

Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter

(Mark 5:21-43)

Introduction

Do you know what “faith” is? What does the word “*faith*” mean? (Trust or confidence.)

- If you planted a seed in the ground and you gave it water and sunshine, what would you expect to happen? If you didn't have confidence that it would sprout, you wouldn't plant the seed?
- Would you believe me if I told you that if you fell backward into my arms I would catch you and not let you hit the floor? [Teacher, have several volunteers prove their faith by doing it.] Its one thing to say you have faith, but quite another to prove it.
- If you are in your room alone at night and get scared, who do you call for? (Mom or dad.) How do you know they will come?

The part of you that knows your mom or dad will take care of you is called *faith*. You know that your mom and dad love you and will take care of you. They'll make sure no harm comes to you; they see to it that you have food and when you're sick they care for you, don't they?

God wants us to have faith in Him, just like we do our parents. We can believe that God loves us and will always be there for us. Faith helps us believe that God has the power and the desire to help us.

Maybe a situation you're facing at school seems impossible or perhaps you have family problems. [Teacher, discuss situations in which children need to trust God.] The Lord may not always work things out in the way you would like Him to; but whatever happens, remember that He loves you and He is carrying out His special plan for you (Romans 8:28). Will you have faith in Jesus' power and accept His solution to your problem?

A man in our Bible story proved he had great faith in the most powerful Person in the universe.

Opening Prayer

Father, sometimes we face impossible situations in life. Things look really hard and hopeless. Teach us this morning that you are dependable – that we can always count on You to carry us through the tough times we go through. Deepen our faith in You, this morning. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Memory Verse

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Lesson

One day Jesus sailed across the Sea of Galilee and a large crowd gathered around Him by the lake.

Mark 5:21

Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore.

As Jesus and His friends left their boat and stepped ashore, they noticed a great crowd of people were there to welcome Him. Some were pushing to get nearer to Jesus. Among those that came to Jesus was a rabbi named Jairus.

Mark 5:22-23

Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, (23) pleading fervently with him. “My little daughter is dying,” he said. “Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live.”

Jairus came to Jesus, believing Jesus could save his daughter's life. Do you have that much faith in Jesus' power? To have faith in Jesus means to be convinced that He is God and that He can do anything. It means to rely on Him, believing all that He says in His Word.

Jairus came to Jesus, believing the Lord could heal his daughter.

Mark 5:24

Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him.

As Jesus was trying to get to Jairus' home, it was hard to get through the crowd. Everyone wanted to be near Jesus and crowded around Him. Then, something happened to delay Him...

Mark 5:25-26

A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. (26) She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse.

This woman had an incurable disease. She had been bleeding constantly for twelve years. She had spent all of her money seeking help, but she got no better; in fact she got worse and worse.

Mark 5:27-28

She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. (28) For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."

It took a lot of courage for her to reach out and touch Jesus' garment. In the Jewish culture of Jesus' day if you touched blood, you were considered "unclean" and anyone you touched would also become "unclean." Being "unclean" would make you a social outcast. No one would want you to come near them. But this woman was desperate and she knew her only hope was Jesus. She had faith that He would help her.

Mark 5:29-30

Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. (30) Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"

Do you think that Jesus really didn't know who touched him? [Teacher, let the children respond.] Jesus is God and knows everything! He knew she had touched him, but he stopped and asked who did it in order to teach us all an important lesson. True faith involves action. We don't have to be ashamed to have faith in Jesus Christ. We need to have the courage to publicly proclaim our faith. Faith that isn't put into action is not faith at all. Jesus wanted this woman to come forth and testify that the miracle had happened so that others may believe, too.

Mark 5:31

His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

They were walking through a big crowd of people; the disciples didn't really understand yet that Jesus is the all-knowing God. They couldn't imagine how He could have known who touched Him in that big crowd.

Mark 5:32-33

But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. (33) Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done.

The woman must have been frightened. She might have wondered if Jesus was angry with her, but she knew that a miracle had happened so she knelt before Him and told the whole truth.

Mark 5:34

And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

Meanwhile, Jairus must have been wishing that Jesus would hurry. And while Jesus was still talking to the woman, messengers arrived from Jairus' home with bad news.

