

JESUS HEALED A WOMAN AND A GIRL | Mark 5

Memory Verse: ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **JOHN 3:16**

Big Picture Question: Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.

Bottom Line: When we need help, we can pray and trust Jesus.

Christ Connection: *By healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we believe in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son.*

LARGE GROUP: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways.

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Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (Small Groups, 40 minutes)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

1. Bible Skills and Discussion

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

Distribute a Bible to each kid. Help kids find Mark 5. If necessary, review how to use a Bible's table of contents and the chapter and verse numbers to find specific passages. You may select a strong reader to read verses 39–42. Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead. Jesus has power over sickness and death. When we have faith, Jesus raises us to new life in Him and heals us from the damage sin causes.

Discussion Questions:

- **Who was Jairus?** (a leader in the synagogue and father to a dying girl, Mark 5:22-23)
- **How long had the older woman been suffering with her sickness?** (12 years, Mark 5:25)
- **How did the people outside Jairus' house react when Jesus said the girl wasn't dead?** (They laughed. They had no faith; Mark 5:39-40)
- **What can we do if someone we know is sick or hurting?** Guide kids to think about ways to show love to others who are going through difficult circumstances. Help them see that praying for others is the strongest tool we have against hard times. Remind them that Jesus doesn't promise our lives will be easy or pain free, but we can trust Him to always do what is right.
- **How can we show our faith in Jesus?** Help kids brainstorm ways to share their faith with others by giving God credit when they succeed, talking about what they

learn in church, or telling others about the ways Jesus has helped them overcome difficult times.

- **How can we glorify God if someone we love isn't healed when we ask God to heal them?** Guide kids to see that our hope is not in physical healing but in the restoration of the world that will come when Jesus returns. Help them see that people who have faith in Jesus will live eternally with God, no matter what hard times they go through now.
- **How was the woman healed?** Prompt kids to recall that when the woman touched Jesus' clothes, she was healed. The woman came to Jesus in faith, believing He could heal her. Emphasize that Jesus' clothes weren't magical; the healing power came from Jesus Himself. (Acts 10:37-38)
- **What do you need to do to get Jesus' help?** Point out that people who needed to be healed knew who could help them. We can look to Jesus for help- no matter what sin or sickness we face. We don't need to do anything to earn His help. Jesus tells us, "Just believe." (1 Peter 2:24)
- **How can we seek healing today?** Lead kids to discuss how even though Jesus is not physically on earth today, we can pray to Him in faith and ask God to heal people who are sick or hurting. God has the power to heal, and He brings ultimate healing through His Son, Jesus, by forgiving our sins. (James 5:16)

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, plastic cups with memory verse taped to cups

What You Do:

Ask kids to say the Memory Verse with you 1 time.
 Allow kids to stack the cups in order of the memory verse.

What You Say: " God didn't just say He loves us, He showed it. God proved His love by His plan to send Jesus to die for us and make the way to have forgiveness and eternal life. Our memory verse reminds us that we don't have to do anything to earn this amazing gift. As soon as we believe the gospel, we get eternal life!"

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Journal page (1 for each kid), markers/crayons, Bibles

What You Do:

- Distribute journal pages and pencils.
- Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:
 - **What do we learn about following God from today's passage?**
 - **What is one thing that God is teaching you right now?**
 - **Where is one area that you would like to be closer to God?**

- **What is your next step to keep loving, following and obeying Jesus?
(Believe, Baptism)**
- When your kids identify their next steps, take note and circle back to them so that you can help them and give them/their parents resources to help them take their next step.
- Pray for your group. Lord, Your Words of mercy to the woman with the sickness are words we want to hear too: “Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.” We look to You for peace and for healing from suffering. Thank You for coming to earth to be our Savior. We love You. Amen.