?"—none
• "Jesus Has Power to Heal"—Bibles (1 per every 3-4 kids)

Countdown Video (3 minutes)

Props: none

Worship Song (3 minutes)

Props: none

Welcome and Prayer (5 minutes)

Props: none

True2Life Drama (or Mooseberry video) (3-5 minutes)

Props: none

Connection Point Game

(10 minutes)

Props: masking tape, 2 cotton balls, 2 jumbo craft sticks

Worship Song (3 minutes)

Props: none

Bible Story (10 minutes)

Props: Bible, facial tissue

Worship Song and Offering

(3 minutes)

Props: none

Connection Point Bible Verse

(5-8 minutes)

Props: none

Connection Point Missions

(5-8 minutes)

Props: none

Real Life Connections

(3-5 minutes)

Props: none

MUSIC AND MEDIA

- **Countdown:** Countdown video
- **Worship Song:** "Your Amazing Power, Jesus"
- **Welcome and Prayer:** Life Point and Bible Verse slides
- **True2Life Drama:** Mooseberry Life Application video (optional)
- **Connection Point Game:** Connection Point Game slide; fun music of your choice
- **Worship Song:** "Words to Use"
- **Bible Story:** Bible Story and Christ Focus slides; Notebook Bible Story video (optional)
- **Worship Song and Offering:** Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:** Connection Point Bible Verse and Bible Verse slides
- **Connection Point Missions:** Connection Point Missions slide; "Being Bold" missions video
- **Real Life Connections:** Real Life Connections and Life Point slides; Real Life Connections video; Real Life Questions slides (optional)

HUDDLE UPS (OPTIONAL)

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➡ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➡ Tech: none
- ➡ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➡ Supplies (*for each small group*):
 "What's the Diagnosis?"—none
 "Jesus Has Power to Heal"—
 Bibles (*1 per every 3-4 kids*)

HUDDLE UP: PRE-SESSION

"WHAT'S THE DIAGNOSIS?"

Prep: none

- Lead kids to discuss times when they were sick or injured.
- Invite a volunteer to join you and stand in front of the group. Whisper one of the following illnesses or injuries to the volunteer:
 - broken arm
 - flu
 - sore throat
 - stomachache
 - sprained ankle
 - headache
 - nosebleed
 - cut finger needs stitches
 - trouble breathing
 - itchy poison-ivy rash
- Guide the volunteer to act out the illness or injury.
- Challenge the group to diagnose his problem.
- Play again as your time allows.
- Tell kids that today they will hear Jesus has power over sickness.
- Watch for the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups. Guide your small group to join the others to begin worship.

HUDDLE UP: POST-SESSION

"JESUS HAS POWER TO HEAL"

Prep: none

- Review the Life Point: Jesus has power over sickness.
- Form groups of three or four kids. Provide each group a Bible.
- Explain that you will call out a Scripture reference. Challenge groups to quickly locate the passage and determine who needed healing.
- Use the following references:
 - Matthew 8:1-3 (*a man with leprosy*)
 - Matthew 8:14-15 (*Peter's mother-in-law*)
 - Matthew 9:1-7 (*a paralyzed man*)
 - Matthew 9:27-30 (*two blind men*)
 - Matthew 12:9-13 (*man with a shriveled hand*)
 - Mark 7:32-35 (*a man who was deaf and who could not speak*)
 - Luke 13:10-13 (*a woman who was bent over*)
 - John 5:5-8 (*a sick man on a mat*)
- Play as your time allows. Use a different Scripture passage for each round of play.
- Invite a volunteer to lead kids to pray for sick or injured individuals in your church family.
- As each child leaves, remind him that Jesus has power over sickness.
- **Leader note for younger kids:** Help groups find the first suggested passage in the Book of Matthew. Encourage kids to keep their Bibles open and follow along as you read aloud. The passages are listed in sequential order for your convenience. Explain the concept of chapters and verses. You might say: "Find Matthew 8:14. Find the big number 8 (the chapter) and the little number 14 (the verse)."

COUNTDOWN VIDEO

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Countdown Video*
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

(Play countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: “Your Amazing Power, Jesus”
(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Hello, everyone! Have you ever thought about the amazing power of Jesus? Jesus’ power is so big and awesome! Jesus just spoke the words, and people were healed! Wow! Jesus could do that because He is God’s Son. Let’s sing and worship Him together!

(Show the music video. Kids stand to sing.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: none

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Hi, kids! What do you think about when I say the word *power*? What is something that you think is powerful? *(Allow for responses.)*

Good thinking, everyone! Sometimes, the wind can be powerful. Wind might be powerful enough to

blow over trees or small buildings during a storm! Electricity is powerful. Electricity powers the lights, our sound equipment, the air conditioning *(or heat)*, and many other things. People can be powerful, too. Examples of powerful people might be government leaders, judges, or business owners.

We could probably spend all day naming powerful things or people, but none of them would be as powerful as God! God’s power is amazing! Can you think of some ways Jesus showed God’s power while He was on the earth? *(Allow for responses.)*

Jesus did miracles to show people that He is God’s Son. A *miracle* is “an event that only God or Jesus can cause to happen.” Jesus made sick people well, brought dead people back to life, and walked on water! Jesus did many other incredible things, too!

Our Bible verse explains that Jesus did miracles through the power of God. Let’s read Acts 2:22.

(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

- This Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through him. Acts 2:22 *(CSB)*
- Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you. Acts 2:22 *(KJV)*
- Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him. Acts 2:22 *(NIV)*
- Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst. Acts 2:22 *(ESV)*
- Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst. Acts 2:22 *(NKJV)*

(Show Life Point slide.)

Today we will hear that **Jesus has power over sickness**. Say that with me: **“Jesus has power over sickness.”**

Jesus’ power to do miracles didn’t end when He returned to heaven. Jesus still does miracles today!

He has the power to make sick people well. We can pray to God and ask Him to help those who are sick or injured. Let's pray together now. After we pray, we will check in with our True2Life team (or the *Mooseberry kids*).

God, Your power is amazing! No one is greater than You! Thank You for using Your power to help us and thank You for hearing our prayers when we ask for help. Please give comfort to those who are sick. We ask that You make them well and heal their bodies. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

TRUE2LIFE DRAMA

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Mooseberry Life Application* video (optional)
- ➔ People: Katherine and Jack (teen-aged friends)
- ➔ Props: none

Katherine and Jack enter.

Katherine: Hey, Jack. I thought you were still at the lake with your family.

Jack: We had to come back early.

Katherine: Uh-oh. Why? Did something happen?

Jack: Yeah. My dad slipped on the dock and bumped his head. He hit it really hard.

Katherine: That's terrible. Is he OK?

Jack: He's OK now, but it was scary. After he fell, he got dizzy and couldn't stand up.

Katherine: Wow, Jack. That IS scary.

Jack: Katherine, I didn't know what to do! I was so worried. Then I heard my mom as she began to pray. We all prayed with her.

Katherine: What did you say to God?

Jack: We asked God to take care of my dad.

Katherine: That's what I would pray, too.

Jack: After we prayed, Mom told me to run to the lake house and get her phone.

Katherine: Did you call for an ambulance?

Jack: Well, that was the plan, but when I got back to the dock my dad was sitting up and talking.

Katherine: That's good! Was he still dizzy?

Jack: No. His head was sore, but he wasn't dizzy anymore. Dad looked at me and said, "Hey, Jack. Don't worry about me. I'm fine."

Katherine: Wow. I know that made you feel better.

Jack: It sure did.

Katherine: I'm really sorry that happened. I'm glad your dad is OK.

Jack: Thanks, Katherine, but there is something I just can't stop thinking about.

Katherine: What, Jack?

Jack: We asked God to help my dad, and He did.

