

## Lesson 25: worksheet

Francisco & Jacinta died very young, while Lucia lived to 97. Why do you think she lived so long while her cousins died so young?

*Please click twice to watch the following video*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4IbOzuNImE>

What do you think of this miracle?

### **The Great Miracle of the Sun**

The greatest miracle to occur since the Resurrection is also the only miracle ever precisely predicted as to date, time of day and location. Although it is popularly known as “The Miracle of the Sun” and October 13, 1917 has come to be known as “The Day the Sun Danced,” a great deal more took place. The solar phenomena included the dancing of the sun, its fluctuations in color, its swirling and its descending toward the earth. There was also the stillness in the leaves of the trees in spite of howling winds, the complete drying of the rain-soaked ground and the restoration of clothes all wet and covered with mud so that, as eye-witness Dominic Reis, put it, “They looked as though they had just come back from the cleaners.” Physical cures of the blind and the lame were reported. The countless unreserved public confessions of sin and commitments to conversion of life attest to the authenticity of what they saw.

The miracle is reported to have been seen from as far as 15-25 miles away, thus ruling out the possibility of any type of collective hallucination or mass hypnotism. Doubters and skeptics had become believers. Even *O Seculo*'s chief editor, Avelino de Almeida, now reported affirmatively and stood by his story later on in spite of harsh criticism.