

JOURNEY

ADVOCATES

PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 5.1: MIRACLES

SCRIPTURE: 1 KINGS 18

SUMMARY:

The Bible is packed full of miracles. This is one of the reasons why people reject the Bible, because it contains miracles. But the real issue is that many skeptics automatically assume that miracles cannot happen, simply because miracles cannot fit into their worldview. But what exactly is a miracle? A miracle is a violation of the laws of nature. The best explanation for the uniformity of nature and the laws of physics is God. And if God made the laws of nature, can't He suspend them whenever He wants?

Further, if God exists, then all of the miracles in the Bible are at least *possible*. There is no reason to reject the Bible outright simply because it contains miracles. But while God igniting a water-soaked burnt offering, as students read about in this week's lesson, or even creating the universe is an amazing miracle, it is still not the greatest. That is the subject for another lesson: the resurrection of Jesus.

CORE VERSES

Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.

Psalms 77:13-14

CORE CONCEPTS

Miracles are both possible and verifiable.

MIRACLE:

A violation of the laws of nature

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- What have miracles in the Bible or ones you've seen or heard about taught you about God?
- How do you know if you've seen a miracle?
- How do you respond to miracles you've read about or seen?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?