

JESUS IS TRUSTWORTHY – **Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter**

Bible Reading: (Mark 5:21-43)

Aim: To reinforce from last week's lesson on The Officials Son that Jesus is the one we can trust. Jesus will not fail us, for He is trustworthy and faithful the one who does not fail:

Memory Verse

I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. Psalm 52:8

Objectives: the children will learn

- Jesus is the one person they can trust
- Jesus Never Fails us for He is trustworthy and faithful
- Ask the Lord and He will give to us according to His will
- To emphasize that once again Jairus like the Official in last week's story had "**Faith**" when the Lord told him his daughter will be healed although she was at the point of death.
- Jesus had the power to raise the dead because He is God's son.

Introduction:

GETTING THEIR ATTENTION:

Materials needed:

- Picture of Mountain Climber (Or extreme sport)

What to bring with you to the lesson:

- Lesson outline.

- **Picture of Mountain Climber or extreme Sport of your choice**
- **Rope and Rocks for visual stimulation**
- **Pictures of Important events in your life**

**WHAT THE SERVANT DOES:
(Prepare ahead)**

**Print off picture of mountain climber ahead of time
Get pics of yourself of the following events?**

- the day you were born,
- the day they brought you home from the hospital.
- your first birthday, and
- your first day of school.

(During the lesson)

The servant will ask the children the following

Have you ever watched a mountain climber?

When they climb a slope or a rocky ledge, they have an absolute need of to find somewhere to hold.

(Get the children to close their eyes and imagine the following situation
(In small group - All can close eyes and reflect on experience. In a Large Group - Ask for a few volunteers)

IMAGINE:

Imagine yourself climbing a ledge high above the ground. You are trying to search for a place that is strong enough to hold your body. As you try to find a foothold, a safe place to rest the weight of your body, the ledge starts to give way. There you are hanging high on the cliff and you cannot find a solid place to grasp on to.

How would you feel? It must be a terrible experience of emptiness (Can I Hold on, of insecurity (Am I going to fall), and of fear (What happens if the rocks fall). Sometimes in our life we also feel lost, empty, and fearful of where we are to go or what we are to do.

In today's story we are going to learn about how Jesus is the one we can trust. Jesus will not fail us, for He is trustworthy and faithful the one who does not fail.

Lesson outline

The story of Jairus's Daughter is Healed

Before we read this Bible story I want you to think about how much your parents love you. You are very special to them.

They remember

- the day you were born,
- the day they brought you home from the hospital.
- they remember how happy they were when you took your first step,
- your first birthday, and
- your first day of school.

They remember these special days because you are very special to them and they love you very much.

In today's lesson we will read about a father named Jairus who loved his daughter very much. Just like your parents love you.

Jairus believed in God. He was the ruler of a synagogue (a place of worship). He lived in a large and important city called Capernaum.

It was a busy city, and many people lived there. Jairus lived with his wife and a daughter who was 12 years old.

One day Jairus' daughter became very sick. Her parents were very concerned. They took very good care of her to try to get her well. They called the doctors, but she did not get better.

Her parents were afraid that their daughter would die.

Jairus had heard about Jesus, and the great miracles He performed. He heard that Jesus healed the sick, the deaf, the lame and the blind.

Jairus believed that Jesus could heal his daughter too. So when Jairus heard that Jesus was in town he ran out of his house to find Him.

Jairus saw a large crowd of people. He thought that Jesus must be there among them, so he ran even faster to get to Jesus. When he found Jesus he fell to his knees at the feet of Jesus, pleading,

"My little daughter is about to die. Please come and lay your hands on her, so that she will get well and live." Jesus saw that Jairus had great "faith" in Him, so He went with Jairus to his house, and many people followed behind them.

As they were walking a servant approached Jairus, and told him the bad news. He said "Your daughter has already died; there is no reason to bother Jesus anymore."

The Bible says that as soon as Jesus heard this he told Jairus, "Be not afraid, only believe." Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him to Jairus' house. The people were wailing and crying because the little girl was dead. Jesus asked them why they were weeping because he said the girl was not dead, but only sleeping. The people all laughed at Jesus because they knew she was dead. So Jesus took the parents into the room with Peter, James, and John.

