

Yr 2 Jairus' Daughter & Woman Lesson, Luke: 8: 41-56

Prayer: Jesus Prayer. *See Prayer Poster, Quiet the children down. It is best if they sit. Encourage them to close their eyes. Pray this prayer 10 X slowly and quietly.*

Gospel: [Luke 8:41-56](#) Click here to read the Gospel. [Listen to it here](#) or read this simplified version:

One day, an important man named Jairus came to see Jesus. He fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Jesus to come to his house. His daughter, who was 12, was dying. Jesus began to walk to Jairus' house. Everyone was crowding around Him.

A woman was in the crowd who had been sick for 12 years and had spent all her money on doctors but was still sick. She squeezed in behind Jesus and touched the bottom of his clothes. Right away that she was healed! Jesus asked "Who touched me?" Peter said, "There are so many people around you. Why do you want to know who touched you?" Jesus said, "I know someone touched Me because I felt power go out from Me."

The woman was afraid. She fell down in front of Jesus and told Him she had touched Him so she could be healed. He said, "Because you believed in Me, you are healed. Go in peace."

While Jesus was still talking, a man came to Jairus and told him, "Your daughter died. You don't need Jesus' help anymore." Jesus told Jairus, "Don't be afraid, just believe and she'll be well." He kept going to the house. When He got to Jairus' house, Jesus let Peter, James, John, Jairus, and his wife inside. Jesus told them not to cry because the girl was just sleeping. The others laughed when Jesus said that because she was dead. Then Jesus took her hand and said, "Little girl, get up!" A miracle happened! She got up right away. Jesus asked someone to get her food. Then He asked her parents not to tell anyone what had happened.

Lesson: The Importance of Faith

Something interrupted Jesus' walk to Jairus' house. What happened? The woman touched him and was healed! What a miracle! How did Jesus know that something special had happened? Her faith was so strong that he could feel it, even though lots of other people were touching him. Talk about what faith is -believing, being loyal, trusting God.

After Jesus healed the sick woman, a man came to talk to Jairus. What did he say? He said that it was too late and not to bother Jesus, but Jesus didn't say "Your right, I can't heal her" did he? What did Jesus tell Jairus? "Don't be afraid, just believe and she'll be well."

This story tells us how important it is for us to have faith. God won't force us to believe but He tells us that having [faith](#) (believing and trusting God and staying loyal to Him) is very important. We must pray with strong faith in our hearts that God will listen to us.

Sometimes He gives us a miracle and sometimes He helps us to be peaceful and strong when things are not exactly what we want. *We do not know the mind of God and sometimes bad things happen to good people. We are not God and therefore, may not understand why, but we need to remind the children (and ourselves) that no matter what, God stays near to us, embracing us with His unending love and mercy.*

Craft: Jairus' Daughter Finger Puppet

In Church: Ask God to help you to be strong in your faith and always to trust Him.