

Matthew 8; 9:1-13

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory.  
Ephesians 3:20, 21

**In this lesson** we are going to look at ways Jesus solves problems. Look up each passage and then finish off the square. For each incident, think about what is being helped, how, and why the help is given.

Matthew 8:1-4

Nobody ever touched me



Matthew 8:5-13

Foreigners in this place are usually ignored



Matthew 8:14-15

Nobody else would have bothered with an old woman



Matthew 8:23-27

I never dreamed he could handle something like that



Matthew 8:28-34

They wouldn't let us live in the village



Matthew 9:1-8

I didn't think he would want to have anything to do with someone as bad as me



Matthew 9:9-13

Even me!



Matthew 9:18-26

Nothing is impossible for this man

**What effect** did these miracles have on the people who witnessed them?

Write an eyewitness account as if you were there. Talk about how it made you feel towards Jesus. You could act the scenes out with others from your group if you want to.

**In Matthew 8:10 and 9:23** Jesus commends people for their faith. Why was it significant that they were faithful?

Do any of the other incidents include acts of faith?

What happens in chapter 8:26? How does this compare?

What lessons are there for your own life from these verses?

### Readings this week:

S Matthew 8:1-17  
M Matthew 8:18-34  
T Matthew 9:1-17  
W Matthew 9:18-38  
Th Matthew 15:21-39  
F Matthew 20:29-34  
S Luke 5:12-32

Do miracles happen today?

How do we know that God has an effect on our lives?

How can we ask for help if we need it?

Is it always given?

Give reasons for your answers.

## Digging Deeper

### Mark and his gospel

The miracles you have looked at in this lesson have all been taken from Matthew's Gospel and as you can see Matthew has chosen to group them all together in a few chapters, maybe as he did with the sayings of Jesus – what we call 'The sermon on the mount'

In digging deeper in lesson 73 we learnt a bit about the man, Matthew.

### Now find out a bit about Mark

Who was he? Acts 12:11-12; 12:25; 13:4-5

1 Peter 5:13 (Peter befriended him and called him his 'son' and probably told him much of what was in the gospel)

Mark 14:51-52 (this man may have been Mark).

### His gospel

Look through Mark chapter 1 (It's best to use the AV for this exercise) and see how often the word immediately (or something similar) is used. It is a very 'punchy' book.

Now use a more modern version so you can see the headings and see how many miracles of healing and acts of service are recorded in the first 10 chapters. Mark wanted to show us that Jesus came to serve people.

Thank you for helping me when I need it.