

Jesus helps a young girl

Mark 5:21-43

Aim: to know that Jesus has power over death and illness



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Three of the gospels record the same incident which happened in the lakeside town of Capernaum. An official at the local synagogue, Jairus anxiously asked Jesus to heal his very poorly daughter. As usual there were many people around seeking help and one woman delayed Jesus seeking healing herself. By the time he got to the house where the girl lay sick he was told it was too late; she had died. Ignoring the grieving relatives Jesus took Peter, James and John with him, announcing that the girl was not dead but only sleeping. Taking her by the hand Jesus gently roused her, saying, "Little one wake up" This brought her back to life. His comment that she might be hungry showed that as well as having miraculous power over life and death, Jesus is also bothered about the little details of our lives.



Have a collection of medical and first aid items ready and ask what illnesses or injuries you might use each for: eg. A plaster for a cut; a sling for a hurt arm; calpol for a headache, etc.

God has given us all sorts of clever things like these and clever people like doctors and nurses to help us when we are hurt or poorly. Our Bible story happened a long time ago before any of these things had been invented but shows us that Jesus is more amazing than all of them!



Ask everyone to make a sad face, then an amazed face and a happy face. Practice a few times.

Read 'Jairus and his daughter' (p164). As you read encourage everyone to react to the story with their sad, amazed or happy face.

'My daughter is dying' - sad; 'of course' answered Jesus' - happy; 'everyone at his house was crying' - sad; 'your daughter is only asleep' - amazed; 'and she did' - happy; 'everyone was amazed' - amazed; 'he had healed her' - happy

If you have enough time you could tell the story again so that the children can feel more confident about joining in the second time



- *I wonder how Jairus felt as he approached Jesus*
- *I wonder how Jairus felt after Jesus healed his daughter*
- *I wonder how I would feel if I was Jairus*



Read the story from the Bible and talk about the story of the woman with bleeding. How is this different from Jairus's daughters' story?



- Play a version of musical statues but just before the music starts again say '*Jesus says you are alive!*'

- Wonder together about what Jairus's daughter might have wanted to eat when Jesus brought her back to life. Cut out pictures of food from magazines and stick on paper plates to represent 'I'm all better' meals.
- Have a set of medical toys and bandages for 'make you better' play



Praying for healing can feel like a tricky thing to do with younger children as we recognise that although our prayers are always answered, it is not always in the way that we wanted.

Jesus does however remind us to have a childlike faith that is not weighed down by adult 'what ifs?'

Practice touching your arms, legs, head and tummy

Thank you Jesus that you care for us and want us to be well and happy (give yourselves a big hug)

Thank you that you make things better (thumbs up)

Please help all those people who have got sore arms (touch your arms)

Please help all those people who have got sore legs (touch your legs)

Please help all those people who have got sore heads (touch your head)

Please help all those people who have got sore tummies (touch your tummy)

Amen



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- Nothing's too big



Encourage families to pray for each other if they are unwell or injured over the coming weeks.