Katherine: That's amazing!

Jack: That's the amazing power of Jesus!

(They exit.)

(END SCENE)

CONNECTION POINT GAME

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ Music: Fun music of your choice (optional)
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 10 kids
- ➔ Props: masking tape, 2 cotton balls, 2 jumbo craft sticks

GAME INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Tape a start line to the floor. Tape a second line on the opposite side of the game area.*
- *Invite 10 kids to play. Form 2 teams.*
- *Guide each team to line up behind the start line.*
- *Provide the first player on each team a craft stick and a cotton ball.*

- Challenge each player to balance the cotton ball on the craft stick, walk to the second tape line, return to his team, and pass the craft stick to the next player.
- Explain that if the cotton ball falls off the craft stick the player must stop, re-balance the cotton ball, and continue on his way. Emphasize that players may not use their hands to keep the cotton ball on the craft stick.
- Continue the relay until each player takes a turn.
- Declare the first team to finish as the winner.

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

We've already heard the good news that Jesus has power over sickness. I'm glad that Jesus has the power to make me well!

Sometimes God uses doctors and nurses to help make people well. I brought along two items that you might see in a doctor's office. *(Show cotton ball and jumbo craft stick.)* How would a doctor or nurse use these items? *(Allow for responses.)* Nurses clean wounds with cotton balls, and doctors look at your throat using a tongue depressor.

I don't know about you, but I don't think either of those things sound like much fun. Let's use these items for something different. Let's play a game! I need ten kids to play. *(Choose ten kids and form two teams. Guide teams to line up behind the start line.)*

The first player in each line will balance the cotton ball on the tongue depressor, carefully walk to the second tape line, turn around, and return to his team. Be careful! If the cotton ball falls off, you must stop and re-balance it before you continue on your way. When you make it back to your team, pass the items to the next player and go to the end of the line. The first team to finish the relay will be the winner!

Does everyone understand how to play? *(Answer any questions and play the game. Play fun music while the teams compete. Encourage kids in the audience to cheer for the teams.)*

Great job, teams! After we sing another song, we will hear about a time when Jesus healed someone who was sick. Jesus didn't need tools like cotton balls or

tongue depressors. Jesus made people well through the power of God!

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: "Words to Use" *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Ephesians 3:20 says we can't even imagine the amazing things God's power can do! Wow! Let's stand and worship our powerful God!

(Show the music video. Kids stand to sing.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)

BIBLE STORY

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus and Bible Story* slides; *Notebook Bible Story* video *(optional)*
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, facial tissue

Option 1: Use the suggested props and tell the following Bible story.

Option 2: Play the *Notebook Bible Story* video.

Option 3: Do you use *Bible Studies for Life: Kids™* curriculum in another discipleship hour? Wish you could emphasize the same Life Point and Bible verse without retelling the same Bible story? No problem! Check out the "Optional Bible Stories" on the DVD-ROM. *(Please note: "Optional Bible Stories" are not reflected on the One Conversation™ pages.)*

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

(Show Bible Story slide.)

(Sneeze or cough into a tissue.) Excuse me! Have you ever had allergies that made your nose tickly, your eyes itchy, and your throat scratchy? Allergies seem to cause a lot of problems for people this time of year. Sometimes it seems like your tickly nose, itchy eyes, and scratchy throat will never go away. Ugh. Being sick is no fun at all!

Today's Bible story is about an important royal official who was worried. The official's son was in the city of Capernaum, and he was very sick. Nothing made the boy well. The man feared his son would soon die.

One day the official heard that Jesus was in the town of Cana in Galilee. Cana was about a day's journey from Capernaum, so the official went to Jesus and asked Him to come heal his son.

(Open Bible and read John 4:49-50.)

"Sir," the official said to [Jesus], "come down before my boy dies."

"Go," Jesus told him, "your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and departed.

As the official left Cana, his servants met him along the road. They had very good news! The man's son was alive!

(Open Bible and read John 4:52-53.)

[The official] asked them at what time [the boy] got better. "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him," they answered. The father realized this was the very hour at which Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household.

(Show Christ Focus slide.)

Jesus performed a miracle through the power of God! A *miracle* is "an event that only God or Jesus can cause to happen." Jesus often did miracles to show people that He is God's Son. Jesus healed people, walked on water, brought dead men back to life, commanded a storm to stop, and many other amazing things!

Jesus has power over sickness, but that doesn't mean every sick person will always get well. Sometimes God does a miracle and fully heals a

person of her sickness on the earth. Other times God chooses to make a person well in heaven. That can be really hard to understand, especially when the person is someone you love. You can know that God loves that person, too, and He knows what is best.

Have you ever been worried about a sick parent, grandparent, or sibling? You can know that Jesus has power over sickness, and He still does miracles today! Pray to God and tell Him about your worries. Jesus will always hear your prayers, and He will always answer them in the way that is best.

WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Wow! Jesus performed a miracle! We can pray for ourselves and for people who are sick or need healing. God has the power to know the best way to help. Let's pray together, right now.

God, we praise You for Your awesome power. Thank You for hearing our prayers and answering them in the way that is best. Please help us to trust Your plans. We pray for those who are sick and need healing. Please heal their bodies and make them well. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Optional Giving Segment:

Some of the money people give at church helps send medical missionaries to places all over the world. The missionaries tell about Jesus, provide medicines, and teach people how to stay healthy. If you would like to give an offering today, ...

(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. Suggest kids also use this time to pray for sick individuals in your church family. After collecting the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)

CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Connection Point Bible Verse and Bible Verse slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: none

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.
- Invite kids to read the verse with you.
- Guide kids to form pairs. (If you have an uneven number of kids, invite a child to be your partner.)
- Teach partners the following movements for key words of the Bible verse:
 - Miracles/mighty works: High-five right hands.
 - Wonders: High-five left hands.
 - Signs: High-five both hands.
- Lead pairs to say the verse together and perform the movements.
- Challenge pairs to say the Bible verse quickly or in slow-motion.
- Allow kids to choose new partners and say the verse again.
- Continue the activity until kids are familiar with the verse or as your time allows.

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

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CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show the Connection Point Bible Verse slide.)

Let's read today's Bible verse together. (Lead kids to read your preferred version.)

Peter spoke these words as he preached to the people. He told the people about Jesus' miracles and explained that Jesus is God's Son. Many people believed Peter's message and were baptized!

Let's choose partners and learn today's Bible verse.

(Invite kids to stand. Lead the activity.)

CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Connection Point Missions slide, "Being Bold" missions video
- ➔ People: Connection Point leader
- ➔ Props: none

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Missions slide and play the "Being Bold" missions video immediately following the Connection Point Bible Verse activity.)

The missionaries we saw in today's video are serving in Uganda, Africa. What did you notice about their life in Uganda that is different from yours? (Allow kids to respond.)

Although the people in Uganda may dress differently, eat different foods, or speak a different language, God loves them! Many people in Uganda have never heard about Jesus. The missionaries work hard to tell many people about God's love and power.

Would one of you like to lead us to pray? (Invite a child to lead the group to pray. If no one volunteers, provide a few moments of quiet for kids to pray silently. Then voice a prayer yourself or invite an adult volunteer to pray.)

God, we pray for the kids and their families who live in Uganda. Please help them understand that You want a relationship with them. We also pray for the missionaries who serve You in Africa. Please give

them opportunities to tell the people about Jesus. We pray that many people will hear Your Word and choose to believe. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides; *Real Life Connections* video; *Real Life Questions* slides (optional); microphone to take to individuals in group (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: none

Option 1: Show the *Real Life Connections* video.

Option 2: Use the text below to lead a conversation with your kids about today's Bible story and *Life Point*. Show the *Real Life Questions* slides and lead a discussion with your kids.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

(Show Real Life Connections slide.)