Do you know what happened next?

Jesus took the little girl's hand, and she suddenly stood up and began to walk. The little girl arose from the dead! Jesus had called her back to life!

Can you imagine how excited Jairus, his wife and their family and friends were! They must have been jumping for joy and hugging each other for a long time. Jairus was glad that he had trusted Jesus, and put his faith in Him. Jesus was trustworthy. Jesus told them to not tell anyone what happened and to give her something to eat.

Because Jesus is God's son, He can do anything. Jesus gives us hope. Because He has risen from the dead to be alive forever.

Prayer Thought: Teach me to have faith that Jesus will take care of me in every situation.

<http://www.just4kidsmagazine.com/rainbowcastle/jesustrustworthy.html>

Questions:

1. What was the name of the busy city in today's story?
(Capernaum)
2. How old was Jairus' daughter? (12 y.o.a)
3. How did Jairus know about Jesus? (*Jairus had heard about Jesus, and the great miracles He performed i.e Jesus healed the sick, the deaf, the lame and the blind.*)
4. When Jesus heard that Jairus' daughter had died what did he say to Jairus? (*"Be not afraid, only believe."*)
5. Which three disciples were with Jesus when he performed this miracle? (*Peter James and John*)
6. What do we learn about Jairus from today's story? (*Jairus trusted in Jesus and had great FAITH in Him*)

PRAYER ACTIVITY: Please ensure that you include the following Prayer thought in your concluding prayer

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For Servants

[http:// www.cogh.net/sslesson.php](http://www.cogh.net/sslesson.php)

CONTEMPLATE ON THE FOLLOWING

Only a father can understand the love for a twelve-year-old daughter. She is just short of becoming a woman, but still young enough to be his baby. From our own life experience as either a parent or a child, you know that there is nothing a father will not do for his beloved daughter/son. Just the word "daddy" assures that every request is granted and a tear melts the heart of a "tough" man as if it were a snowman in a heat wave. Never before or never again will the relationship between father and daughter be quite the same. At the age of twelve, a daughter views her father as her special friend. Let the shadow of death fall over the beauty of that relationship and a father's love becomes focused like a laser beam upon survival. There is no treatment too costly, no travel too distant, no plea too humiliating. (McKenna, David L., *Mastering the New Testament: Mark*, Word Publishing, Dallas: 1982, p. 118)

Consider - Jairus was a synagogue ruler. Many of his peers were violently opposed to Jesus. Others may have been ambivalent toward Jesus.

Jairus may not have been opposed to Jesus necessarily, yet I think going to Jesus for help, and especially groveling at Jesus' feet probably wasn't the best for Jairus' reputation or religious career.

Sometimes people will request prayer for a loved one's salvation, expressing that they desire God to do anything and everything in order to cause that person to realize his/her need of salvation and turn his/her life over to Christ.

However, I don't seem to hear this desire expressed as much today.

Discussion: Are we willing for God to do anything and everything it takes in order to bring our loved one to their knees in repentance? Does our resolve hold even if it means bankruptcy / poverty, physical disfigurement, loss of life of someone dear to that person, great physical pain, etc?

Discussion: Is such a prayer necessary in order for our loved one to be saved?

Discussion: Is there a problem if we are not willing to pray such a prayer? If so, what? (What does this suggest about our faith?)

While Jesus was on His way to Jairus' home, a woman who had suffered for twelve years from a blood disease secretly came up and grabbed the hem of Jesus' robe. This woman had been to many doctors. She had spent all her money seeking the help of these physicians, yet all of them had been unsuccessful

Mark 5:26 describes her condition this way: She was a woman "... who *had suffered much* under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse." (ESV, emphasis mine)

Discussion: Picture yourself as a person who had an incurable disease. You've spent all your money on possible cures. You've suffered much as a result of these treatments. But you've only grown worse. Describe this woman's emotional state, her thinking, her attitude.

