Yr 2 Parents' Cheat Sheet

Jairus' Daughter & Woman_Luke: 8: 41-56

1. What did Jairus and the woman who was sick have in common?

Faith. This is much more than just believing. It is believing, staying loyal and trusting God. Faith is a gift. God offers us this gift, but we do not have to take it. If we respond to God's gift, we will continue to grow in faith, we will be moved to action, we will grow in our relationship with God. Prayer is a very important way for us to grow in our faith because it brings us close and closer to the heart and mind of God.

In the Gospels, faith is the most important prerequisite to the miracles of Jesus. In another story, when Jesus asked Peter "Who do you say that I am" and Peter says "you are the Christ, the Son of the living God" It is only then that he is able to go up the mountain with Jesus and see him transfigured. He sees him with the eyes of faith (Matthew 16:13-19). He sees that Jesus is indeed God and the Son of God. We pray for faith so that we can always see Jesus for who He really is!

2. How did Jesus know the lady touched him?

Because of her faith. There are many people that gathered around Jesus, but they did not necessarily have faith. They might have been interested in him. They might have thought that he was some kind of king, or a special teacher, but the lady that touched him KNEW that he was GOD. This makes all the difference in the world. For us it does too. If, in our heart we only believe that Jesus was just a nice man and not God, then he can't bring healing in our lives.

3. What is faith?

Faith is more than just believing. Faith includes believing but it also includes loyalty and trust. When we say someone is faithful, it means that they will stand by the other person even in times of danger. This is what Jesus is asking of us; not only to believe in him but to stand by him and work to become closer and closer to him. Then we will also trust that he is always with us, even if sometimes it doesn't feel like he is.

When we pray we can ask for what we want but we do not know the mind of God and sometimes – like Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, we ask for what we want but in the end we say "Your will be done" and we trust that God will always be embracing us and loving us through many hard times.