Mark 5:35

While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now."

Poor Jairus. He had tried so hard to have Jesus come in time to heal his daughter. How do you suppose Jairus felt? He must have thought, "If only Jesus hadn't stopped to talk to that woman!" It must have been hard for him to wait patiently, knowing that his little girl was so desperately ill.

Mark 5:36

But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith."

Jairus had believed that Jesus could heal his daughter; that's why he went to get Jesus. Now he learned that she died! He had just watched the Lord's power in healing the woman with the flow of blood. Could Jesus actually bring a dead person back to life? Jesus wanted Jairus to believe that He could. He is God. He has all power. Although it looked as if all hope for Jairus' daughter was gone, Jesus calmly told Jairus to keep on believing in His power.

Mark 5:37-39

Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). (38) When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. (39) He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep."

Loud weeping and wailing was customary at a person's death. Jesus asked the crowd, "What's all this confusion and noise about?" They thought he didn't know she was dead and laughed at Him.

Mark 5:40-41

The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the

girl was lying. (41) Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!"

Alone in the room with the three disciples and the child's parents, Jesus took the girl by the hand and told her to get up.

Mark 5:42

And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed.

Jairus had come to Jesus, believing that the Lord could heal his little girl. Instead, Jesus was commanding her to come back to life! Only Jesus, God the Son, could do that. He was showing His power over death.

We can have faith in Jesus' great power, too. Believe with all your heart that Jesus has the power to take care of any problem you might have. It may be a problem at home or at school. Maybe someone is very sick in your family. The Bible says we are to "live by faith" (Romans 1:17). Whatever your problem, put your trust in the Lord Jesus. Don't be discouraged by what is happening around you. The Lord is in control, and His power is just the same today as it was when Jairus lived.

Will you put your faith in Jesus this week when you face a situation at home or school that seems impossible? Talk to God in prayer and tell Him what your problems are. Ask Him for extra strength to believe His Word. He will give you faith and help you in your time of need.

Closing Prayer

Father, we all find ourselves in deep trouble at times in our lives. Thank You that You are always in control. Thank You that Your power is the same today as it was when Jairus lived. Help us to always remember that You love us and that You have a plan and a purpose for our lives and that You will see us through every problem we face. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Learning Activities

Craft Corner

Let the children plant a seed in a cup; talk about how we have faith that the seed will spout.

Game Center

Obstacle Course

Allow the children to construct an obstacle course with the chairs and tables in the room. Pair them up and allow them to blindfold one another and lead their partner through the course. Talk about how it takes faith to believe their "guide" will lead them safely through the course.

Or, use the following review questions in a game of your choice:

1. What was the name of the Rabbi that came to Jesus through the crowd by the lakeside? (Jairus.)
2. Why did Jairus come to Jesus? (His daughter was dying and he wanted Jesus to lay hands on her and heal her.)
3. What is it that you must have in order to please God? (Faith.)
4. What does it mean to have faith in Jesus? (To be convinced that He is God and that He can do anything.)
5. What made it hard for Jesus to get to Jairus' house? (A great crowd thronged around Him.)
6. Who touched Jesus in the crowd? (A woman with an incurable disease.)
7. Why did it take a lot of courage for her to reach out and touch Jesus' garment? (Her flow of blood made her a social outcast.)
8. They were walking through a big crowd of people; How could Jesus tell that someone touched Him on purpose? (He's God!)
9. Why did Jesus ask, "*Who touched My clothes?*" If He is God and knows all things, didn't He know who it was? (He wanted the woman to make a public statement of faith in Him.)
10. What bad news did Jairus receive while Jesus was busy talking to the woman in the crowd? (His daughter died.)
11. What do you think Jairus was thinking when he found out that his daughter had died while Jesus was taking time to heal the woman with the flow of blood? (He might have been angry or at least disappointed.)
12. How did Jesus heal the little girl? (He said to her, "*Little girl, get up.*" He commanded her to come back to life.)
13. Why was it good that Jesus didn't get to Jairus' house before his daughter died? (So that He could show His power over death as well as power over healing!)
14. What should you do if you find yourself in the middle of a troublesome time? (Have faith in Jesus; trust in the Lord. Remember He has everything under control.)

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