

The Daughter of Jairus

Luke 8:40-56

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

As many pieces of white construction paper and colored construction paper scraps, pens or crayons, and glue sticks as the number of children in your class.

ATTENTION GRABBER!

Build a Boat!

On a piece of white construction paper, print the Word "BOAT" across the top. Create an acronym from the letters that reads:

B	O	A	T
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For younger children you will want to write out the acronym. For older children you can allow them to write it themselves. With different colors of paper cut out or tear out a triangle sail, an elongated rectangle mast, and a banana shaped boat.

Have the children glue the parts together forming the shape of the boat. For the older children they can even write the acronym on the boat and make it part of the sail and the mast. Explain to the children that just like the people in our lesson today, we can be anticipating the arrival of Jesus. The Bible says He's coming back soon!

LESSON TIME!

When Jesus was here He did some pretty amazing things! But one of the most amazing things was when He raised someone from the dead. He did this on a few occasions, and we are going to look at one of those times today. We are going to learn that **Jesus is the resurrection and the life**. He has power over death; when we put our trust in Him, we can rest assured that we will never die. Let's look at this exciting story about a man named Jairus and his daughter, whom he loved very much. **Jesus is the resurrection and the life!**

LUKE 8:40-42

So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him.

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,

for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

The Bible records that Jesus and His disciples had just sailed back from the region of the Gerasenes where He had delivered a man that was demon possessed. The multitude could see Jesus and His disciples coming closer to shore, and they began to get excited because Jesus was coming to the very seashore that they were standing on.

There were probably some who had seen Jesus do miracles before: like healing people, feeding thousands with a few fish, making the blind to see, and even raising the dead. There may have even been some in the crowd who were healed by Jesus. There were also those who had only heard about Jesus. Maybe they too would see Jesus heal someone, or maybe they would be healed or fed. There were also no doubt some who came to see a show of some sort. They did not have any intention of believing in Jesus

We see that there are all kinds of people who come to Jesus with all kinds of reasons or motives. Some come to worship Him. Others are looking for what they can get from Him. It really is not very different today. There are many different reasons why people come to Jesus. So it is important for us to look in our hearts and make sure that we are coming to Jesus for the right reasons.

When Jesus landed on the beach, a religious leader named Jairus fell before His feet. This would have been amazing because there were not very many religious leaders that liked Jesus. They were jealous that He was more popular among the people. Most religious leaders believed they had to keep certain rules to be saved, instead of having a relationship with God. But Jesus taught that you could only be saved by believing in Him. “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me.’” (John 14:6).

But jealousy was not very important to Jairus at this moment. He was in a desperate situation and had heard of all of the wonderful things Jesus had done. He had a very special 12-year-old daughter.

She was his only child. She was dying and something had to be done immediately. Jesus was his last hope; so he had to humble himself and come to Jesus.

Sometimes we might find ourselves in very difficult and desperate situations. But that is when we must seek the Lord for help in our time of need. Just as there are many reasons why people come to Jesus, there are also many reasons why people refuse to come. Often they do not want Jesus because they are afraid He will take away all their “fun.” They do not understand that Jesus will only do what is best for them. But there is something about being sick or dying that makes us think about eternal things. And certainly if you loved someone very much and you knew they were sick and dying, you would want to do everything you could to help them. That is what Jairus wanted to do. **Jesus is the resurrection and the life!**

We read that Jairus fell down at Jesus' feet and began pleading with Him to come to his house because his only daughter was dying. Jesus told Jairus that He would go with him. Then, as Jesus began to go to Jairus' house, something amazing happened. Have you ever decided to go somewhere, like a friend's house, and something exciting happened to you on the way there?

LUKE 8:43-48

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,

came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

We read that a woman had been bleeding non-stop on the inside for twelve years and had spent all her money on doctors. Yet she still had not been healed of her hemorrhage. This hemorrhage made her ceremonially unclean (she could not worship God at the temple), and anyone who touched her would also be ceremonially unclean. This woman was probably very sad and lonely because no one could touch her, not even to give her a hug to comfort her. Have you ever felt all alone?

This woman knew what it meant to be alone. She had been separated from all her loved ones, until Jesus came along. It was not until Jesus was on His way to Jairus' house to heal his daughter that this woman came along, knowing that if she could only touch the hem of Jesus' garment she would be healed forever. As soon as she touched Him, she was immediately healed!

We read that the woman was very afraid to come to Jesus. She touched His garment, not wanting to make herself known but having faith that simply touching Jesus would heal her. Even though she was trying to be quiet about it, Jesus knew that someone had touched Him. She admitted having touched Him, but she did not get into trouble. Rather, she was praised for having so much faith. We need to follow her example. When we have a problem or something bad is happening in our lives, we need to go to Jesus. We never have to be afraid of going to Him; we simply need to put our trust in Him, to place our needs in His hands. **Jesus is the resurrection and the life!**

Healed Heart Smiling Contest

On small sheets of paper, write down several maladies that affect people, for example: blind, deaf, mute, cripple, disease, etc.

