

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Mark

LESSON 18

**JESUS HEALS JAIRUS'
DAUGHTER**

MARK 5:21-24; 35-43

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Younger Verse

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Older Verse

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Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus raised a girl from the dead
Understand that Jesus has power over all things, even death
Recognize that we should have complete faith in Christ

Opener

When things seem to be going rough, is it easy to give up? Do we forget that Jesus can help us with any problem? After all, He stopped a storm and sent evil spirits out of a man. Let's not forget how powerful Jesus is.

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. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last time, we learned how Jesus helped a man who had evil spirits inside of him. Jesus sent the spirits out of him. Then He gave the man an important job. The man went around telling all the people what had happened and how God had helped him. Jesus and His friends got back into the boat and crossed over to the other side of the lake.

Once they got to the other side, a large crowd of people gathered around Jesus. Why had the people come? They had heard about all the things Jesus had been doing and wanted to see Him. But one of the people there had a very special reason to see Jesus. His name was Jairus. Jairus was a leader at the synagogue, the Jewish place of worship. Jairus fell down at the feet of Jesus and said, "My daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her. Then she will be healed and will live!" He continued begging Jesus to go with him. So Jesus followed Jairus to his house.

The streets were very crowded, and many people were all around Jesus. They were almost there to see his daughter when someone came to see Jairus. They said, "Your daughter is dead. There is no need to bother Jesus any more." This new information did not bother Jesus. He told Jairus, "Do not be afraid; only believe." Jesus was wanting Jairus to trust Him even after the bad news.

When they arrived at the house, Jesus had Peter, James, and John go into the house with Him. When they entered the house, they heard many people crying. Jesus said to them, "Why are you people crying? The girl is not dead. She is only asleep." When the people heard Jesus say that, they laughed at Him! Can you believe that? They laughed at Jesus. Jesus knew those people did not believe in Him, so He told them to leave the house.

Jesus went into the room where the girl was. He told Jairus and his wife as well as Peter, James, and John to come in, too. He went over to the little girl and took her hand. Jesus said, "Little girl, I tell you to stand up!" Immediately, the girl stood up and walked around the room! Jairus and his wife were amazed that Jesus had raised their daughter from the dead. Jesus asked them not to tell anyone what had happened and then told them to give her something to eat.

Jesus gave the girl new life. Jesus gives us new life, too. He died on the cross and came back to life after three days. He died for our sins. We can ask Jesus to take away our sins, the wrong things we have done, and then He lives inside our heart. Jesus stays with us forever, and one day, we will be able to see Him in Heaven.

Review Questions

1. Why did Jairus come to see Jesus? (His daughter was sick; he wanted Jesus to heal her.)
2. What happened while they were on the way to Jairus' house? (Someone came and told Jairus that his daughter had died.)
3. What did Jesus say to Jairus? ("Don't be afraid; only believe.")
4. What did Jesus do? (He told the girl to get up, and she came back to life.)

Prayer Time

Thank God that we can always come to Him for help. Pray that we will have faith like Jairus did.

Life Application

Jairus made an excellent choice by going to see Jesus about his daughter. Just like him, whenever we are sad or concerned about something, we can turn to Jesus. Jesus will be there for us, but we need to remember to go to Him.

When it seemed that Jairus' situation had worsened, Jesus reminded him not to be afraid, but to believe. It is the same for us. Sometimes things do not get better right away, but we can remember that Jesus is with us and will help us. We don't need to be afraid and give up.

Planning for Lesson 19
A Woman Touches Jesus
Mark 5:25-34

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter

Jesus and His friends left the place where He helped a man who had an evil spirit inside of him. They rowed across to the other side of the lake. (Make rowing motions.)

When they got there, a large crowd of people were there to greet them. (Have them say, "Hey, it's Jesus!") Suddenly, a man named Jairus fell down right in front of Jesus. He said, "Jesus, please come and see my little girl. She is very sick, and I know that you can make her feel better." He begged Jesus to go with him to his home. So Jesus agreed to go with him to help the girl.

While they are on the way, some men come to see Jairus and said, "Jairus, your little girl has died. Tell Jesus He can go somewhere else." Wow! Jairus must have been so sad about his daughter! (Make a sad face.) But Jesus surprised him by saying, "Don't be afraid; just believe." So they continued walking to the house.

