

## Kick it Off

Kick off this session by posing this question to students, “*What is a miracle?*” Elicit responses from a few students. Ask a few students to name some miracles that Jesus performed in the Bible. Then ask students if God has ever performed a miracle in their life. Ask volunteers to share their story.

Today's story begins with a touchy subject, but ends showing the miraculous healing power of God. As you read Woods' amazing story, just know that God is the same, “*Yesterday, Today, and Forever.*”

## Key Verse

“*For a long time Herod had wanted to see Jesus ...He had heard many things about Jesus and hoped to see him work a miracle.*” *Luke 23.8, CEV*

## Keep it Real

**Small Group Study** Pass out the magazine or article to the entire group along with the study sheets. Divide the students into small groups and have students read the article and answer the questions as a group. Let each group know that they have 10 minutes to complete the task. After the ten minutes are up, have one group member from each group share out. Spend 20 minutes on this part of the assignment.

**Whole Group Study** Pass out the magazine or article to the entire group along with the study sheets. Read the article aloud. Ask for volunteers to read the other sections. Then, discuss the questions in a whole group forum. Spend 20 minutes on this assignment.

## Keep the Faith

Before the session, purchase two different color boxes and tie a bow around each to make them look festive. Fold an 8½” sheet of paper in each box. Ask for two volunteers to come up to the front of the room. Before you have students choose a box, tell them that there is a \$10.00 bill in one of the boxes. Have students choose a box. When both have chosen a box, have students open the boxes at the same time. Both students will notice that **both** boxes are empty.

Finish the illustration by talking about how cunning (Satan) can be. Satan can make things such as money, sex, drinking, and drugs seem so attractive. He can trick all us into believing a lie just to get us on his side. Challenge your students not to fall into Satan's traps. Although God performed a great miracle in Woods' life, he had to go through many valleys, before God showed his great healing power.

## **Keep it Movin'**

Make wise choices.

Realize it only takes **one** time (sexually) to contract the AIDS virus.

There are many myths associated with those who are HIV positive, get the facts!

Read God's Word every day so that you can increase your faith.

**Close in Prayer** – Pray for those who are HIV positive and those who are living with AIDS. Pray that God increases their faith so that they can believe in the healing power of God's love.