

Life of Christ

Jairus' Daughter/The Woman Who Touched Jesus

Matthew 9:18-26

Younger Verse

So let's come near to God with pure hearts. Hebrews 10:22

Older Verse

So let's come near to God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith. Hebrews 10:22

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus wants us to come to Him with our needs
Recognize the bold faith that Jairus and the woman had

Welcome Time

Ask: Have you ever been too embarrassed to ask for help? As you listen to today's story, think about what would have happened if the people had not come to Jesus and asked for His help.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible before teaching it. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jairus was an important man. He was the leader of the **synagogue**. The synagogue was the place where the Jewish people worshipped God. Many of the Jewish leaders didn't like Jesus or believe He was the Son of God. But Jairus was different.

Jairus actually *knelt down* at Jesus' feet! When a person kneels before someone, it shows that they respect and worship them. So Jairus showed by this act that He believed in Jesus. That took courage!

Then Jairus told Jesus that his daughter had just died. But Jairus showed great faith by telling Jesus that he **KNEW** Jesus could bring his daughter back to life if He would go to his house and touch her. Wow! Jairus really believed. He didn't say "I hope" or "Maybe you could try." He had complete faith that Jesus had the power to do miracles.

As Jesus and His disciples were on their way to Jairus' house, a lot of people were around them. In the crowd was a woman who had been sick for twelve years. She had spent all her money on many different doctors. No one was able to make her well.

This woman had heard about Jesus, and she kept telling herself, "If only I could touch His clothes I would be well." She walked up behind Jesus and touched the edge of His clothes. Jesus stopped in the middle of the crowd, turned to her and said, "Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." Immediately, the woman's sickness was gone—Jesus had healed her!

Jesus continued to walk to Jairus' house. When they got to the house, they saw lots of crying people and others playing sad music. Jesus told them, "Go

away. The girl is not dead. She is only asleep.” The people laughed at Jesus when He said this.

After the crowd went outside, Jesus went into the bedroom and took the girl by her hand. The girl got up and began to walk around the room! Her family was happy and excited that she was alive again.

News spread everywhere about what Jesus had done. Later, Jesus would know what it was like to be dead and come back to life. He died on a cross and 3 days later God raised him from the dead. Like in the story of the little girl, many people did not believe that Jesus was alive. Some people wouldn’t believe until they touched Jesus. When they did, they saw that He was alive!

Jesus died for us. He knew that there was no other way we could get to Heaven unless He took our sins (wrongs) away by dying on a cross. So He did! We can go to Heaven by believing in Jesus and asking Him to come into our lives. Jesus stays with us and shows us how to live and follow Him.

Review Questions

1. What is a synagogue? (A place where Jewish people worshipped God)
2. What did Jairus do to show Jesus that he respected and worshipped Him? (bowed down at Jesus’ feet)
3. What did the woman do to be healed by Jesus? (touched the edge of His clothing)
4. What did Jesus tell the people at Jairus’ house? (to go away; that she wasn’t dead but sleeping)

Prayer Time

Thank God that He wants to answer our prayers. Ask God to have the kind of faith that Jairus and the woman had, knowing Jesus would answer their prayers.

Life Application

Both Jairus and the woman who touched Jesus showed bold faith. Jairus risked being rejected by the Jewish leaders by going to Jesus and bowing down to Him. The woman knew that Jesus would heal her if she just touched His clothing.

Ask: Is it sometimes hard to have faith in God? When is it especially difficult?

In today’s memory verse, we are told to come to God with pure hearts and confidence that comes from having faith. A pure heart is one that has been forgiven by God. And we can come to God with confidence—not in ourselves, but in God. God loves us, cares about us, and wants to hear us when we pray.

Planning for Next Lesson
Jesus’ Friends Tell Others About Him
Matthew 10:1-14

Preschool Lesson
for
Jairus' Daughter and the Woman Who Touched Jesus

Jesus came to a town. When He got there, a man named Jairus came to Jesus. He was crying (make crying noises), and he begged Jesus (get down on your knees and pretend to beg) to come to his house because his little girl had died. Jairus showed he believed in Jesus by saying, "Will you come and put your hands on her so she will live?"

Jesus began to walk to Jairus' house. (Make walking movements with fingers). A large group of people were all around Jesus and His friends (Have everyone come close together). In the crowd was a woman who had been sick for twelve years. She had spent all her money on many different doctors. No one was able to make her well.

This woman had heard about Jesus, and she kept telling herself, "If only I could touch His clothes, I would be well." So she touched the edge of His clothes. Jesus knew she had touched Him and He stopped in the middle of the crowd and said to her, "Because you believe, you are well." As soon as Jesus said these words, she became well.

Jesus continued to walk to Jairus' house (walking movements). When they got to the home, they saw lots of crying people and others playing sad music (Make crying sounds). Jesus told them, "Go away. The girl is not dead. She is asleep." The people laughed at Him when He said this (laugh).

After the crowd went outside, Jesus went into the bedroom and took the girl by her hand. The little girl got up and began to walk around the room. Everyone was overjoyed. (Say, "Yea!")

News spread everywhere about what Jesus had done. It was a miracle!

Sing this little song to the tune of "Are you Sleeping?"

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping (Make motion like you are asleep)
little girl, little girl?
Jesus is coming, He will help you. (move two fingers like Jesus is walking)
Now, you're well. Now, you're well. (Smile)

Hands-on Activities for Jairus' daughter and the woman who was healed

Bring a long robe. Choose a volunteer to put on the robe and be blindfolded. Then have another student touch the edge of the robe. Allow the child to guess which student touched the robe. Tell students that unlike us, Jesus did not have to guess who touched Him. He already knew the lady and what she needed.

To remind the kids of the woman who touched Jesus, make a "touch bag". Fill a large paper sack with things with different textures like cotton balls, orange, golf ball, balloon, sponge, small candle, etc. Let the kids try to identify the objects without looking into the bag.

Play a game called "Heads Up 7-UP." You will begin by choosing someone to be it. Make sure that no one else knows who it is. Everyone will cover their eyes with their hands, leaving their thumbs up. The person who is it will very slyly tag someone by touching their thumb. When the person has returned to their seat, You call "Heads Up 7-UP." The person who was tagged must try to guess who touched them. After having fun, talk about how Jesus knew who touched Him and let the kids share what happened to the woman. (If this game does not seem to fit your kids, play a tag game instead.)

For younger students, bring a doll that has eyes that open and shut. Lay the doll down and watch the eyes close. Then lift the doll up and watch the eyes open. Remind children that Jesus helped a girl "open her eyes" by touching her. He raised her to life!

Sing the song "Come and Go With Me to My Father's House" or "Come, Now is the Time to Worship." Remind students that both people in today's story came to Jesus for help. Jesus wants us to come to Him, too!

During prayer time, have everyone kneel down. Remind students that kneeling shows God that we respect Him and worship Him.