When they got to Jairus' house, many people were crying about the little girl. Jesus walked in and asked, "Why are all of you crying? The little girl is only asleep." When the people heard this, they started to laugh at Jesus! Jesus knew that those people did not believe in Him, so He had them leave the room. He went into the girl's room with her parents and two of His friends. He walked over to the girl and said, "Little girl, get up!" And right then, she got up! Jesus had brought her back to life! Jairus and the girl's mom were so excited that Jesus had helped them.

Jairus trusted Jesus to help him with his problem. When we are afraid, we can talk with Jesus, too. Jesus is always there for us. Even when it looks like things are not getting better, Jesus is still with us. Let's talk with Jesus now.

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 Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter

Sing the song “Come and Go With Me to My Father’s House” or “Come, Now is the Time to Worship.” Remind students that Jairus came to Jesus for help. Jesus wants us to come to Him, too!

When Jairus came to Jesus, he knelt down before Jesus. During prayer time, have everyone kneel down. Remind students that kneeling shows God that we respect Him and worship Him.

Bring pillows, sheets and/or sleeping bags. Have the kids act out the story with the little girl rising up from her bed.

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!

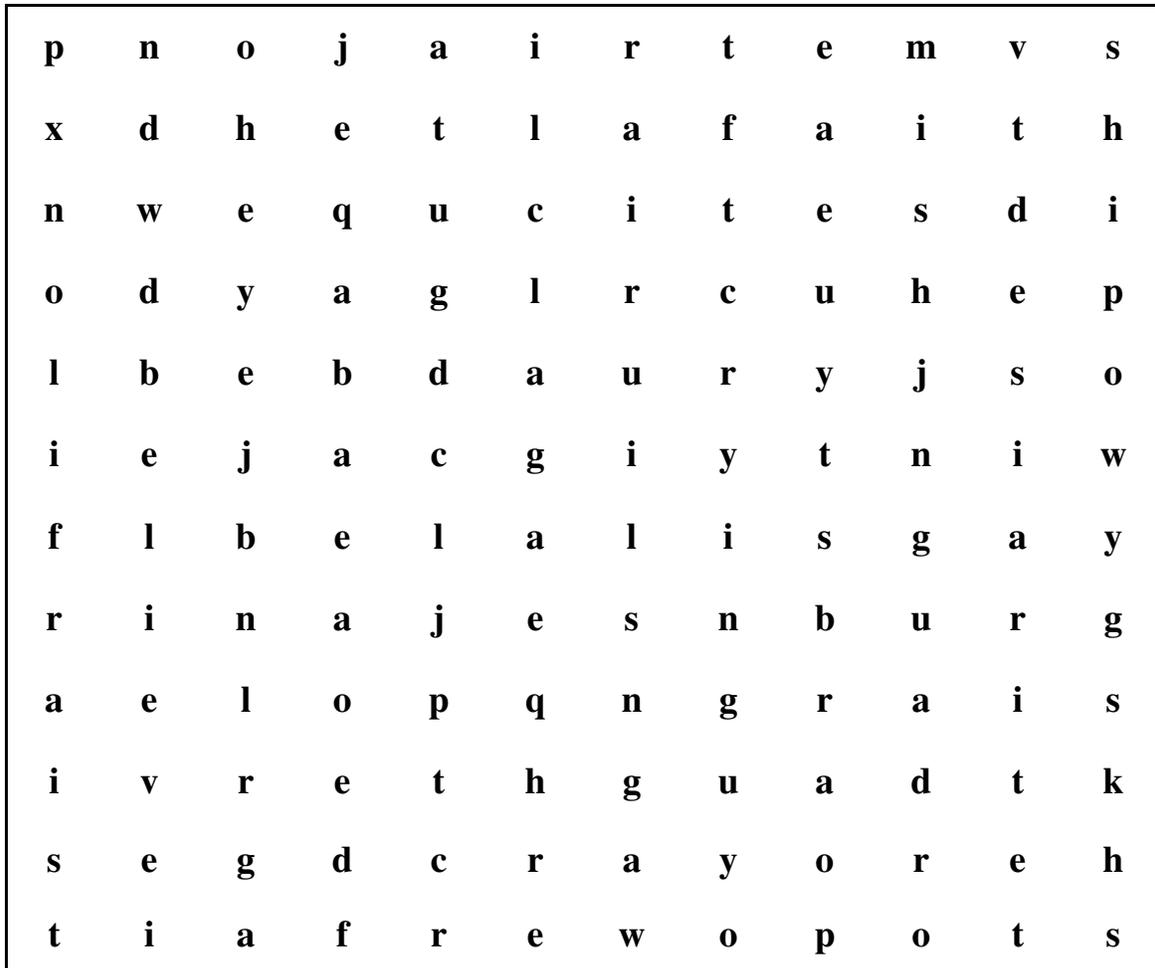
For older students, ask them if they know any other times when someone was raised from the dead (Lazarus, Jesus, the widow’s son). Look up the passages in the Bible.