Today we heard that Jesus has the power to do miracles because He is God's Son. Jesus did many incredible things while He was on the earth!

Let's find out what kids like you have to say about God's amazing power!

(Use the Real Life Questions slides to lead your kids in a discussion. Real Life Questions are listed below for your convenience.)

- *What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen?*
- *If you could visit Bible times, what amazing thing would you like to see Jesus do?*
- *What is a miracle you've heard about in the Bible?*
- *What amazing things does God do today?*

(Show Life Point slide.)

Jesus has power over sickness. Say that with me:
"Jesus has power over sickness."

Jesus still has the power do to miracles today! We can pray and ask God to heal our bodies and make us well. We can pray for friends and family who are sick, too. You can know that Jesus performs miracles through the power of God, and He has power over sickness.

I'm glad you came to church today. Be sure to come back next time and bring a friend!

Leader note: *If you plan to utilize the post-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*

UNIT 1. THE AMAZING POWER OF JESUS

TRUE2LIFE DRAMA



SESSION 1

Jesus Healed the
Official's Son

BIBLE PASSAGE

John 4:46-54

LIFE POINT

Jesus has power
over sickness.

Print a copy of this page for each actor. Use during rehearsals and preparation time.

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ People: Katherine and Jack (*preteen friends*)
- ➔ Props: none

Katherine and Jack enter.

Katherine: Hey, Jack. I thought you were still at the lake with your family.

Jack: We had to come back early.

Katherine: Uh-oh. Why? Did something happen?

Jack: Yeah. My dad slipped on the dock and bumped his head. He hit it really hard.

Katherine: That's terrible. Is he OK?

Jack: He's OK now, but it was scary. After he fell, he got dizzy and couldn't stand up.

Katherine: Wow, Jack. That IS scary.

Jack: Katherine, I didn't know what to do! I was so worried. Then I heard my mom as she began to pray. We all prayed with her.

Katherine: What did you say to God?

Jack: We asked God to take care of my dad.

Katherine: That's what I would pray, too.

Jack: After we prayed, Mom told me to run to the lake house and get her phone.

Katherine: Did you call for an ambulance?

Jack: Well, that was the plan, but when I got back to the dock my dad was sitting up and talking.

Katherine: That's good! Was he still dizzy?

Jack: No. His head was sore, but he wasn't dizzy anymore. Dad looked at me and said, "Hey, Jack. Don't worry about me. I'm fine."

Katherine: Wow. I know that made you feel better.

Jack: It sure did.

Katherine: I'm really sorry that happened. I'm glad your dad is OK.

Jack: Thanks, Katherine, but there is something I just can't stop thinking about.

Katherine: What, Jack?

Jack: We asked God to help my dad, and He did.

Katherine: That's amazing!

Jack: That's the amazing power of Jesus!

(They exit.)

(END SCENE)

UNIT 1. THE AMAZING POWER OF JESUS



HUDDLE UPS

SESSION 1

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BIBLE PASSAGE

John 4:46-54

LIFE POINT

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over sickness.

Print a copy of this page for each small group leader.

HUDDLE UP: PRE-SESSION

"WHAT'S THE DIAGNOSIS?"

➡ *Supplies: none*

➡ *Prep: none*

- Lead kids to discuss times when they were sick or injured.
- Invite a volunteer to join you and stand in front of the group. Whisper one of the following illnesses or injuries to the volunteer:
 - broken arm
 - flu
 - sore throat
 - stomachache
 - sprained ankle
 - headache
 - nosebleed
 - cut finger needs stitches
 - trouble breathing
 - itchy poison-ivy rash
- Guide the volunteer to act out the illness or injury.
- Challenge the group to diagnose his problem.
- Play again as your time allows.
- Tell kids that today they will hear Jesus has power over sickness.
- Watch for the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups. Guide your small group to join the others to begin worship.

HUDDLE UP: POST-SESSION

"JESUS HAS POWER TO HEAL"

➡ *Supplies: Bibles (1 per every 3-4 kids)*

➡ *Prep: none*

- Review the Life Point: Jesus has power over sickness.
- Form groups of three or four kids. Provide each group a Bible.
- Explain that you will call out a Scripture reference. Challenge groups to quickly locate the passage and determine who needed healing.
- Use the following references:
 - Matthew 8:1-3 (*a man with leprosy*)
 - Matthew 8:14-15 (*Peter's mother-in-law*)
 - Matthew 9:1-7 (*a paralyzed man*)
 - Matthew 9:27-30 (*two blind men*)
 - Matthew 12:9-13 (*man with a shriveled hand*)
 - Mark 7:32-35 (*a man who was deaf and who could not speak*)
 - Luke 13:10-13 (*a woman who was bent over*)
 - John 5:5-8 (*a sick man on a mat*)
- Play as your time allows. Use a different Scripture passage for each round of play.
- Invite a volunteer to lead kids to pray for sick or injured individuals in your church family.
- As each child leaves, remind him that Jesus has power over sickness.
- **Leader note for younger kids:** Help groups find the first suggested passage in the Book of Matthew. Encourage kids to keep their Bibles open and follow along as you read aloud. The passages are listed in sequential order for your convenience. Explain the concept of chapters and verses. You might say: "Find Matthew 8:14. Find the big number 8 (the chapter) and the little number 14 (the verse)."



UNIT 1. THE AMAZING POWER OF JESUS



SESSION 1

Jesus Healed
Ten Lepers

BIBLE PASSAGE

Luke 17:11-16

LIFE POINT

Jesus has power
over sickness.

This optional Bible story is provided for customers who use Bible Studies for Life: Kids™ curriculum in another discipleship hour. This Bible story allows you the flexibility to emphasize the same Life Point and Bible verse without retelling the same Bible story. (Please note: Neither the One Conversation™ pages nor the Notebook Bible Story video reflect the optional Bible stories.)

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Christ Focus and Bible Story slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible, facial tissue

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

(Show Bible Story slide.)

(Sneeze or cough into a tissue.) Excuse me! Have you ever had allergies that made your nose tickly, your eyes itchy, and your throat scratchy? Allergies seem to cause a lot of problems for people this time of year. Sometimes it seems like your tickly nose, itchy eyes, and scratchy throat will never go away. Ugh. Being sick is no fun at all!

In Bible times there was a group of people who were sick all the time. They were called lepers. These people had a skin disease, and because of their sickness they were not allowed to live near anyone else. They couldn't even go to the temple to worship God! No one wanted to be near a leper.

One day Jesus traveled to Jerusalem. He passed between the cities of Samaria and Galilee. On His way Jesus met some men who needed help.

(Open Bible and read Luke 17:12-13.)

As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

These ten men were lepers! They had heard about Jesus and knew He had the power to make them well. They shouted to Him and asked for help. Jesus told the men to go and show themselves to the priests. The priests were the religious leaders who led the people to worship God.

The men obeyed Jesus and went on their way. Then something amazing happened! As they were going,

they were healed! All ten men were suddenly well! The leprosy was gone!

(Open Bible and read Luke 17:15-16a.)

But one of them, seeing that he was healed, returned and, with a loud voice, gave glory to God. He fell facedown at [Jesus'] feet, thanking him.

The man was so thankful to be well! He ran back to Jesus, shouting praises to God!

(Show Christ Focus slide.)

Jesus performed a miracle through the power of God! A *miracle* is "an event that only God or Jesus can cause to happen." Jesus often did miracles to show people that He is God's Son. Jesus healed people, walked on water, brought dead men back to life, commanded a storm to stop, and many other amazing things!

