

Jesus heals Jairus's daughter



Bible verses:

Mark 5:21-24,28-43

Jesus gives life to a dead girl



Aim:

To explore a moment where Jesus raised the dead



Today's fruit:

Joy



In our story for today we see the miraculous healing of a sick young girl.

Her father Jairus was desperate for Jesus to help, but there was a delay getting to him. Someone else needed Jesus's help and it seemed this made it too late for him to heal Jairus' sick daughter. In our session today we will think of those people who are unwell and pray that Jesus will be with them and heal them just like he did Jairus's daughter. Remember to be sensitive in case this is a difficult topic for any child.

Joy was received by Jairus's parents and all who experienced Jesus' act.

Each child will need:

- Their storybook from Session One
- A4 card, coloured paper, a sticking plaster, glue, scissors, two google eyes, pens, optional decorating resources and an envelope – see Action it
- *Explore It ideas* handout

You will need:

- A scarf/blindfold
- Today's fruit sign: *Joy*
- To watch **Cute Get Well Soon Greeting Card easy DIY** by CraftCorner (4:05)

Start it

Play a game where the children try to guess who tapped their shoulder. Arrange everyone into a circle, ideally standing. Ask for a volunteer who is happy to be blindfolded and tapped on the shoulder. Once they are blindfolded, stand them in the middle of the group and indicate for one of the other children to creep up, tap them and return to their place. Once this has happened, the child in the centre can remove the blindfold and try and guess who it was. Repeat the game with different volunteers.

Say:

In part of today's story Jesus tried to guess who had touched him in a busy crowd. This act led to a miraculous healing that we will find out about later.

Sing it

Say:

In our story today we meet Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, who desperately wants Jesus to heal his daughter. He knows that there is something special about Jesus. Our song for today reminds us that Jesus is our way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper and light in the darkness.

Song

'Way Maker' official live video by Shout Praises Kids (3:05)

Tell it

Say:

Throughout our *Explore It* sessions this month we have looked at the power of stories in the Bible.

Ask:

- Which two stories have we read so far?
- What was the main message in each story?

Say:

Our memory verse reminds us that Jesus told stories to the people to help them learn more about God. See if you can remember our memory verse for this month.



Memory verse

'I will speak using stories;

I will tell things that have been secret since the world was made.'

(Matthew 13:35 *ICB*)

If the children completed the story-writing activity from last week's *Explore It Ideas*, they could share it now from their storybook.

Say:

Today's story involves a very sick little girl and a desperate father asking Jesus for her healing. The story is found in the book of Mark in the New Testament. Let's watch the clip to find out what happened.

Video

Jesus raises Jairus's daughter Stories of the Bible by Saddleback Kids (2:30)

Say:

It had reached a point where Jesus was constantly followed by a crowd. They wanted to listen to his teaching, and they had heard about his ability to heal people. Jairus was a leader in the Jewish synagogue. He desperately wanted Jesus to heal his sick daughter.

Read:

'A ruler from the synagogue, named Jairus, came to that place. Jairus saw Jesus and bowed before him. The ruler begged Jesus again and again. He said, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her. Then she will be healed and will live." So Jesus went with the ruler, and many people followed Jesus. They were pushing very close around him.'

(Mark 5:22-24 *ICB*)

Ask:

- How do you think Jairus felt when Jesus agreed to go home with him?
- What was Jairus hoping would happen?

Say:

As Jesus walked through the bustling crowd, he turned to his disciples and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' In a busy crowd, this seemed like a ridiculous thing to say, as many people would be pushing forward to see Jesus. However, Jesus knew this touch was different and asked for the person to step forward.



Read:

'But Jesus continued looking around to see who had touched him. The woman knew that she was healed. So she came and bowed at Jesus' feet. Shaking with fear, she told him the whole story. Jesus said to the woman, "Dear woman, you are made well because you believed. Go in peace. You will have no more suffering."'

(Mark 5:32-34 *ICB*)

Ask:

- How do you think the woman felt when her prayers were answered, and she was healed?
- But who was standing by, waiting while this was happening?

Say:

Jairus had to stand, watch and wait while this unknown woman took his place in the queue and delayed Jesus. His daughter was still at home sick, and at the point of dying.

Read:

'Jesus was still speaking to her when some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. The men said, "Your daughter is dead. There is now no need to bother the teacher."'

(Mark 5:35 *ICB*)

Ask:

How do you think Jairus felt when he heard that it was too late?

Say:

The Bible doesn't say how Jairus felt at that moment. He may have been angry with the woman for wasting precious time. He would have been very sad that it was too late for his daughter, but may also have been happy for the woman who was healed.

