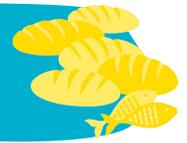


How might Christians today relate to the miracles in the Bible? Worksheet 1



Christians can look at the stories of the miracles in the Bible in different ways. If they look at a miracle literally, believing the story as it is written, then they might understand it to show God's power over sickness, wrongdoing, nature and death. They might also pick up metaphorical meanings from the miracles, and find that the stories give them insight into their own lives.

Which of these responses to miracles are literal, which are metaphorical and which are sceptical (unbelieving of the miracles)?

'As God helped the Israelites escape from slavery in Egypt by parting the Red Sea, he will help people today find their own escape from things which trouble them.'

'Like in the story where Jesus calms the storm, he can help people today to calm storms within them if they are angry, or feel that they have been treated wrongly.'

'We can sometimes be 'blind' in how we see others and not value them as individuals. The healing of blind Bartimaeus reminds us that Jesus doesn't want us to be like that.'

'When Jesus rose from the dead while he was buried in his tomb, he showed that God has power over death, which means that God can save humans as well.'

'The 5,000 people were probably fed by the people in the crowd who had food following Jesus' example and sharing it in the same way he had shared his.'

'Jesus told the blind man that he was healed because of his faith. If we have faith in God, we will receive the rewards for that also.'

'When Jesus healed the blind beggar Bartimaeus, he showed his deep concern for the suffering that humans can experience, and his power to overcome it.'