Discussion: I'm not sure if there is another situation in the Gospels where someone sought Jesus' help without speaking to Him and asking for help. Why do you think this woman sought healing from Jesus secretly?

When this woman touched Jesus' robe in faith, Jesus immediately knew that healing power had left Him. Jesus immediately stopped and asked who had touched Him.

The disciples thought it was ridiculous that Jesus ask who touched Him. They were in the midst of a throbbing, pulsating crowd. But Jesus waited until the woman came to him and admitted what she had done.

Discussion: Surely Jesus as omniscient God knew this woman's situation and why she had secretly touched His robe. Why do you think Jesus wanted this woman to make her faith and healing public?

Discussion: Sometimes it is much easier for us to ask God for great requests in private. It is even easier for us at times to keep private what we believe to be His answers to our prayers. What are the benefits of making our prayers and answers to prayer public?

Discussion: Peter thought it amazing that Jesus would ask who had touched Him in the midst of this jostling crowd. Why do you think Peter and the other disciples were oblivious to this divine encounter?

(I would suggest their minds were occupied on getting to the ruler's house, keeping from knocked down by others, protecting Jesus from any who might want to harm Him, and possibly listening to Jesus teaching as He walked along the road.)

Discussion: Should we fault Peter for not recognizing this divine encounter for what it is?
(Probably not.)

While I would not assign too much blame for Peter being oblivious to this divine encounter, I think we can learn a lesson from his lack of perception. I believe God arranges divine appointments regularly. But I'm afraid we can be as oblivious to Peter as to what God is doing.

Discussion: How can we develop a better perception to look beyond the physical (the jostling crowds) to the spiritual (a desperate woman reaching out to touch Jesus' robe)?

While they were stopped as Jesus confirmed the woman's faith and healing, messengers from Jairus' home came with bad news. His little girl had died. There was no need to trouble the Master further.

Jesus told Jairus not to fear. Simply believe. They continued on and found the house full of people wailing and crying loudly. When Jesus told them that the girl was not dead, only sleeping, they laughed at him.

Discussion: Why do you think these people thought Jesus' statement was laughable? Can we blame them for not believing she was still alive? Why or why not?

Discussion: Why do we sometimes give up praying for a certain request after much time has passed by with no discernible change in circumstances?

Discussion: Should we continue praying for years and years? Is it fanatical to continue praying?

Discussion: Does urging people to continue praying this way an abuse of prayer? Should we believe that the request is not according to God's will?

Discussion: What would have happened if Jairus would have simply thanked Jesus for coming and then dismiss Him? Would the girl have been healed?

Discussion: Why can and should we continue praying when God's answer is not in sight?

As I was studying for this lesson, two words came to my mind - "Dangerous Faith." What happens when we have a "dangerous faith" in God?

The lesson I see from the desperate father is that with dangerous faith we can have our prayers answered by God. The secretive woman teaches us that with dangerous faith we can bring God glory.

The oblivious disciples teach us that with dangerous faith we can witness God's power. The revived girl teaches us that with dangerous faith we can know God does care and answer prayer.

Jesus is calling you to trust Him with careless abandon. Will you trust Him?

Next two pages: Bible Study & Colouring page

Class Activity – Make A Class Story Book

Bible study paragraphs & pictures can be enlarged, read in class by the children and pictures are to be pasted under the relevant paragraph.

Insert the pages in a Folder with paper sleeves.

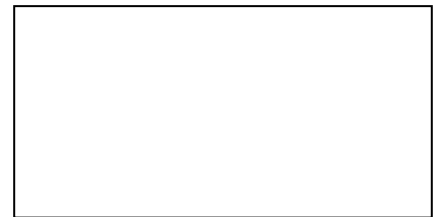
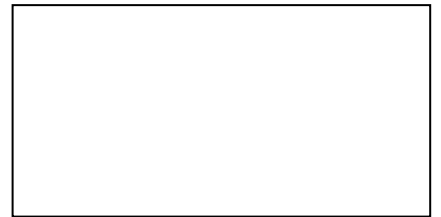
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Year 1 and 2
JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER IS RAISED
(MARK 5:21-43)**

