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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 4 and distribute them to your students.



Topic: Rhoda – Joyful recognition of miracles.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To explain the importance of faith and recognizing God's work in our lives.



Lesson Takeaway:

God performs miracles, and sometimes they come in unexpected ways. It is important to have faith and recognize these miracles as we walk with God.



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Topic:

Rhoda – Joyful recognition of miracles.



Bible References:

Acts 12:12–16



Who was Rhoda?

The Bible mentioned Rhoda in the Book of Acts. Rhoda was a servant girl in the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark. Although her story is brief, it is a significant account of faith and recognition of the subtle ways God works in our lives.



What did Rhoda do?

In Acts 12:12-16, we read about Rhoda's act of faith. "And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer.

When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel".

From this passage, we learn several important things about Rhoda:

- Rhoda was a servant in the household of Mary. Her role may have been small, but it did not stop her from having faith and recognizing the work of God.
- Rhoda immediately recognized Peter's voice, showing that she was attentive and familiar with the apostles.





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What did Rhoda do? (Contd.)

- When she heard Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that she forgot to open the door. This shows the genuine excitement and faith she had in God's miracle.
- Despite the others doubting her, Rhoda insisted that Peter was indeed at the door. This shows that her faith did not waver.



What can we learn from Rhoda?

What can we learn from Rhoda? Rhoda's story teaches us important lessons about faith, joy, and recognition of God's miracles.

1. Being attentive to what God is doing in our lives: Just as Rhoda recognized Peter's voice, we should be attentive and recognize what God is doing in our lives (see Proverbs 4:20 – 22). Even small miracles and blessings should be acknowledged and celebrated (Psalm 107:1).
2. Faith and joy: Rhoda's faith and overwhelming joy encourages us to be happy when our faith in God produces miracles. We should share this joy when we witness God's work (Psalm 145:5 – 7).
3. Persistence in faith: Despite distrust from others, Rhoda persisted that she heard Peter's voice. We can learn to hold on to our faith and continue to proclaim God's work, even when others doubt (Psalm 25:1 – 3).
4. Importance of collective prayer: Rhoda was in a prayer meeting when she witnessed Peter's deliverance. It is important that we continue to pray together as believers (Hebrews 10:25). When we do this, we can develop our faith and witness God at work in the lives of people.





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Memorize:

Psalm 77:14 – You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.



Scenario Review:

Ray, one of your cousins, has been very sick. It appeared he was going to die. Your family started praying for Ray and asking God to do a miracle and heal him. One day, you received a message that Ray is completely healed. Some of your family members were not sure about this news. It sounded too good to be true. They reminded you, “the doctor said Ray was likely going to die”. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



Remember:

God performs miracles, and sometimes they come in unexpected ways. It is important to have faith and recognize these miracles as we walk with God.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for your many miracles in my life and family. Please help me to always be ready to recognize and celebrate Your miracles. Strengthen my faith and give me the joy and persistence to share Your wonderful work with others. Help me to always be attentive to Your presence and power in my life. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!

