



“Please, Nana, what’s a miracle? ²
I heard the teacher say
That miracles are happening
Around us every day.”

“Ah, miracles—a special name,
We use when things occur
That wouldn’t happen naturally,
But ‘round God’s Laws detour.”



“Now what about the sun we see
Set high up in the sky?
That surely is a miracle?
It’s not, and this is why.”

“The sun must follow special rules
From which it cannot stray;
The same ones that God set in place ³
That fourth Creation Day.”

Rules for the sun:

- 1. Don't get too close (or too far)*
- 2. Appear each morning*
- 3. Disappear each night*
- 4. Don't stop working*



*“It heats our planet—land and sea,
And helps the forests grow,
It forms the clouds that send the rain
And makes the currents flow.”*

*“God made for us this special home,
And nowhere else in space
Is there a planet just like Earth—
A really unique place.”*



*“Our sun and moon and planet Earth
Together play their part
In moving round the ocean’s tides—
God’s plan right from the start.”*

*“You know of course the moon lights up
The evening skies at night,
As it rotates around our earth,
Reflecting far sunlight.”*





“And what about these grains of sand?
You couldn’t count them ever;
But if you could, I think you would
Feel very, very clever.”

“Yes, God could do this, that’s for sure,
Right down to the last grain; 🧐⁴
But that’s still not a miracle—
Hang on—I’ll soon explain.”



Please, Nana

What's a Miracle?

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Author's note

The miracles of Jesus; a huge topic! Try to imagine for a few minutes what it must have been like to have lived in Israel during the time of Jesus' earthly ministry. You are a Jewish citizen held captive in your own land by brutal Roman oppressors. Your religious leaders, supposedly your spiritual 'shepherds', care more about appeasing the Romans and lining their own coffers than being bothered with the likes of you. No newspapers, no television, no social media; nothing except word of mouth. You hear rumors of a 'healer' who is restoring sight to the blind, healing lepers and the demon-possessed, curing cripples, even restoring life to dead people, feeding thousands from a few handfuls of food, and teaching, always teaching, about God and His coming Kingdom. You actually meet someone who has been healed. You listen to their account. Could it be true? Could the long-promised Kingdom of God be at hand? Could Jesus be the one you think will destroy the pagan rulers and restore Israel to its former glory? Would you try to see this healer for yourself, to judge for yourself? I believe you well might. I know I would.

Many did, and there are abundant testimonies in the synoptic gospels of the miracles worked by Jesus. I have covered just a few in this small book. There were literally thousands of recipients of Jesus' healing and creative powers throughout the course of His ministry—not an occasional one here and there. Thousands! No wonder the religious leaders felt threatened, and the Romans feared an uprising.

I can think of no better way for a little child to learn the realities of the universe than on the lap of a loving adult family member. It is my prayer that adults and children will treasure the time shared together, as did Mary-Beth and I, while laying a solid biblical foundation in young minds.