

Use Week of:

Unit 22 • Session 2

Jesus Healed a Woman and a Girl

BIBLE PASSAGE:

Mark 5

STORY POINT:

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KEY PASSAGE:

Isaiah 53:4-5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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LEADER Bible Study

Jesus had just returned from the region of the Gerasenes, where He had healed a man with an unclean spirit. He crossed the Sea of Galilee and came on shore, where He was surrounded by a large crowd of people. News of Jesus' teachings and healings was spreading, and people wanted to see Jesus. They wanted to learn from Him and be healed.

Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, came to Jesus in crisis. His daughter was at the point of death. Without Jesus' help, she would surely die. Jesus went with Jairus, but as He walked, a woman in the crowd came up behind Him and touched His robes. She too was desperate for healing. The woman believed that Jesus' power was strong enough to heal her even if all she did was touch His robe. Because she had faith, Jesus healed her.

Imagine Jairus' devastation when he heard that his daughter had died. The people suggested that Jesus was too late to help her, but Jesus proved them wrong. He went to Jairus' house and raised the little girl from the dead.

Through His healing miracles, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son.

As you teach kids, point out that the woman and the father of the little girl came to Jesus in faith. They needed Jesus' help, and they trusted in Jesus' power to heal. After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He ascended to heaven. Even though Jesus is not physically on earth today, we can pray and ask God to heal people who are sick. Whether or not God grants immediate physical healing, we can rest knowing that He brings ultimate healing through His Son, Jesus.

The BIBLE Story

Jesus Healed a Woman and a Girl

Mark 5

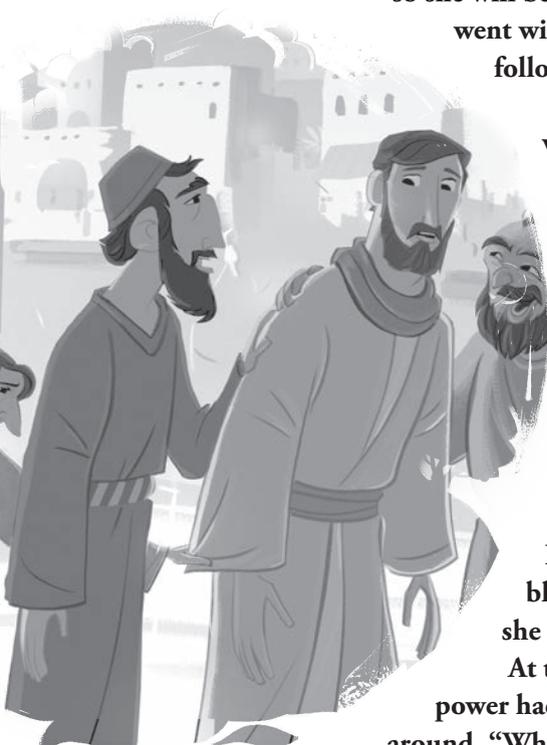
Jesus stood on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and a large crowd gathered around Him. Jairus (JIGH ruhs), one of the leaders in the synagogue, fell at Jesus' feet and begged for His help.

“My daughter is about to die! Please come touch her so she will be healed and live,” he said. Jesus went with Jairus, and many people followed, crowding around Him.

In the crowd was a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. She had seen many doctors and had spent all her money trying to get better, but no one could help her. She was getting worse. The woman said to herself, “If I touch even Jesus' clothes, I will be healed.”

She came up behind Jesus in the crowd and touched His clothes. Immediately, her bleeding stopped and she knew she was healed.

At that moment, Jesus felt that power had gone out of Him. He turned around. “Who touched My clothes?” He asked. Jesus' disciples pointed out that many people were crowded around Him. But Jesus kept looking around. The woman, knowing she was healed, came forward and fell before Jesus. She told Him what had happened.



Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace. You are healed.”

While Jesus was speaking, some men came from Jairus’ house and told Jairus, “Your daughter is dead. Do not bother Jesus anymore.”

Jesus heard what the men said, and He told Jairus, “Do not be afraid. Just believe.”

Jesus and three of His disciples went to Jairus’ house. People there were crying and wailing loudly. “Why are you crying?” Jesus asked. “The child is not dead. She is sleeping.”

