

Vacation Church School

Life of Christ #1

Lesson: Jesus Heals the Daughter of Jairus

Mark 5:22-43

Luke 8:41-56

Memory Verse: ...For with God nothing shall be impossible...Luke?

Goals: By the end of the Lesson the student should be able to:

1. Know the story came from the Bible.
2. Remember the name of the main characters.
3. Relate the events of the story.
4. Remember the memory verse.

Vocabulary:

1. faith
2. tremendous
3. miracle

Materials Needed:

Story:

- Copy, color and Laminate following pictures: Jairus looking for Jesus, Jairus kneeling at Jesus' feet, Jairus' receiving news of daughter's death, Jesus sending others out of the room of Jairus' daughter, Jairus' daughter returning to life.

Review Activity: **Picto(Like Bingo?)**

- Bibles
- Colored poster board or cardstock
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Red cardstock/poster board
- Milk jug lid
- Scissors
- Crayons/markers

Craft: **Jesus Raises Jairus' daughter**

- Pictures of Jesus standing alone by the bed of Jairus' daughter and Jairus' daughter
- Poster board
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons/markers
- Paper fasteners
- Optional green paper
- Doll hair or yarn

Activity: **Decode the Scripture**

- Decode the scripture activity sheet for each child

Activity: **Hidden Picture Activity Sheet**

- Hidden Picture Activity Sheet for each child

Introduction:

Today when someone dies sometimes it is several days before there is a funeral.

Hold up the Bible.

Back in Bible times, because of the climate and lack of methods to preserve the body, people were usually buried the same day that they died. In our country, families usually grieve quietly with family and friends around. In Jesus' time, when someone died, professional mourners were hired to come and wail loudly, play sad songs on their flutes and said kind words about the deceased. The richer the family was, the more mourners it could hire.

Imagine if you lived in Bible times and someone in your family died. What if Jesus told you, "Only believe, and your loved one will be brought back?" Plans for the burial were being made. The mourners have already arrived at your house and are weeping and wailing. There might only be a few hours for this miracle to occur. You would have to have a tremendous amount of faith to believe Jesus' words. The person in our Bible story had that kind of faith.

Story:

Jesus was surrounded by crowds everywhere He went. One day Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, was desperately looking for Jesus in the crowd.

Show picture of Jairus looking for Jesus.

His 12 year old daughter was very ill, perhaps dying. "If only I can find Jesus in time!" Jarius thought. "He can save my daughter!" There He was! Jesus...the great teacher and healer! Seeing Jarius, a man of high position in the community, the crowd parted in respect to him.

Picture of Jarius kneeling at Jesus' feet.

Jarius fell at Jesus' feet. "Master, my daughter is so sick she may die. Please come! I know that if you come and lay your hands on her, she will be healed and live!" Jesus headed immediately to Jairus' home. But the crowd pressed around Jesus slowing Him down. How frustrated Jarius must have felt. His daughter was dying. Jesus needed to hurry!

Then Jesus stopped. A humble woman had made her way through the crowd to Jesus. She had been sick for many years and had spent all her money on doctors. No one could help her. She believed if she just touched Jesus' garment that she would be healed. When she touched Jesus' robe, the sickness that she had been battling for 12 years was gone!

Jesus didn't see the woman. He didn't hear her. He didn't even feel her touch His robe but He felt the healing power of God going through Him to the woman. "Your faith has made you whole." Jesus told the woman.

Perhaps seeing this great miracle gave Jarius faith to deal with the news he was about to hear.

Picture of Jarius receiving news his daughter had died.

Someone from Jarius' home came up to Jesus. "Don't bother coming," he told Jesus, "The child is already dead." Jesus turned to Jarius, "Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole." Jesus continued on to the house of Jarius. When they finally reached the house the professional mourners were already there crying loudly. "Why are you weeping?" Jesus said. "She is not dead but sleeping." "You're crazy!" they said. "You're a fool!" They laughed at Jesus and made fun of Him.

Picture of Jesus entering Jarius' daughter's room.

"Leave." Jesus told the mourners. "Get up little girl." Jesus said.

Picture of child opening eyes.

The little girl came back to life! Just as Jesus had promised.

Discussion:

What faith it must have taken for Jarius to watch Jesus slowly make His way to his dying daughter, then stop to care for someone else. Then, hearing the heartbreaking news that it was too late...his daughter was already dead. When Jesus said, "Only believe, and she shall be made whole." Jarius believed. Jesus wants us to have the kind of faith that Jarius had. To trust His word and know that anything He promises is possible if we believe.

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Prepare:

- Draw 12 square on one sheet of poster board or card stock. Cut apart and write a story fact in each square.

Story facts:

1. Jarius, a ruler of the synagogue looks for Jesus in this.
2. Jarius' ...year old daughter was very ill.
3. Jarius did this at Jesus' feet when He found Him.
4. While Jesus was traveling to Jarius' home a woman in the crowd was healed by touching this.
5. Jarius receives bad news about his daughter.
6. The mourners were doing this when Jesus arrived at the home of Jarius.
7. The mourners did this when Jesus told them that the daughter of Jarius was not dead but sleeping.

8. When Jesus went in to see her, Jarius' daughter looked like this.

9. Jesus told the mourners to do this.

10. This happened when Jesus spoke to Jarius' daughter.

11. Jarius had a lot of this...?

- On separate colored poster board or card stock, draw enough 12 square PICTO cards for the class.
- In the middle square of each card write FREE SPACE.
- In different squares on each card, write: the number 12, the word FAITH, the word LEAVE and in one space draw a tear.
- Make reduced size copies of the story pictures and Jesus' robe and the woman Laughing to fill in the remaining squares on the cards. Color and glue on in different order on each card.
- Use a gallon milk Jug lid to trace enough circles on the red card stock to cover all the squares on the PICTO sheets and cut out.

Directions:

1) Pass out PICTO cards and red cover circles.

2) Hold up each story fact and read it.

3) Children will cover the square that answers the question until someone gets a PICTO.
(three or four in a row?)

*Cards can be shuffled for a new game. Simple prizes could be awarded.

Craft: Jesus Raises Jarius' Daughter

Prepare:

Make copies of the pictures of Jesus standing alone by the bed of Jarius' Daughter.(will be just the upper portion of her body) and Jesus standing alone by her bed. Make sample before class. Use the same instructions for the class.

1. Glue one of each picture to posterboard.
2. Cut and color.
3. Use scissors to make holes in the X in each picture.
4. Attach the little girl to the bed with a paper fastener.
5. She will raise and lower.
6. Have children glue on hair.
7. Cut up green tissue or construction paper to the tree.

Extra Activity: Decode The Scripture & Hidden Picture Activity

Use activity sheet for those students that finish craft. May also be sent home with students.

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