



Jesus was **real**. He was **really** born to a **real** mother in a **real** place. He **really** grew up and lived a **real** life. **Jesus isn't a fairytale.** Listen to



how Peter summarized much of Jesus' life in **Acts 10:38**:

"He went about doing _____ and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

John 2:11 also provides a good way of thinking about the miracles of Jesus. What were they all about?

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his _____. And his disciples believed in him.

In fact, the gospels tell us about more than ____ miracles Jesus performed, demonstrating his power over **nature**, **sickness**, and even **death** itself.

In **Mark 1:27**, we have a great summary of Jesus' work as the Son of Man.

And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with _____! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they _____ him."

Jesus consistently and unashamedly spoke with authority, calling people to follow him, put him first, and keep his commandments.

"If anyone would come after me, let him _____ himself and take up his cross and _____ me." (**Matt 16:24**)

For Family Discussion:

- What's the difference between a fairytale and Jesus? Why is it so important that we understand Jesus is real?
- What miracles can you remember that Jesus performed? What do you think the most amazing one would have been to see?
- What does it mean to "deny" myself? Why would Jesus expect me to do something like that?

Bible Readings for This Week:

- Luke 2:40-52**
Jesus as a boy
- John 2:1-11**
Jesus' first miracle
- Mark 2:1-12**
Jesus heals a paralytic
- Mark 4:35-41; 6:45-52**
Jesus on the water
- Mark 5:21-43**
Jesus raises a little girl

Next Weekend:

The Lamb of God