Ask:

How do you think you would have felt if you were Jairus?

Say:

It can sometimes be difficult to see God answering the prayers of others while we are still waiting. However, in this story Jairus wouldn't have to wait much longer for his prayer to be answered.

Read:

'But Jesus paid no attention to what the men said. He said to the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; only believe."'

'Jesus let only Peter, James, and John the brother of James go with him to Jairus's house. They came to the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus found many people there crying loudly. There was much confusion. Jesus entered the house and said to the

people, “Why are you crying and making so much noise? This child is not dead. She is only asleep.” But they only laughed at Jesus. He told all the people to leave. Then he went into the room where the child was. He took the child’s father and mother and his three followers into the room with him. Then he took hold of the girl’s hand and said to her, “Talitha, koum!” (This means, “Little girl, I tell you to stand up!”) The girl stood right up and began walking. (She was 12 years old.) The father and mother and the followers were amazed. Jesus gave the father and mother strict orders not to tell people about this. Then he told them to give the girl some food.’

(Mark 5:36-43 ICB)

Display the *Joy* sign.

Ask:

How does this fruit of the Spirit relate to our story today?

Say:

Everyone watching was filled with joy because Jesus had healed the little girl.

Ask:

- Jairus and his wife had just seen a miracle; but what unusual thing did Jesus ask them to do?
- Why do you think Jesus wanted to keep the story quiet?

Say:

There are lots of moments in the book of Mark where Jesus asks people not to tell anyone what he has done. There are also lots of different ideas about why he did this. One idea is that it wasn’t the right time for people to know who Jesus really was. That time would be when he died on the cross and rose from the dead.

Action it

Say:

In today’s story Jairus and his wife were able to celebrate Jesus’ healing of their sick daughter. Unfortunately, not everyone who is ill experiences miraculous healing. There are lots of people in our churches and communities who are struggling with illness. We are going to take some time to let them know we are thinking of them and praying for them.

Ask the children to think of people in their community who are unwell and make them a card.

You may wish to share the video below with your group. The children may want to think of an alternative message to ‘Get well soon’ for the person receiving the card; eg ‘Thinking of you’ may be more suitable.

Video

Cute Get Well Soon Greeting Card easy DIY by CraftCorner (4:05)

When the cards are completed, give each child an envelope to write the recipient's name on the front. Discuss with the children how they will deliver their card.



Pray it

Ask the children to bring their cards and stand in a circle. Give them time to think of a one or two-sentence prayer for the person who will receive their card. Go around the circle praying for those who are unwell in your community.

If appropriate, sing the song 'Way Maker' again. As the children sing, ask them to think of the person who will receive their card, believing that Jesus will be with them.

'Way Maker' official live video by Shout Praises Kids (3:05)

Remind the children to take their storybooks home – and to bring them back next week.



Explore it

Remember to send home the *Explore It ideas* for children and families.



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Here are some ideas for you to explore at home.



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Create

In your storybook draw a picture of the final part of our story from this week's session. Try and show the joy of the family as their little girl was healed.

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(Mark 5:41-43 ICB)



Bake

In today's story Jesus asked Jairus and his wife to give their daughter something to eat. Who could you treat with something delicious to eat? Have a look at the link below and see what tasty treat you could bake to brighten someone's day. Ask someone at home to help you.

www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/baking_with_children



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Song for the week

'Way Maker' official live video by Shout Praises Kids

Kids Alive! Online – salvationarmy.org.uk/kidsalive

Kids Alive! The UK's only weekly Christian comic – is filled with jokes, competitions, Bible-based cartoons and much more... and is now available to read online!



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Start it

Today we are going to hear a story about
Jesus and a little girl who was very sick.



Tell it

Share a child-friendly version of Mark 5:21-
24,28-43.

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share
together:

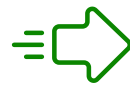
- Think of a moment when you felt joy.
- Are there people nearby we can thank for those moments?
- Are there moments in your life where you have felt sad?
- What would you ask Jairus's daughter after she was made well?
- What would be your favourite food to offer her?



Sing It

'Great big God!' Vineyard Kids, Vineyard
Worship UK and Ireland (2:51)

'Jesus Song' by Saddleback Kids (2:45) This
song tells us about the amazing thing Jesus
did.



Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible
passage:

- Act out the scene with Jesus bringing
Jairus's daughter back from her sleep.
- Do a dance of celebration as if you were
her parents.
- See how many times you can lie down
then stand up in 30 seconds.
- Pretend to be as small and still as you can,
then transform into as big a shape as you
can make.
- Think of an energetic game you enjoy, and
mime playing it to show you are alive!