

12. Jesus Heals a Little Girl

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Leader Notes:

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Take a few moments to greet the children and let them know how glad you are to see them.

I love exploring God's story with you. Let's get ready to do that together.

Breathe

Use this time to focus your attention on God.

Do this with me: calm your head, heart, and hands as you slowly breathe in . . . and out. *(Demonstrate a few deep "in and out breaths" with eyes closed.)*

Tell and Wonder

Let's enter God's story together. Here's the story symbol for the part of God's story that we'll be spending time in today. I wonder what clues it gives us about the story we're about to hear? *(Show the story symbol. Accept any answers without giving away whether or not the kids have guessed correctly.)*

Listen closely as we read the story together to see which story our symbol represents.

Read "Jesus Heals a Little Girl" aloud (below), pausing throughout to allow children to answer the wondering questions. NOTE: It's always a good idea to read through the story beforehand so you'll be able to tell it well.

You can also read the story from a children's Bible or a simplified translation of Scripture like the New International Reader's Version (NIRV). Remember to pause throughout to allow time to wonder.

Pray

Close with this prayer, having the kids repeat each sentence after you:

**Dear Jesus, you have power over the weather.
You have power over death.
You have amazing power.
We love you, Jesus.
We praise you, Jesus. Amen.**

See [5 Ways to Pray with Kids](#) for other ways to pray.

Respond

Select and do one or more of the response activities from God's Big Story card #106 or check out [5 Ways to Retell a Bible Story with Kids](#) for some fun ways to retell this story. Include older kids in the retelling by having them read the story aloud while the younger children act it out.*

**God's Big Story cards can be ordered from FaithAliveResources.org.*

Easy Extra

Distribute [these story pictures](#) along with crayons or markers. Help the children to complete the pictures as they recall the events from today's story. Encourage the children to be the primary storytellers as you work.

NOTE: Remember to email the file for parents to print out if you aren't meeting in person.

Story: Jesus Heals a Little Girl [Mark 5:21-24; 35-43](#)

Once there was a man named Jairus. He was a ruler in a Jewish place of worship called a synagogue. But something was wrong in his life—really wrong! His precious little girl was very sick. The doctors didn't know how to make her well, and she was getting worse every day.

Jairus knew that he needed to find help, and he needed it now. The only person he knew of who had healed people with just a touch was Jesus. Jairus decided he had to go and find Jesus. He raced as fast as his legs could carry him. Down the road, over the hills, through the trees, to the place where Jesus was. When he finally got there he saw crowds of people everywhere—crowds of people surrounding Jesus.

What would you have done if you were Jairus and saw the crowds of people all around Jesus? *(Pause for responses.)*

Jairus pushed his way through that crowd, squeezing this way and that way until he was right next to Jesus. He fell on his knees and pleaded with Jesus. "My little girl is dying! Please come quickly. Put your hands on her. If you do, she will live!"

Jesus agreed to go with Jairus, and they left right away. The crowd followed. Other people tried to get Jesus' attention too, so walking was very slow. In fact, Jesus had to stop a few times to talk to people and help them.

Jairus wanted to get Jesus to his little girl as quickly as possible. It must have seemed like it was taking forever! Then, while they were still walking, a messenger from Jairus's house pushed his way into the crowd

and said, "Jairus, there is no use bothering Jesus anymore. Your little girl is dead." Jairus's eyes filled up with tears.

But listen! Jesus said an amazing thing. Jesus looked into Jairus's eyes and said, "Don't be afraid. Just believe!" Wow!

What do you think Jesus meant? *(Pause for responses.)*

Jesus turned to the crowd and asked them not to come with him any farther. Then he asked his disciples Peter, James, and John to come with him, and the small group continued walking toward Jairus's house. When they got there they heard people crying. Everyone was so sad!

Jesus spoke to the people. What Jesus said may sound a bit strange. He said, "What's all the commotion and crying about? The little girl isn't dead—she is just sleeping." Jesus' words made no sense to the people who had been in the house and who knew that the girl was dead. They laughed at Jesus and figured he didn't know what he was talking about.

Jesus sent everyone out of the house. Then he invited the little girl's mom; her dad, Jairus; and Jesus' disciples Peter, James, and John to come with him into the girl's room. Jesus walked up to the girl's bed and took her lifeless hand in his.

In the quiet of the room, Jesus spoke to her. "Little girl, get up!"

Do you think everyone held their breath? *(Pause for responses.)*

The girl's eyes popped open. She looked around the room. She pushed off the covers and got out of bed! Then she walked to her dad and mom. As they looked at Jesus in amazement and hugged their daughter, Jesus smiled and told the parents to give their little girl something to eat. He knew she was ready for some food again!

Imagine that you were a little mouse in Jairus's house that night. **What do you think you might have heard Jairus and his family say in their evening prayers?** *(Pause for responses.)*

Looking for More Activities for This Story?

Click below to access the full age-specific *Dwell* session for this story:

- [Kindergarten-1st Grade: A Little Girl Learns about Jesus](#)
 - [2nd-3rd Grade: Jesus Heals a Little Girl](#)
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