Jesus has power over sickness, but that doesn't mean every sick person will always get well. Sometimes God does a miracle and fully heals a person of her sickness on the earth. Other times God chooses to make a person well in heaven. That can be really hard to understand, especially when the person is someone you love. You can know that God loves that person, too, and He knows what is best.

Have you ever been worried about a sick parent, grandparent, or sibling? You can know that Jesus has power over sickness, and He still does miracles today! Pray to God and tell Him about your worries. Jesus will always hear your prayers, and He will always answer them in the way that is best.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

Worship

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CONVERSATION

Jesus Healed the Official's Son

JOHN 4:46-54

Jesus traveled to Cana, the town where He had done His first miracle when He turned water into wine at a wedding.

A royal official heard that Jesus was in Cana. The official's son was very sick, so he traveled several miles from Capernaum to Cana. The official pleaded with Jesus. "Come and heal my son! He is about to die!"

Jesus said, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe in Me."

The official did not give up. "Sir, please come down before my boy dies!"

"Go. Your son will live," Jesus promised. The royal official believed Jesus and left.

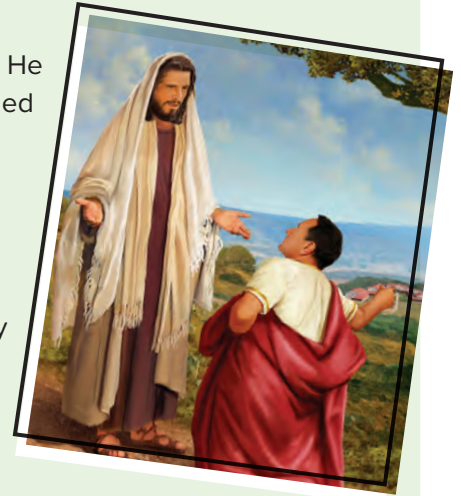
As the official traveled home, his servants met him with great news—his son was alive! The official asked, "What time did he get better?"

"His fever broke yesterday at one in the afternoon," they replied.

The official remembered that was the exact moment when Jesus had told him, "Your son will live!" The official put his trust in Jesus, and because of the official's faith, everyone in his household believed in Jesus, too.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Acts 2:22

LIFE POINT: Jesus has power over sickness.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that Jesus has power over sickness. When an official in the royal court came and pleaded for his son's life, Jesus responded by healing him from afar.

LIVE IT OUT

Share with your child that Jesus can heal people because He has power over sickness. Help your child list people who are ill. Choose one or two to visit, send a card, or call.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus performed miracles through the power of God.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Acts 2:22

Monday: Philippians 4:19

Tuesday: Revelation 21:4

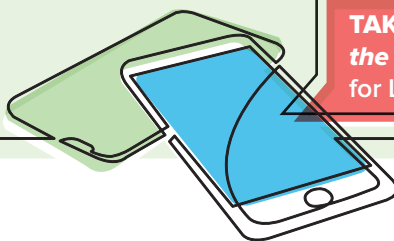
Wednesday: Psalm 30:2

Thursday: Isaiah 40:29

Friday: Matthew 10:1

Saturday: Psalm 147:3

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Healed the Official's Son* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



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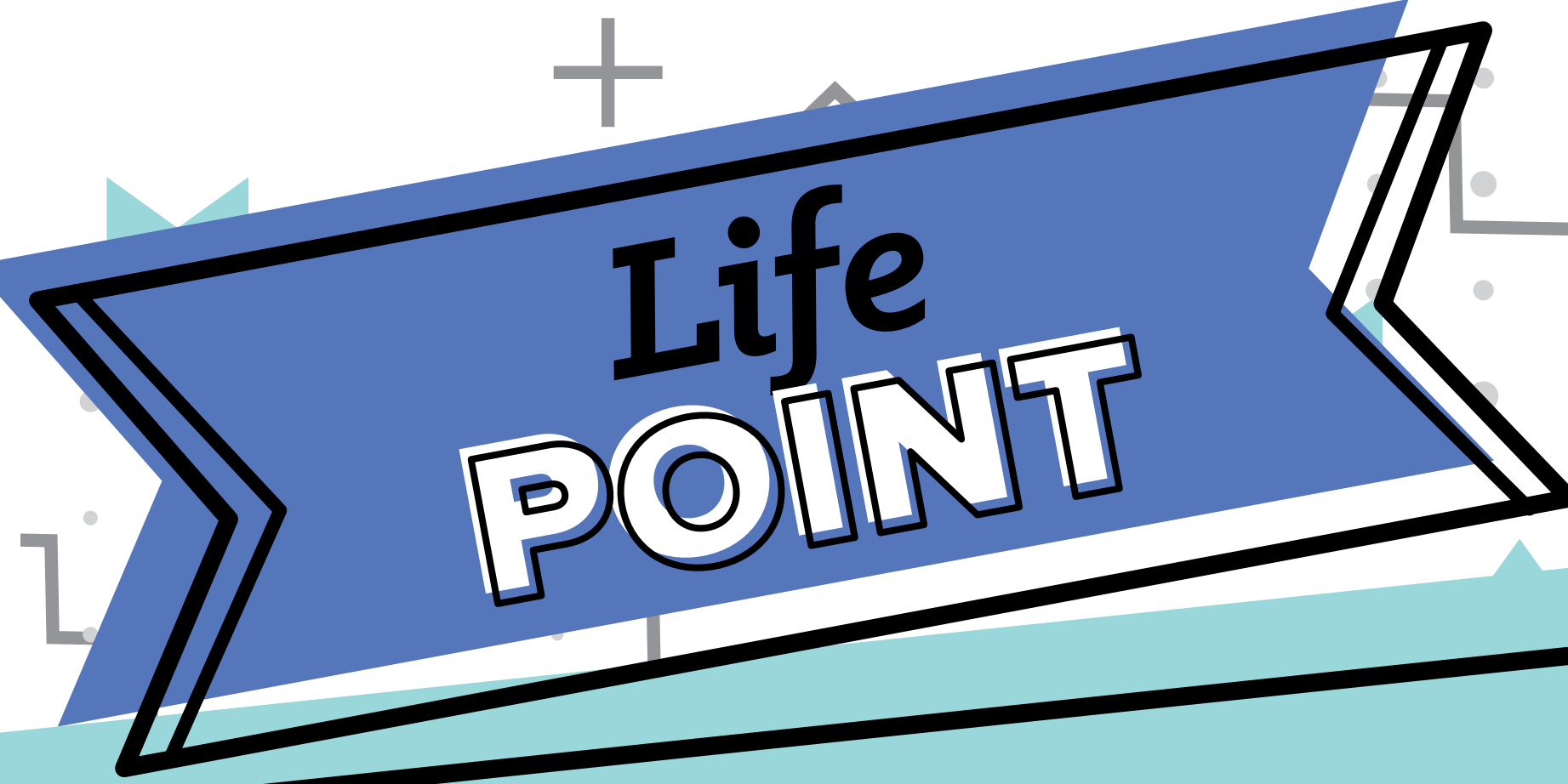
BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

Worship

UNIT 1: THE AMAZING POWER OF JESUS

Session 1: Jesus Healed the Official's Son





**Life
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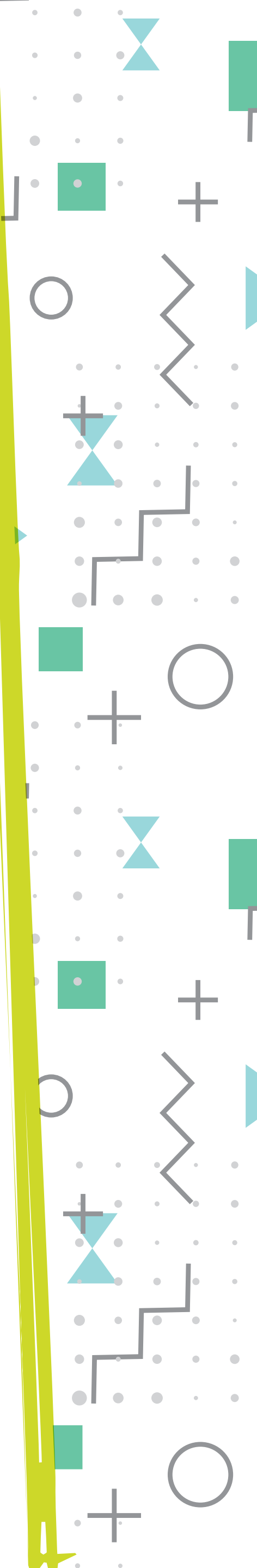
**Jesus has power over
sickness.**



