

Hope in the Healer

STORY

Jesus heals a sick woman
and a girl

Mark 5:21-43

One day Jesus was teaching by Lake Galilee when Jairus—a Synagogue leader—came and knelt at his feet begging for help “My daughter is about to die! Please come and touch her, so she will get well and live.” Jesus immediately started to go with Jairus but it was hard because there were many people crowding around.

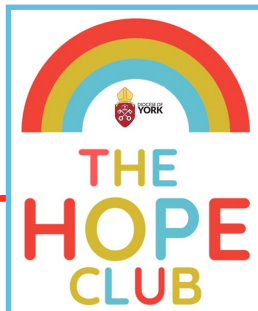
In the crowd was a poor woman who had been ill for twelve years. She had heard about Jesus’ healing power. The moment she touched his cloak she was well, but Jesus felt the power go out from him and, turning to the crowd asked “Who touched my clothes?” The woman came, shaking with fear and knelt down in front of Jesus and told him the whole story. Jesus said to her, “You are now well because of your faith. May God give you peace!”

While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from Jairus’ home and said, “Your daughter has died! Why bother the teacher anymore?” Jesus said to Jairus “Don’t worry. Just have faith!”. He took Peter, James and John to Jairus’ house where people were crying for the girl. Jesus said to them, “Why are you crying? The child isn’t dead. She is just asleep.” But the people laughed at him.

He went to where the twelve year old girl was lying, took her hand and told her to get up. She started walking around and Jesus told them to get her something to eat .

Animated video using paperbag puppets

<https://youtu.be/-xfCOxaw20M>



READY STEADY

In this story Jesus shows he always has time to listen and help. Pretend you are ill as you settle down to listen, and are well again as the story ends

DO

Make a card or a picture for someone who is sad or ill and send it to them as a way of showing them that Jesus notices them and cares for them.

Make a hanging heart card to remember that Jesus has the power to heal.

Make and write a thank you card to those working in your local care home or hospital .

PLAY

Take it in turns to be blindfolded. Try and put a peg on the blindfolded person’s clothing without them noticing. If they notice you have to take it off. If they are able to guess who it was, you have to wear the peg yourself.

Make a pretend first aid kit with strips of paper or cloth bandages, and plasters with healing words like ‘compassion’ ‘kindness’ ‘gentleness’ and patience’ written on them. Use them to pretend to bandage each other or make the toys in your hospital better

WONDER TOGETHER

About how each of the characters in the story felt before and after they met Jesus

Make a Scene!
The moment when Jesus is touched by the woman or the girl gets up

PRAY

Talk about people or situations you know that need Jesus’ healing power.
Touch different bits of your body (or make a person with a pipe cleaner) to represent your prayers as you tell God about them.