Pass these sheets out to several volunteers in the class. Have these volunteers come in front of the class and show on their faces how they would feel if they were afflicted with any of these maladies.

Tell them that on the count of three Jesus is going to heal them of their afflictions. Tell them that their faces must respond accordingly. Have the rest of the class choose who smiled best as they were healed. Explain to the class that this is what Jesus does to our hearts when we ask Him to be our Lord and Savior.

Jesus knew that this woman had touched Him. He wanted the woman to confess her need of a savior just as He wants us to confess our need for Him as our Savior today! She was ashamed to approach Him. Why? She was unclean but still touched Him. Have you ever been afraid to approach Jesus because you were not sure what He would think of you or do? In those days, some people thought that if you had a disease it was because of their sin. The woman may have been afraid to approach Jesus because she thought it was her sin that made her sick.

Have you ever been afraid to talk to your parents about a problem because you thought they would be mad? Or, maybe you were afraid of praying to God for things that you were going through but are ashamed of because you do not know how He might react? Trust in God. He wants what is best for you each and every day.

Then we see that Jesus said to her, "Go in peace." God gives us His peace, not as the world gives, but He gives us supernatural peace. We need His peace everyday. Peace is knowing that we are saved because of what Jesus did on the cross. Peace is trusting God to accomplish what He has started in our lives. Peace is realizing that God is greater than all our problems. **Jesus is the resurrection and the life!**

LUKE 8:49-50

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

As Jesus was speaking to this woman, someone came with bad news. Can you imagine what Jairus may have been tempted to think? "Hey, I had Jesus coming to heal my daughter, but now it is too late!" He might have even been a little angry at the woman. We are not really sure how he reacted because the Bible does not say. But this was very tragic news for Jairus to receive.

God's work is never complete. Have you ever been excited to go somewhere, like camping, and just as you were finishing packing your mom came into your room and told you that you could not go camping. What would you do? You would be heartbroken.

Although that seems very discouraging, this incident with Jairus' daughter was a far, far greater disappointment. His daughter had died, and it was too late to save her, or was it?

Think about what Jesus said. Before Jairus could say anything or even begin to weep for his daughter, Jesus was right there giving him hope. He said, "Do not be afraid, only believe, and she will be made well". What comforting words those must have been for Jairus to hear. No matter what happens, Jesus is still in control. We may think what happens to us is the worse thing in the world. But Jesus has a way of working everything out for good, just like He promises (Romans 8:28). The only thing that Jairus had to do was believe. And that is all Jesus asks of us.

Do you really believe Jesus can do all things, even bring someone back from the dead? When you go to sleep at night, do you believe He is there protecting you? He loves you and cares for you! Let's see what Jesus does in this situation to help Jairus. **Jesus is the resurrection and the life!**

LUKE 8:51-56

When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.

Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping."

And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, "Little girl, arise."

Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.

And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

We read here that Jesus only wanted certain people in the house with Him. He only let Peter, James, John, and the girl's parents into the house. He must have wanted to teach them something special by letting them see another miracle. Peter, James and John were the closest disciples that Jesus had. Maybe He wanted them to see what He was going to do to build their faith in Him. And maybe He wanted Jairus and his wife as the ruler of the local synagogue to see what was about to happen to strengthen their faith as well.

Everyone at the scene was weeping, but Jesus told them not to weep because she was not dead but sleeping. At that point, they all began to laugh and even ridiculed Him because they knew she was dead. But Jesus saw something very different. He sees things from a different view. It seems at this point that Jairus and even Jesus' disciples could not believe what was about to happen. So Jesus sent them all outside.

Then Jesus went to the girl and took her hand and told her to arise. The Bible says that she arose immediately, and He commanded that she get something to eat. Her parents were absolutely amazed, as no doubt His disciples were. Jesus can do amazing things. He truly does have power over death. We all have the promise that we too will be raised again to receive new bodies, never to taste death again. All we need to do is put our trust in Jesus.

What a blessed day it was for Jairus and his family. What a valuable lesson in faith he and the disciples learned that day. What a valuable lesson we can learn from this story. **Jesus is the resurrection and the life!**

Lead a Song!

Lead your class in a chorus that supports the lesson you have taught them today. For younger children you might sing "My God Is So Big":

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty;
There's nothing my God cannot do. (clap, clap)
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty;
There's nothing my God cannot do. (clap, clap)
For you, and you, and you, and you, and you!

For older children you might sing "Our God Is an Awesome God":

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God's strength and sovereignty. If there are any children who have not received the Lord and wish to do so, please pray with them.