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Jesus Helps Jairus's Daughter

Mark 5:21-24,35-43



YOUR BIBLE READING

Jesus showed life-giving power and tender care for a child.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Jairus Brings an Urgent Request

Mark 5:21-24,35-43



After Jesus crossed back over the water, a large crowd gathered around him near the shore. Jairus, one of the synagogue leaders, came to him. His little daughter was near death, and he urgently needed help. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come, lay hands on her, and make her well. His position as a leader did not make his child's danger any less frightening or his need for help any smaller.

Jesus went with Jairus. A great crowd followed and pressed around him. The father's request was being answered with Jesus' presence on the journey toward his home. Mark gives us the movement without supplying a private conversation along the road. We do not know every word Jairus said as they walked. We know that he had brought his daughter's condition before Jesus and that Jesus was now going with him.

Before they reached the house, people arrived with terrible news. Jairus' daughter had died. They asked why he should trouble the teacher any longer. Their message changed the situation from grave illness to death. The account does not make that loss small. A father who had asked that his child might live was now hearing that she was gone, and the messengers believed there was nothing further for Jesus to do.

Jesus heard the message and immediately told Jairus not to be afraid but to keep believing. He allowed only Peter, James, and John to accompany him onward. These were the three disciples named for what would happen inside the house. The passage holds together the report of death and Jesus' call to trust him. He did not turn back because the messengers thought the request had become pointless; he continued toward the child and her family.

Remember: Jesus cares about children and their needs.

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The Girl Stands and Walks

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At the house, Jesus found an uproar of weeping and loud mourning. He asked why they were making such a disturbance and spoke of the child as sleeping. People laughed at him. The earlier message had said she was dead, and Jesus' words looked ahead to his power to raise her. The story is not teaching that ordinary sleep is death. It describes a real loss that he was about to meet in an extraordinary way.

Jesus put the others out and took the girl's father and mother, together with the three disciples, into the room where she was lying. The scene narrowed from a pressing crowd and noisy mourning to a small group with the child. Mark does not give the mother a speech, but he places her there beside her daughter and Jairus. Both parents would witness what Jesus did. The little girl was met within her family's presence.

Jesus took her by the hand and told her to get up. Mark preserves his words and explains their meaning for readers. Immediately, the girl rose and walked. She was twelve years old. The people there were overwhelmed with amazement. The report that had seemed to end the journey had not been the final event. Jesus had come into the room, spoken to the child, and brought her back to life before those who loved her.

He gave strict instructions that the news was not to be spread and told them to give her something to eat. That final practical detail matters. After the great wonder came care for a child's ordinary need. Mark does not describe the food or tell us the family's later conversations. The account ends with the girl alive and walking, and with Jesus directing that she be fed. Astonishment did not remove the need for gentle, useful care.

Pause and think: Why might an ordinary act such as offering food matter after a frightening experience?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Wonder and Everyday Care



Jairus brought his daughter's need to Jesus urgently. Asking for help can be an act of care. If someone is very sick, a child should tell a responsible adult and seek appropriate medical help rather than carry the worry alone. Prayer can belong beside that help. This ancient account tells of a particular raising from death, not a promise that every family's grief will be immediately reversed.

Jesus' final instruction was about food. After something difficult or extraordinary, ordinary needs still matter. A person may need a meal, rest, quiet, or a familiar caring face. These are examples for us today, not details added to the girl's room. Helpful love notices the person's condition rather than staying interested only in the most dramatic part of what happened.

The instruction not to spread the news belongs to Jesus' particular action in this account. It does not teach children to keep unsafe secrets about illness, harm, or unwanted touch. Tell a trusted adult about danger. We can receive the story's wonder while making room for grief in other families and respecting the safety and privacy of children now.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus brought life to Jairus' daughter and remembered her need for simple, practical care.

Why might an ordinary act such as offering food matter after a frightening experience?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why did Jairus ask Jesus for help?

2. What care did Jesus request after the girl stood up?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Messengers report her death, and Jesus reaches the house.
- ☐ Jesus raises her to life and asks that she be fed.
- ☐ Jairus asks Jesus to help his sick daughter.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the girl standing beside her parents with food being brought to her.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Jesus cares about children and their needs.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Mark 5:41-43

A thoughtful conversation

The girl truly died; sleep is Jesus' picture for the death he reverses here. Do not equate ordinary sleep with death or promise that prayer always cures illness or brings someone back.

Activity answers

1. His daughter was very sick and near death.
2. He told them to give her something to eat.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, comfort families who are afraid or grieving, and help us care for them. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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