

Bible Story

Jesus Healed a Woman and a Girl • Mark 5:21-43

Story Point

Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead.

Memory Verse

“Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” **Isaiah 53:4-6**

Big Picture

Why did God create people?

God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.

FOR PARENTS: Bible Study

Jesus had just returned from the region of the Gerasenes, where He had healed a man with an unclean spirit. He crossed the Sea of Galilee and came on shore, where He was surrounded by a large crowd of people. News of Jesus’ teachings and healings was spreading, and people wanted to see Jesus. They wanted to learn from Him and be healed.

Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, came to Jesus in crisis. His daughter was at the point of death. Without Jesus’ help, she would surely die. Jesus went with Jairus, but as He walked, a woman in the crowd came up behind Him and touched His robes. She too was desperate for healing. The woman believed that Jesus’ power was strong enough to heal her even if all she did was touch His robe. Because she had faith, Jesus healed her.

Imagine Jairus’ devastation when he heard that his daughter had died. The people suggested that Jesus was too late to help her, but Jesus proved them wrong. He went to Jairus’ house and raised the little girl from the dead.

Through His healing miracles, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son.

As you teach kids, point out that the woman and the father of the little girl came to Jesus in faith. They needed Jesus’ help, and they trusted in Jesus’ power to heal. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He ascended to heaven. Even though Jesus is not physically on earth today, we can pray and ask God to heal people who are sick. Whether or not God grants immediate physical healing, we can rest knowing that He brings ultimate healing through His Son, Jesus.

Let's Get Started Activity: Clothespin Grab Game

What You Need: 2 clothespins for each participant

What You Do:

Give each kid two clothespins. Instruct each kid to clip the clothespins at waist level on each side of his or her clothing. Explain that kids will move around the room, trying to reach out and grab others' clothespins while also protecting their own. Kids may not cover or touch their own clothespins; they may only protect them by turning to keep them out of reach. (Note: include the family to make this more fun. If you do not have enough clothespins to go around, be creative and find other home items that can be clipped on to clothes.)

Call time after several minutes. The player who collected the most clothespins is the winner.

What You Say:

In today's Bible story, a woman reached out and touched the edge of Jesus' clothes and something amazing happened! Let's find out more. Let's open our Bibles to Mark, chapter 5, verses 21-43.

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Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. ³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶ Overhearing^[a] what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Discuss

- Who was Jairus? (*a leader in the synagogue and father to a dying girl, Mark 5:22-23*)
- How long had the older woman been suffering with her sickness? (*12 years, Mark 5:25*)
- How did the people outside Jairus' house react when Jesus said the girl wasn't dead? (*They laughed. They had no faith; Mark 5:39-40*)

- What can we do if someone we know is sick or hurting? *Guide kids to think about ways to show love to others who are going through difficult circumstances. Help them see that praying for others is the strongest tool we have against hard times. Remind them that Jesus doesn't promise our lives will be easy or pain free, but we can trust Him to always do what is right.*
- How can we show our faith in Jesus? *Help kids brainstorm ways to share their faith with others by giving God credit when they succeed, talking about what they learn in church, or telling others about the ways Jesus has helped them overcome difficult times.*
- How can we glorify God if someone we love isn't healed when we ask God to heal them? *Guide kids to see that our hope is not in physical healing but in the restoration of the world that will come when Jesus returns. Help them see that people who have faith in Jesus will live eternally with God, no matter what hard times they go through now.*
- Say • **Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead.** Jesus has power over sickness and death. When we have faith, Jesus raises us to new life in Him and heals us from the damage sin causes.

Christ Connection

By healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son.

Additional Questions for OLDER KIDS:

What You Say:

Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead. Was Jesus angry that the woman had touched His clothes? No! He spoke kindly to her, calling her "Daughter." Jesus did not want her to feel guilty. She was completely healed!

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

- How was the woman with a bleeding problem healed? *Prompt kids to recall that when the woman touched Jesus' clothes, she was healed. The woman came to Jesus in faith, believing He could heal her. Emphasize that Jesus' clothes weren't magical; the healing power came from Jesus Himself.*
(Option: Choose a volunteer to read Acts 10:37-38.)
- What do we need to do to get Jesus' help? *Point out that the people who needed to be healed knew who could help them. We can look to Jesus for help—no matter what sin or sickness we face. We don't need to do anything to earn His help. Jesus tells us, "Just believe."*
(Option: Choose a volunteer to read 1 Pet. 2:24.)
- How can we seek healing today? *Lead kids to discuss how even though Jesus is not physically on earth today, we can pray to Him in faith and ask God to heal people who are sick or hurting. God has the power to heal, and He brings ultimate healing through His Son, Jesus, by forgiving our sins.*
(Option: Choose a volunteer to read James 5:16.)

Activity Page

What You Do:

Have kids complete the activity page. Guide kids to circle the words in the word search.

What You Say:

All of the words you found are part of today's Bible story. We read about a time Jesus healed two people.

Big Picture Question

Remember our big picture question and answer: ***Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.*** Say that with me: ***Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.*** This really is amazing. God didn't need to create people, but He wanted to. He had a plan for the people in today's story, and He has a plan for us too.

Questions from Kids, Bible Story Video

Show the "Unit 22, Session 2" questions from kids video. Prompt kids to think about how we can care for people who are sick or hurting. Guide them to discuss what they would like someone to do for them if they were sick or hurting.

Missions Moment - Show the picture of missionary Amy Carmichael

What You Say:

Missionary Amy Carmichael was born in Ireland. She served as a missionary in Japan and then in India. She lived in India for 56 years, serving children in an orphanage and teaching them about Jesus. They called her *Amma*, which means "mother."

Amy believed in the power of Jesus in the children's lives. She knew about the miracles that Jesus did, like when **Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead**. That same Jesus loved the children of India when Amy served there, and He loves them today. Close in prayer for missionaries around the world, including any missionaries your church supports.

Memory Verse - Show the Memory Verse Poster to the kids. Lead them to say it together.

What You Say:

Does anyone remember who Isaiah was? (*an Old Testament prophet*) Long before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about a Servant who would come from God. Isaiah said this Servant would bear our sicknesses and carry our pains. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when He healed many people.

[See *Matt. 8:16-17.*] In today's Bible story, **Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead**.

Prayer

Father, thank You for sending Your Son to rescue us from sin. Help us trust You, love You, and obey Your Word. Heal us from the damage sin does in our lives. Amen.

Craft Idea: First Aid Kits

What You Do:

Provide supplies for kids to assemble basic first aid kits. Help kids cut strips of red duct tape and attach them to the outside of their containers to form a cross. Some suggestions for kits: baggies, red tape, bandaids, alcohol wipes, salves.

Suggest that they keep the first aid kits in their backpacks or in the family car. If you have additional supplies, allow kids to assemble additional kits to give away.

What You Say:

When you see the cross on your first aid kit, remember that Jesus is our ultimate Healer. You can tell others about today's Bible story and pray to Jesus for both physical and spiritual healing. By healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son.