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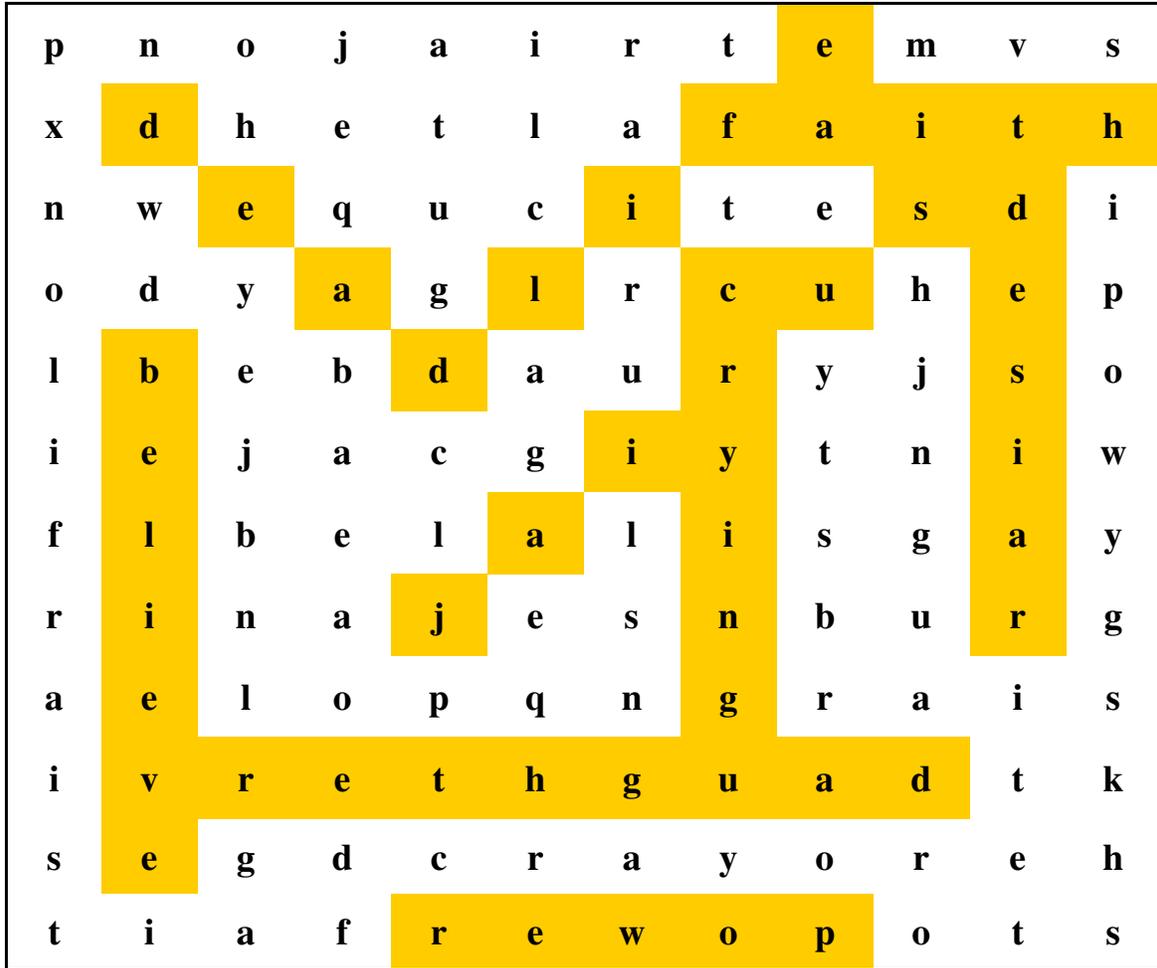
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