Bible **VERSE**

**This Jesus of Nazareth
was a man attested
to you by God with
miracles, wonders,
and signs that God did
among you through him.**

Acts 2:22 (CSB)

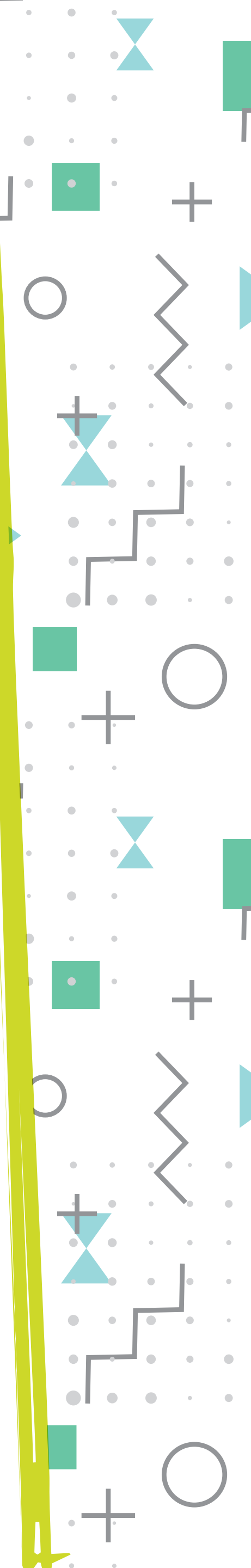




Bible **VERSE**

**Jesus of Nazareth,
a man approved of God
among you by miracles
and wonders and signs,
which God did by him
in the midst of you.**

Acts 2:22 (KJV)

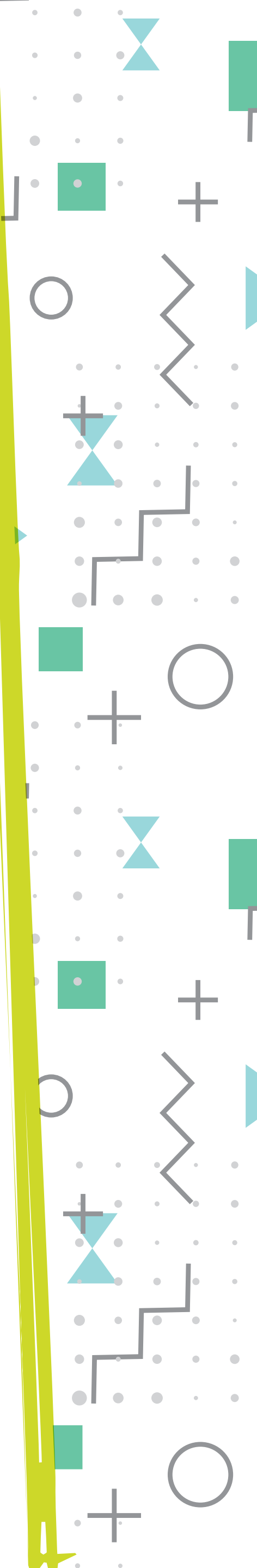




Bible **VERSE**

**Jesus of Nazareth was
a man accredited by
God to you by miracles,
wonders and signs,
which God did among
you through him.**

Acts 2:22 (NIV)

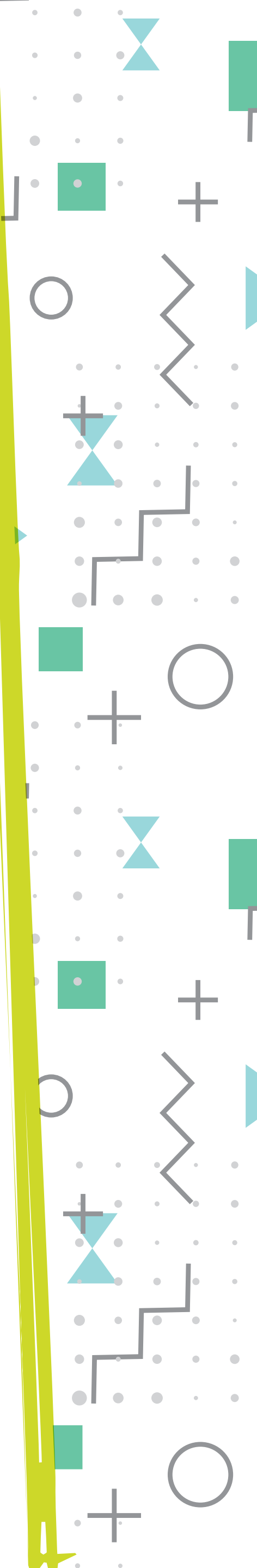




Bible **VERSE**

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst.

Acts 2:22 (ESV)

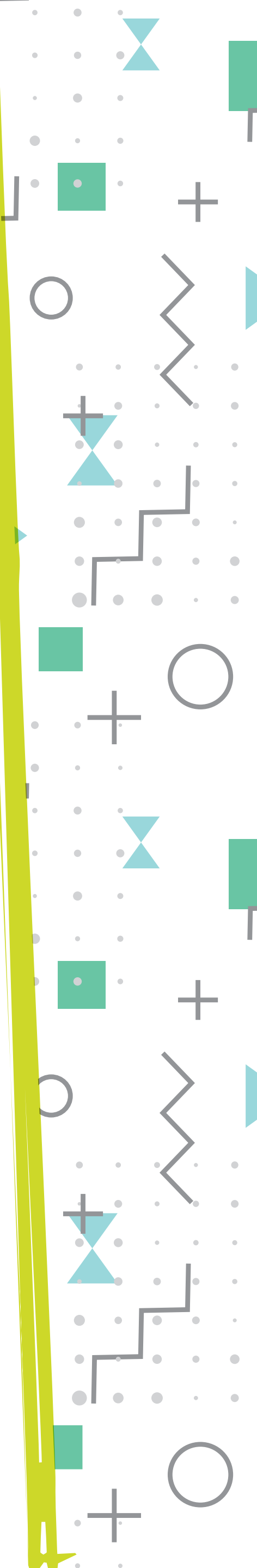




Bible **VERSE**

**Jesus of Nazareth,
a Man attested by God
to you by miracles,
wonders, and signs
which God did through
Him in your midst.**

Acts 2:22 (NKJV)