The people laughed because they did not believe Jesus, and He told them all to leave. **Jesus took Jairus and his wife into the room where the child was. He took the girl by the hand and said, “Little girl, get up.”**

Immediately, the girl got up and began walking around. Jairus and his wife were amazed. Jesus told them to give the girl some food and to not tell anyone what had happened.

Christ Connection: By healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Vary your voice:** Distinguish various dialogue by changing the tone of your voice for each person.
- **Use movement:** As you tell the story, move across the room to reflect Jesus’ travels.

INTRODUCE the Story



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Welcome time

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group. Prompt kids to discuss a time they tried to fix something that was broken. What was broken, and how did they try to fix it?

SAY • Over time, everything wears out. Sometimes things break. Even our bodies wear out and stop working they way they are supposed to. When that happens, usually we will go see a doctor, but what about when a doctor cannot help? Today we will hear a story about a time a woman had a problem no doctor could solve. Who do you think fixed things?

Activity page (5 minutes)

- “Through the Crowd” activity page.
- 1 per kid
- pencils or markers

Invite kids to complete the “Through the Crowd” activity page. Ask kids to find and circle: one woman touching Jesus’ clothes, four people without shoes, and eight Roman soldiers.

SAY • What a big crowd! Great job finding the people hidden in the crowd. Today we will learn about a time Jesus looked for one woman in a large crowd.

Session starter (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Secret touch

Select one child to sit at the front of the group facing away from the other kids. She will close her eyes. Then, silently select a second child who will gently pat the first kid's shoulder before returning to his seat. Next, invite the first kid to open her eyes and turn to face the group. She must guess who tapped her. If she is correct, allow the kid who tapped her to take her place. Otherwise, allow the kid she guessed to take her place. Play as time allows.

SAY • It can be hard to know who touched you even when you know it was only one person. How much harder would it be to pick out a single person's touch from a crowd of people all close enough to be touching? Today our story is about a time Jesus searched for a single person who touched Him in a crowd of people.

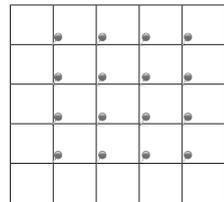
OPTION 2: Marble run

Before the session, draw out a 1-inch grid on a square of cardboard. At each intersection of the grid lines, place a push pin. You may use a ruler to help keep the grid spacing even. During the session, allow the kids to take turns trying to roll a marble from one side of the cardboard to the other without hitting any push pins.

SAY • Wow, that was nearly impossible! Imagine trying to work your way through a crowd without touching anyone else. That would also be difficult. Today we will hear about what happened when Jesus was working His way through a crowd.

**LOW
PREP**

- 5-by-5-inch cardboard square
- pen
- push pins
- ruler (optional)
- marbles



Tip: For an added challenge and easier setup, place the push pins into the cardboard in an unorganized way.

Transition to teach the story

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Countdown

• countdown video

Show the countdown video as you transition to teach the story. Set it to end as the session begins.

Introduce the session (3 minutes)

• leader attire

[Leader enters wearing safety glasses and casual clothing under a greasy apron or coveralls.]

LEADER • Hey, everyone! Welcome back to my workshop.

I am an inventor. That means I look at problems in the world and try to build devices that can help solve those problems. Sometimes, while we inventors work on one problem, we accidentally invent something we never meant to!

Take Lonnie G. Johnson for example. While trying to work out a new kind of heat pump that would be more energy efficient, he ended up inventing a popular kind of toy water gun! In that case, the problem Johnson's invention solved was "how to have the most fun possible on a hot summer day."

In some ways, thinking about accidental inventions makes me think of our Bible story today. Nothing God does is ever on accident, but in our story, we

Tip: If you prefer not to use themed content or characters, adapt or omit this introduction.

will see that Jesus healed a woman while He was in the process of helping another person with his problem. In fact, the woman didn't even speak to Jesus until after she was healed. I'll tell you about it.

Big picture question (1 minute)

LEADER • As we get into our story, it's important to remember our big picture question and answer.

Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.

God did not need us, but He wanted to show His goodness and glory through us. He created us so we could glorify and love Him. God knew that we would choose to disobey Him, which would bring about pain, sickness, and death. God created us for His glory anyway. He sent Jesus to show us His glory and love by dying for our sin and rising again on the third day.

