



PICS OR IT DIDN'T HAPPEN

JESUS' MIRACLES PROVE HE IS GOD

GOAL

The goal of *Pics or It Didn't Happen* is for teens to understand that there is evidence that Jesus is God in the miracles that He did, most especially the Resurrection, and in looking at these miracles grow in faith.

KEY CONCEPTS

- We don't come to understand who Jesus is only through what He says but also through what He does, specifically His miracles.
- Miracles are not party tricks and can not be commanded to happen. They are ways that Jesus reveals His identity as God.
- Ultimately, the proof that Jesus is God comes from His Resurrection from the dead, when the tomb was empty and Jesus rose to new life, defeating death and giving us all new life.

KEY TERMS:

Theophanies
 Miracles
 Resurrection of Christ

SCRIPTURE:

Exodus 33:18-23
 Matthew 17:1-8
 Mark 5:21-43
 John 20:1-19

CATECHISM:

CCC 548-549
 CCC 651-655
 CCC 707

ABOUT THIS LIFE NIGHT

This Life Night begins with an upfront Gather in which teens have to convince each other that the bold claims they are making are true. The Proclaim looks at Jesus' claim to be God through the lens of His miracles, realizing that the greatest proof offered for Jesus' divinity is His Resurrection. In the Break, the teens discuss situations that they have had to see to believe and how they can come to believe in Jesus through His miracles. For the Send, teens are invited to offer areas of their lives where they are in need of a miracle to the resurrected Jesus.

ENVIRONMENT

In the front of the room, create a life-sized empty tomb. Consider drawing it on a large sheet of paper and hanging it on the wall or using cardboard to build one. Be creative. Also, check in with your parish to see if you can borrow the tomb they use during the Easter season. Bring in plants or cut out plants from green poster board to make it look like a garden. Behind or below the tomb, place a cork board that is large enough that each person in the group could pin a notecard to it. To begin the Life Night, pin notecards with the miracles of Jesus written on them to the board. Here are some miracles to get started. If specific miracles have been in the Sunday readings, be sure to include those.

- Jesus raises Lazarus, a man who had been in the tomb for four days, from the dead. - John 11:17-44
- Jesus heals a paralytic. - Matthew 9:1-8
- Jesus heals a leper. - Matthew 8:1-4
- Jesus feeds five thousand. - Matthew 15:32-39
- Jesus turns water into wine. - John 2:1-11
- Jesus raises Jairus' sick daughter from the dead. - Luke 8:40-42

MEDIA SUGGESTIONS

Ann Jeong: "You Came (Lazarus) - Jeremy Riddle, Steffany Frizzell (Bethel Church Worship)" ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...))