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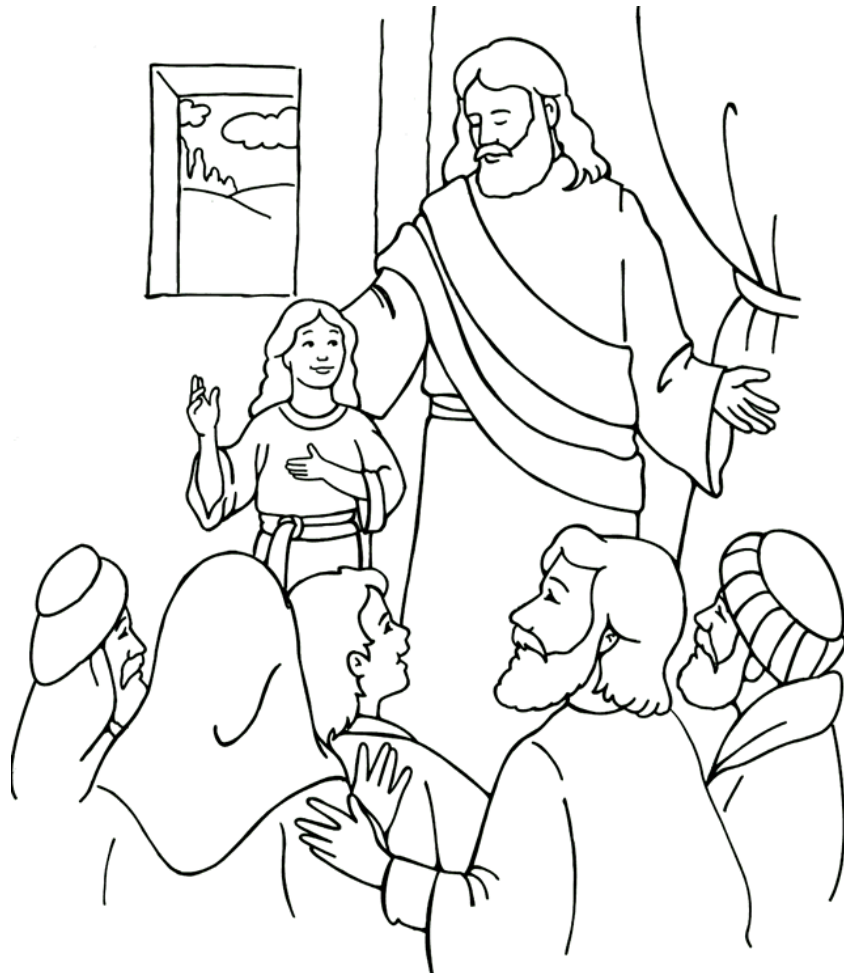
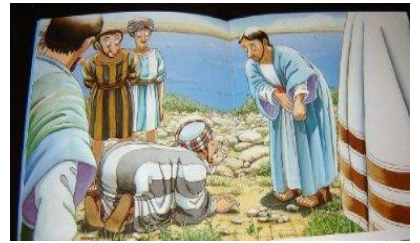
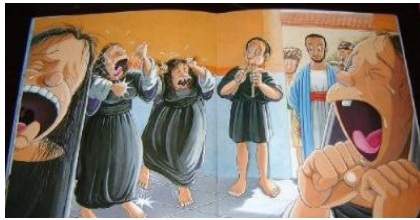
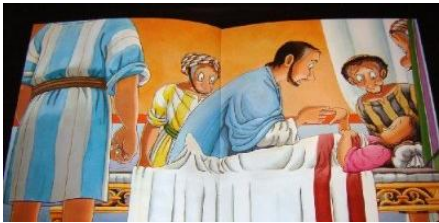
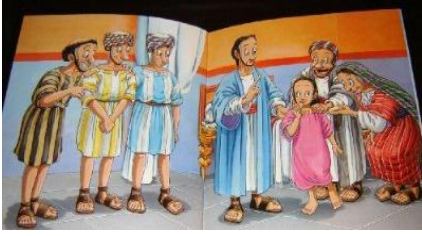