Giant timeline (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

· Giant Timeline

LEADER • Jesus came to earth as a baby, but His ministry began when He grew into an adult. He traveled around healing people, teaching about God, and doing miracles to prove He is the Messiah. Last week we learned that **Jesus healed ten men, and one was saved**. This week we will hear about two people Jesus healed: a young girl and a grown woman.

· Bibles
· "Jesus Healed a Woman and a Girl" video
· Big Picture Question Poster
· Bible Story Picture Poster
· Story Point Poster

Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Mark 5. Use the Bible storytelling tips

on the Bible story page to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Jesus Healed a Woman and a Girl.”

LEADER • I love this story so much. Notice that Jesus pointed to the woman’s faith. She was so certain Jesus is the Messiah, she knew just touching His clothing could heal her. It wasn’t the act of touching His robe that healed her. That was simply the moment the healing happened. Jesus said it was her faith in Him.

Sometimes I stop and think about how Jairus must have felt. He believed Jesus could heal his daughter, but he was probably feeling very nervous and rushed. He wanted Jesus to come right away. If I were in that situation, a large crowd would have made me feel impatient and frustrated. Jairus might have felt that way too.

When Jesus stopped to ask about someone touching His clothes, I can’t help but imagine how I’d have reacted. I might have thought something like *Um, hello? Did You forget about my daughter? Do we really have time for this question about Your clothing?!* But Jesus’ power isn’t limited by time or even space.

Jesus didn’t need to arrive on time, lay hands on her, or even travel to her at all. If Jesus had wanted to, He could have simply said, “Your daughter is healed,” and it would have been true. By going through the steps of traveling to her, Jesus was making more opportunities for God’s glory to be revealed to us.

Christ connection

LEADER • By healing the woman and raising the little girl from the dead, Jesus showed His power as the

Note: You may use this opportunity to use Scripture and the guide provided to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.

Messiah. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save people from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes us to be more like His Son.

His healing of the woman showed His compassion and love and helped prove His identity as God the Son. I bet that woman worshiped God and glorified Him after that. And by arriving after the little girl had died, Jesus was able to show His power, not just over sickness, but over death too. I think Jairus and his family probably glorified God after their experience as well.

Questions from kids video (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 22, Session 2” questions from kids video. Prompt kids to think about how they can show love to people who are sick or hurting. Guide them to discuss what they want others to do when they are sick or hurting.

· “Unit 22, Session 2”
Questions from Kids
video



Missions moment (3 minutes)

Display a world map and the “Amy Carmichael Photo” printable. Write *Ireland*, *Japan*, and *India* on separate index cards. Ask volunteers to choose a card and find that country on a world map. Be ready to offer hints to help them identify these countries.

· “Amy Carmichael
Photo” printable
· world map
· marker
· index cards

LEADER • Missionary Amy Carmichael was born in Ireland. She served as a missionary in Japan and then in India. She lived in India for 56 years, serving children in an orphanage and teaching them about Jesus. They called her *Amma*, which means “mother.” Amy believed in the power of Jesus in the children’s lives. She knew about the miracles that Jesus did, like

when **Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead.** That same Jesus loved the children of India when Amy served there, and He loves them today. Close in prayer for missionaries around the world, including any missionaries your church supports.

Key passage (5 minutes)

- Key Passage Poster
- “By His Wounds (Isaiah 53:4-5)” song

Show the key passage poster. Lead the boys and girls to read together Isaiah 53:4-5. Then sing the key passage song.

LEADER • Jesus not only healed sickness and death when He was on earth, He also took our sin and died on the cross for it. When we trust in Him, we gain His righteousness. God forgives our sins and makes us new creatures who will live with Him forever.

Sing (4 minutes)

- “Miracle Maker” song

LEADER • Jesus deserves all our praise because He is God’s Son, the Messiah. He’s a miracle maker! Sing together “Miracle Maker.”

Pray (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before dismissing to apply the story.

LEADER • Father, thank You for sending Your Son to rescue us from sin. Help us trust You, love You, and obey Your Word. Heal us from the damage sin does in our lives. Amen.

Dismiss to apply the story

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now!* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.

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Key passage activity (5 minutes)

- Key Passage Poster
- sticky notes

Read the key passage aloud with your group. Then cover a word or two using sticky notes and say the passage again. Continue covering words or phrases until the kids say the entire passage from memory. Encourage the kids to continue working on the key passage.