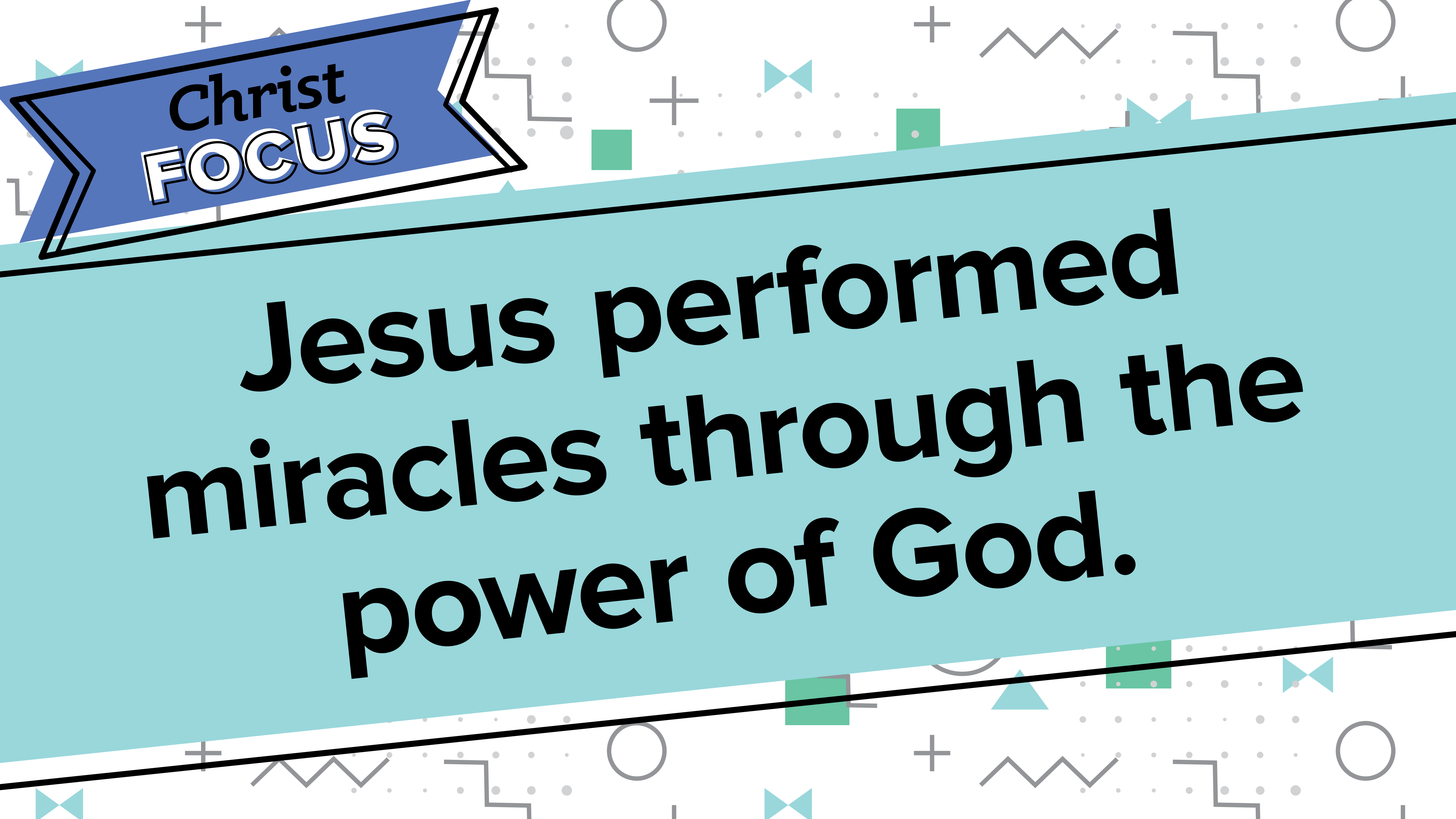
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Bible STORY