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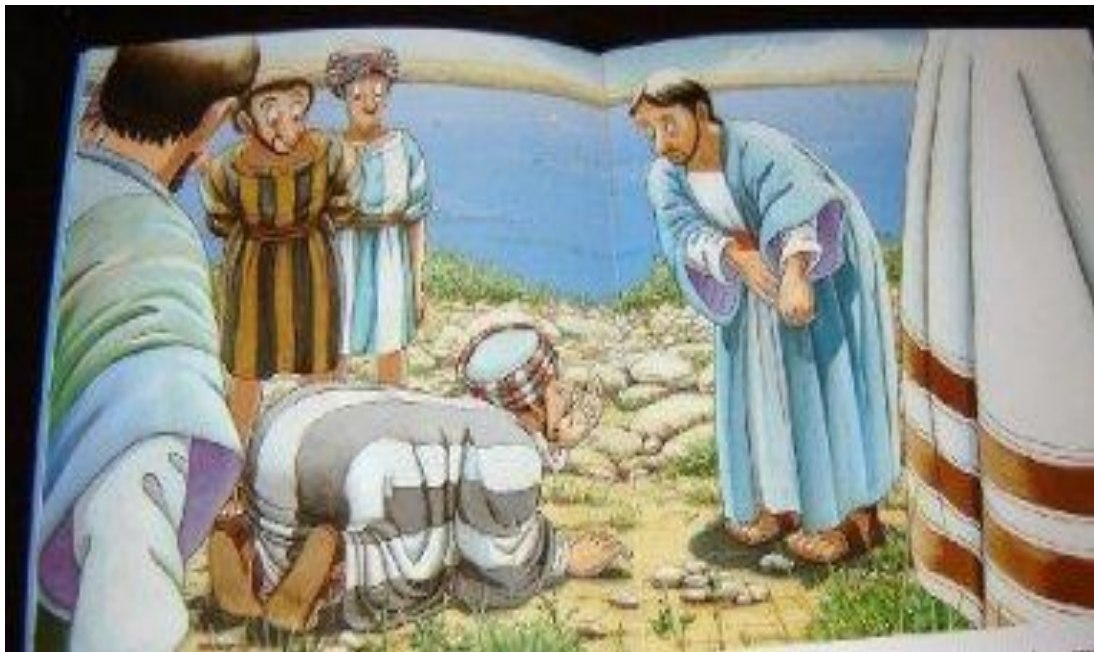
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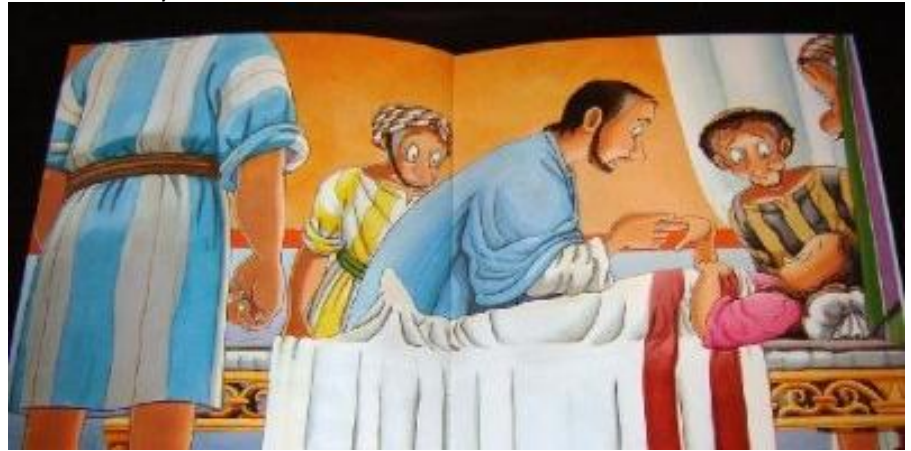


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