SAY • This key passage was written about Jesus long before Jesus was born as a human baby. God gave Isaiah exactly the right words to help people understand what the Messiah would be like and what He would do. Isaiah explained that the Messiah would be a servant. He would take on sickness and pain that were not His and fix those problems for His people. **Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead**, and He died on the cross to take away sin for everyone who has faith in Him.

Discussion & Bible skills (10 minutes)

- Bibles, 1 per kid
- Story Point Poster
- Small Group Timeline and Map Set (005802970, optional)

Distribute a Bible to each kid. Help kids find Mark 5. If necessary, review how to use a Bible's table of contents and the chapter and verse numbers to find specific passages. You may select a strong reader to read verses 39–42.

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

1. Who was Jairus? (*a leader in the synagogue and father to a dying girl, Mark 5:22-23*)
2. How long had the older woman been suffering with her sickness? (*12 years, Mark 5:25*)
3. How did the people outside Jairus' house react when Jesus said the girl wasn't dead? (*They laughed. They had no faith; Mark 5:39-40*)
4. What can we do if someone we know is sick or hurting? *Guide kids to think about ways to show love to others who are going through difficult circumstances. Help them see that praying for others is the strongest tool we have against hard times. Remind them that Jesus doesn't promise our lives will be easy or pain free, but we can trust Him to always do what is right.*
5. How can we show our faith in Jesus? *Help kids brainstorm ways to share their faith with others by giving God credit when they succeed, talking about what they learn in church, or telling others about the ways Jesus has helped them overcome difficult times.*
6. How can we glorify God if someone we love isn't healed when we ask God to heal them? *Guide kids to see that our hope is not in physical healing but in the restoration of the world that will come when Jesus returns. Help them see that people who have faith in Jesus will live eternally with God, no matter what hard times they go through now.*

SAY • Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead. Jesus has power over sickness and death. When we have faith, Jesus raises us to new life in Him and heals us from the damage sin causes.

Option: Retell or review the Bible story using the bolded text of the Bible story script.

LOW PREP

- poster board or large sheets of paper
- markers
- tape

Tip: Use this activity option to reinforce the missions moment found in Teach the Story.

Activity choice (10 minutes)



OPTION 1: Places to serve

At the top of various sheets of poster board, write locations—such as a local school or park—where your group could serve others, especially other kids. Hang the posters around your room and invite the kids to walk around the room writing or drawing pictures to represent ways they could serve others at each location. Use these ideas to work with your church staff to plan a mission project that kids and their families could participate in.

SAY • Amy Carmichael spent her whole life serving children around the world. She loved them, worked hard to provide for them, and most importantly, she taught them about Jesus. She started an orphanage in India to help children who had no home or who were being mistreated.

The Bible tells us that God loves people. He created every one of us. ***Why did God create people? God created people to worship Him, love Him, and show His glory.*** Often the best way to fulfill those purposes is to tell others about Jesus. It shows our love and obedience for God and glorifies Him so others will know about Him.

OPTION 2: Faith, not fabric

Provide various swatches of fabric, such as denim, fleece, felt, cotton, or linen. Allow each kid to select a swatch he prefers. Help the kids to use puff paint pens to write *Your faith has saved you*. Encourage the kids to take their swatches home to remember what they learned today. You may provide adhesive jewels or other craft supplies for kids to decorate their fabric.

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- puff paint pens
- adhesive jewels or other craft supplies

SAY • Jesus healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead. When Jesus healed and saved the woman, it wasn't because she physically touched Jesus. In the crowd, many pressed against one another and against Jesus. The woman understood Jesus' power as the Messiah. She had faith that all it would take was a small touch of Jesus' clothing to heal her. There was nothing special about Jesus' clothing; He healed her and saved her because of her faith.

In a similar way, there's no special thing we must do to be saved. We don't have to physically reach Jesus or rely on our efforts to be saved. When we have faith in Jesus' power to save us, He saves us!

Reflection and prayer (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Whom can I tell about this story?

Make sure to send the sheets home with kids alongside the activity page so that parents can see what their kids have been learning.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page provided with this session. Pray for your group.

• pencils and crayons
• paper
• Bible Story Coloring
Page, 1 per kid

Tip: Give parents this week's *Big Picture Cards for Families* to allow families to interact with the biblical content at home.