JESUS HEALED THE OFFICIAL'S SON

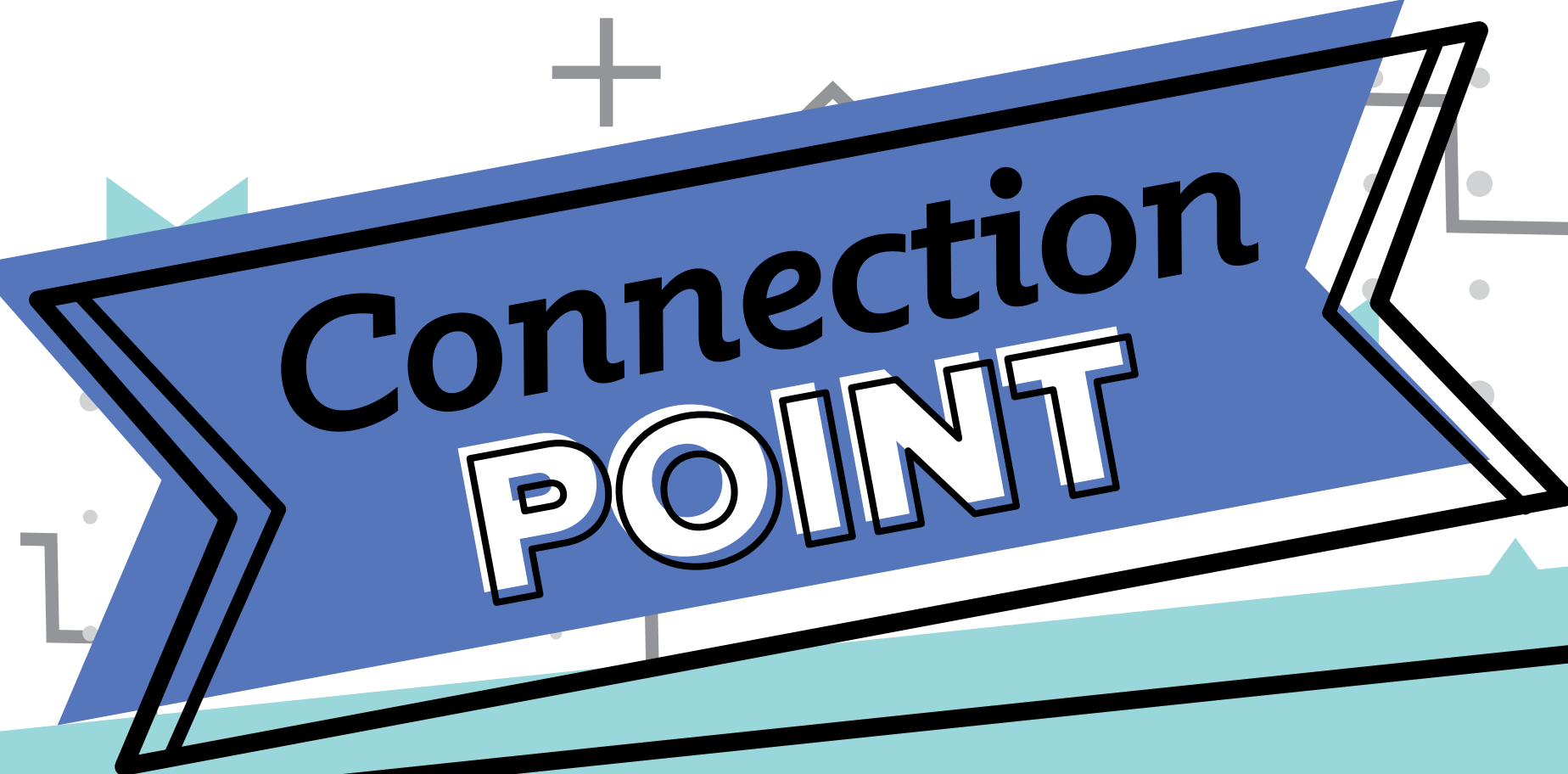
John 4:46-54



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**Christ
FOCUS**

**Jesus performed
miracles through the
power of God.**



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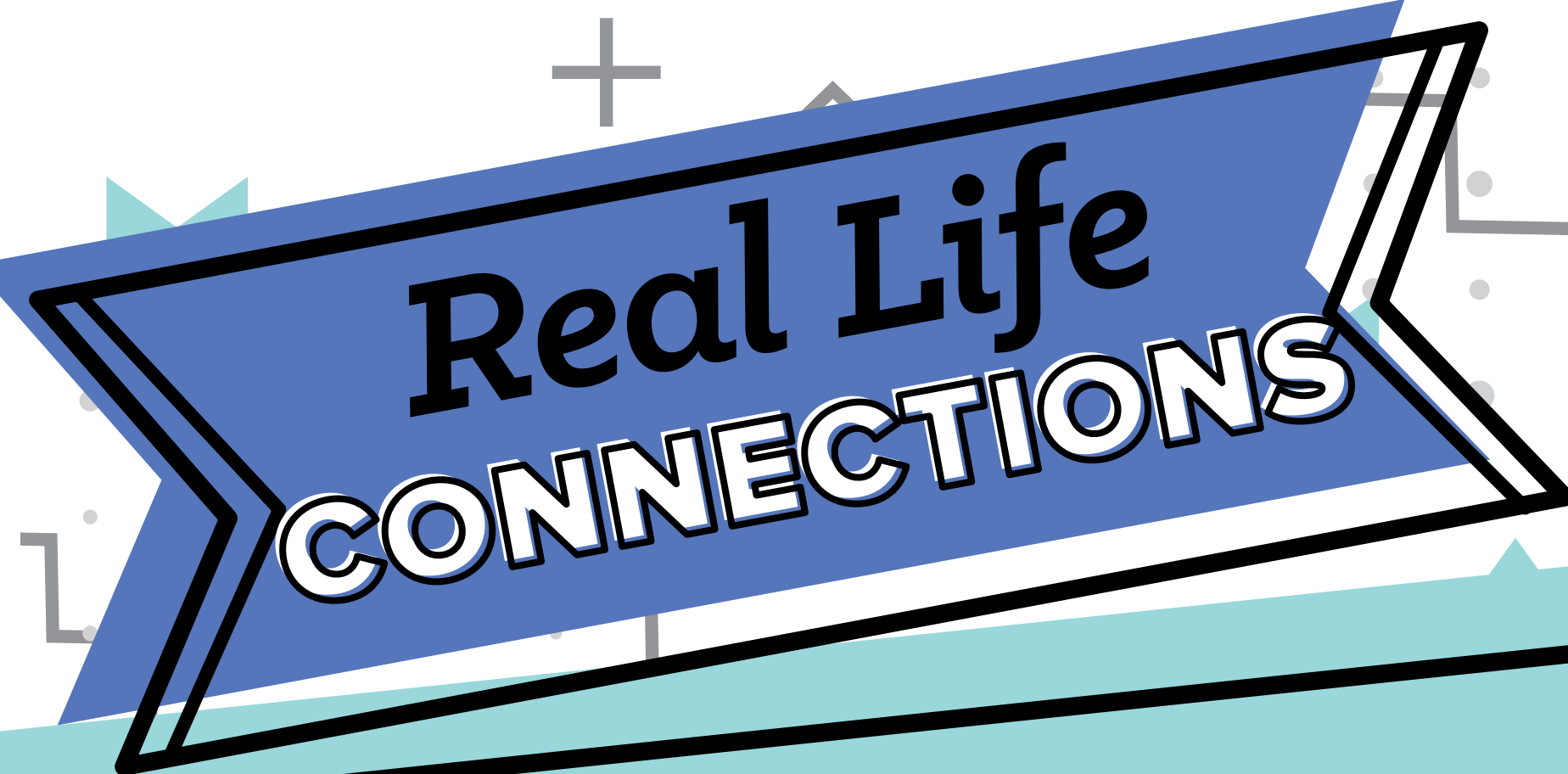
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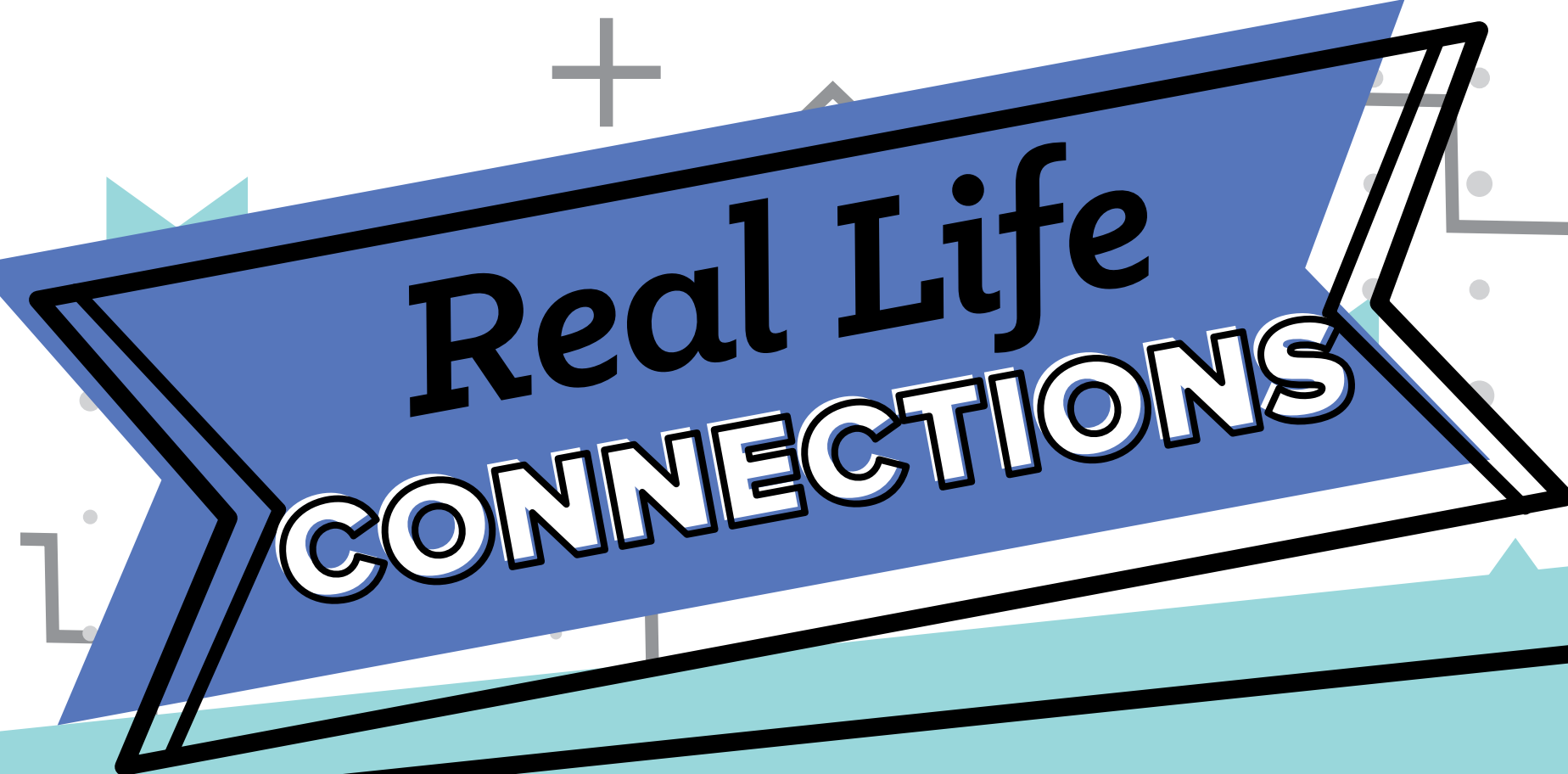
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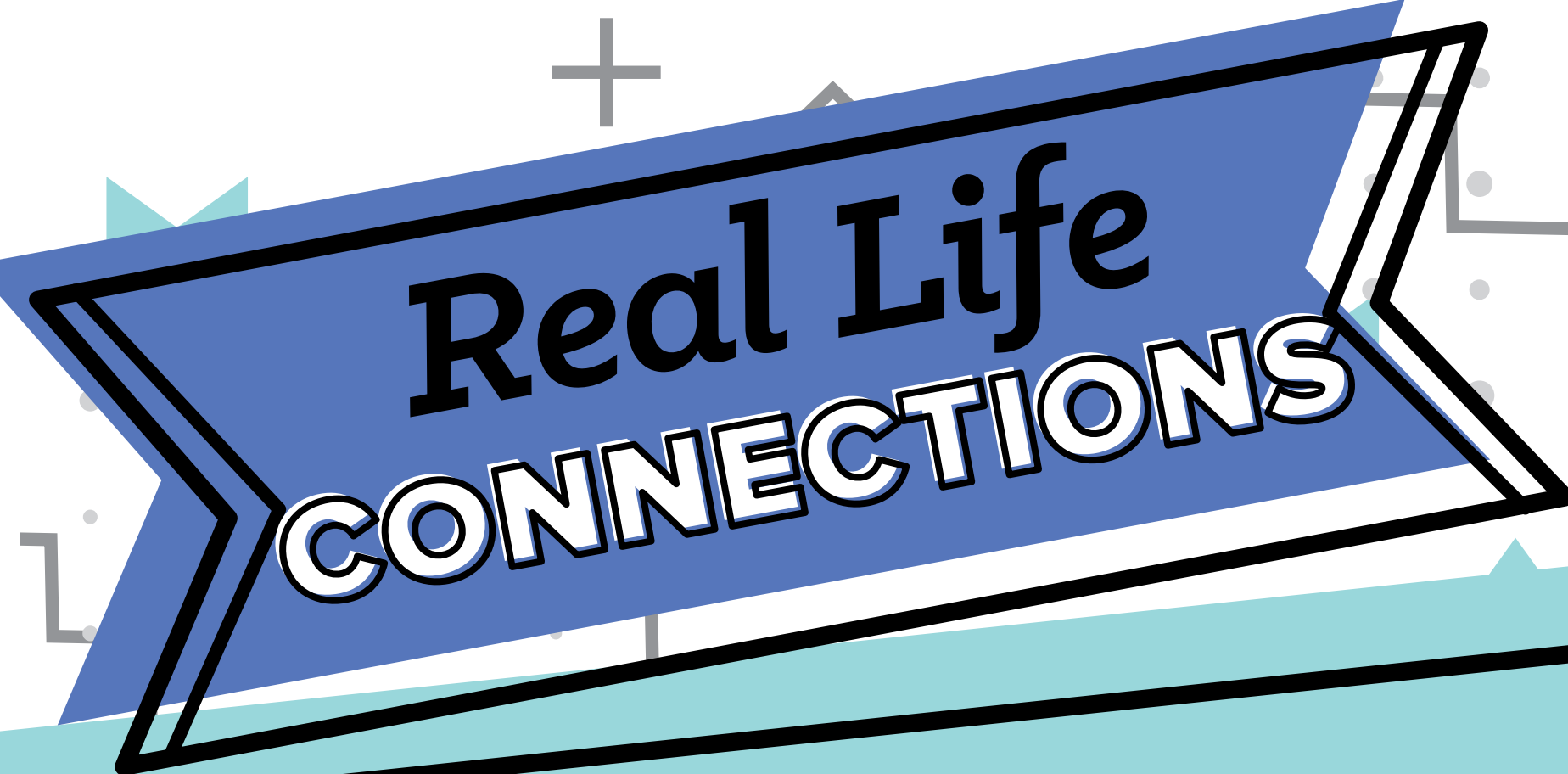
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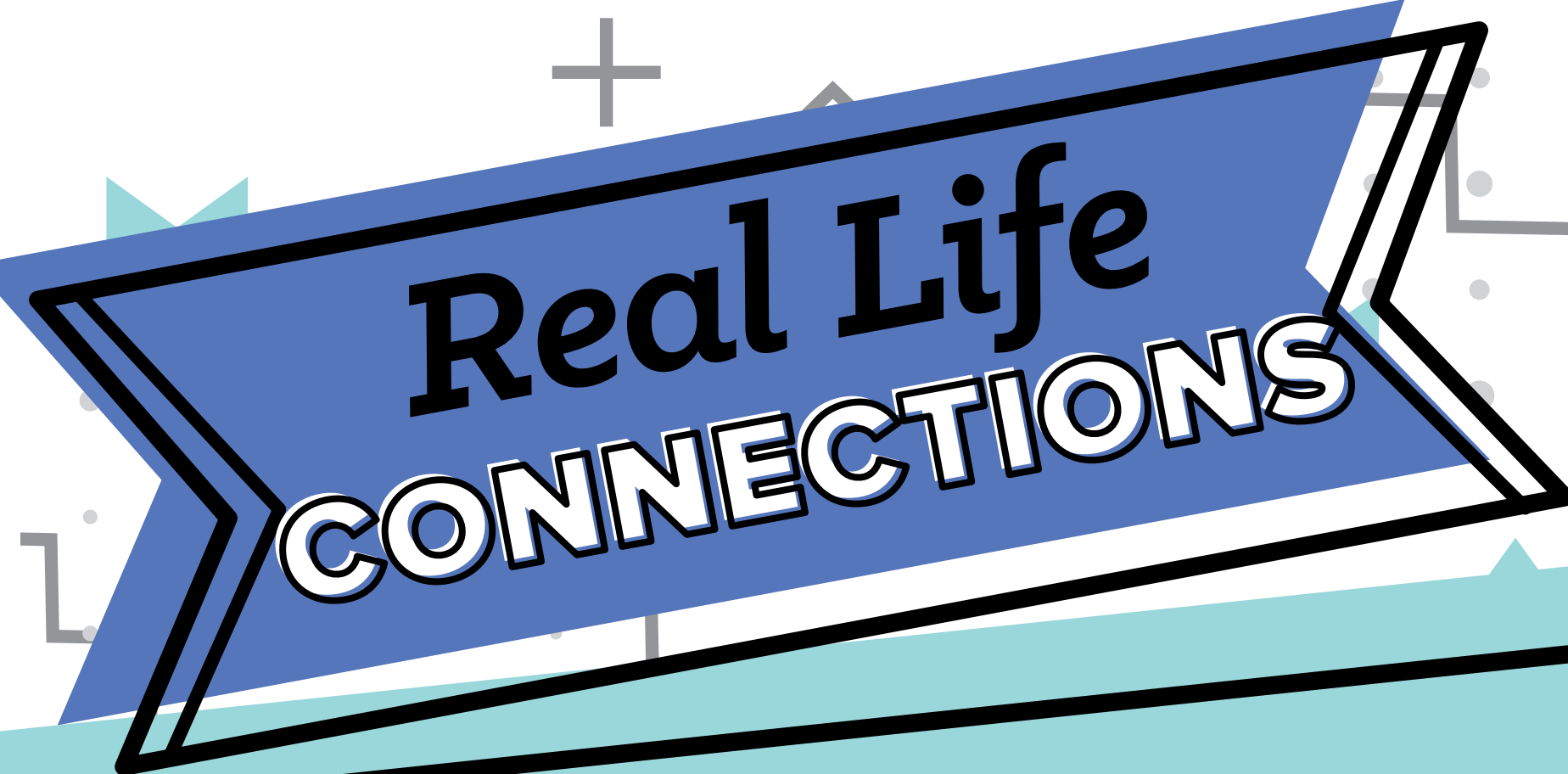
**What is the most
amazing thing you've
ever seen?**



**If you could visit Bible
times, what amazing
thing would you like to
see Jesus do?**



**What is a miracle
you've heard about in
the Bible?**



**What amazing things
does God do today?**