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Foundational Biblical Concept:

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Scripture Reference:

Mark 5:21-24,35-43; Luke 8:40-42,49-56

This session is part of Unit 7: Learning from Jesus

Other sessions in this unit include: Jesus Visits the Temple Mary Worships Jesus Jesus Calls Disciples
Jesus Heals Jairus’ Daughter
Prepare It!


Introduce It!

Get Ready
Gather a large paper bag and several items which would be found in a first-aid kit or a doctor’s office. Print Mystery Bag in large letters on the bag. In the bag, place a medical item for each child you expect to attend.

Guide the Activity
As the children enter the room, call attention to the bag of health/medical supplies you prepared. Explain that they will take turns reaching into the bag, feeling an object, and guessing what it is. After guessing, the child will display the object to the group.

Allow the children to continue the game until all objects have been displayed. Ask: “In what way are all these items alike?” (Possible answers: They are all used when people are sick or injured. They are used by healthcare workers. They are used in a medical office.)

Tell the group that today they will learn how Jesus helped sick people and people who had experienced a death in the family.

Ask: “Who can remember a Bible story we have heard recently about something that happened in Jesus’ life?” Guide the children to recall the stories of Jesus in the temple at age 12, Mary worshiping Jesus, and Jesus calling four disciples.

Show It!

Show the Bible picture. Ask: “Do you see anyone in this picture whose name you know? (Jesus) What do you think is happening in this picture?”

Ask the children to listen carefully to the Bible story to find the answers to these questions: Who are the people in the picture? Who asked Jesus to help him? What did he want Jesus to do? What news did a messenger bring Jairus? What did Jesus say was wrong with the little girl? What did most of the people think about what Jesus said? What did Jesus say to the girl? How was the girl’s life changed by Jesus?
Tell It!

Open your Bible to Mark 5 and tell the Bible story in your own words.

**Jesus Raises Jairus’ Daughter**

A large crowd had gathered around Jesus. Jairus, one of the leaders of the synagogue, pushed his way to Jesus’ side. Jairus knelt at Jesus’ feet. The people could hear Jairus pleading, “Please come to my house. My daughter is dying. Help her get well and live.”

Jesus and some of His friends hurried with Jairus to his home. But before they could get there, a man ran to meet them.

“Jairus,” the messenger said, “it is too late. Your little girl is already dead.”

“Don’t be afraid,” Jesus said to Jairus, “only believe. Your daughter will be made well.”

When Jairus and Jesus and the others reached the house, people were crying and wailing.

Jesus said, “Why are you crying? The little girl is not dead. She is only sleeping.”

Those who heard Jesus laughed at Him.

Then Jesus took Jairus, his wife, and Peter, James, and John into the child’s room. The girl probably lay on her bed. Jesus took the girl by her hand. “Get up,” He said gently.

The girl got up and began to walk. She was alive again!

They were all astounded.

Jesus said to her parents, “Give her something to eat.”

*Scripture reference: Mark 5:21-24,35-43; Luke 8:40-42,49-56*

Remember It!

Ask: “Who are the people in the picture? (Jesus, Jairus, his daughter, his wife, a disciple) Who asked Jesus to help him? (Jairus) What did he want Jesus to do? (Heal his daughter) What news did a messenger bring Jairus? (His daughter was dead.) What did Jesus say was wrong with the little girl? (She was sleeping.) What did most of the people think about what Jesus said? (They laughed.) What did Jesus say to the girl? (“Get up!”)

To further review the Bible story, say: “I will point to one of you. That person will start telling the Bible story. The moment I point to someone else, that person will continue the story.” Change storytellers after each two or three sentences. Add any significant information the storytellers miss.
Learn It!

Get Ready
Make a poster of today's memory verse on heavyweight paper or poster board. Gather a small pad of self-stick notes.

Guide the Activity
Show the memory verse poster. Invite the children to say the verse together. Cover one word with a small self-stick note and ask a volunteer to read the verse, supplying the hidden word and covering another word. Ask another child to read the verse and cover another word. Continue until all words have been covered and children can repeat the verse from memory.


Use It!

Activity 1: Fun Page
Get Ready
Photocopy the Younger and Older Children’s Fun Pages. Gather Bibles, pencils, and lap boards if you do not have tables.

Guide the Activity
Younger Children: Give each child a pencil and a Fun Page. Explain the directions for the activity and let the children work individually. If you have beginning readers, you may wish to lead the group to do the activity together.
   When the kids have completed the activity, ask volunteers to tell the words they discovered.
Older Children: Give each child a pencil and a Fun Page. Explain the directions and let the kids work individually to discover the six words.

Activity 2: Send a Postcard
Get Ready
Gather pencils, Bibles, 4-by-6-inch cards, and fine-point markers.

Guide the Activity
Give each child a 4-by-6-inch card. Ask the boys and girls to think of sick people they know who may need help or encouragement this week. Lead the children to each create a picture postcard with a Scripture message. If the children cannot think of someone to whom they can send a card, be prepared with names and addresses of homebound or sick members of your church.
   Invite the children to pray for the people to whom the cards will be sent. Pray aloud or silently.
   Collect the cards, assuring the children you will stamp and mail them the next day.

Jesus Heals Jairus’ Daughter
Apply It!

Ask: “What did Jesus do for Jairus’ daughter?” (He made her live again.) Explain: “Jairus knew what Jesus had done for others. He believed that Jesus would help him and his little girl. What can we do when we or others need help?” (Ask for God’s help.)

Ask each child to think of someone he can pray for who needs God’s help. Pray aloud, asking God to help the people about whom the children are thinking.

Suggest that Jesus can help people in need because He is Lord.

Craft

Funny Lookers

Get Ready

Before the session, create a simple sunglasses pattern on a piece of poster board. You may need to make several patterns depending on the number of children in the group. Use the illustration as a guide or trace a pair of paper 3-D glasses. Gather different colors of poster board, scissors, markers, glue, colored cellophane, and your choice of decorations such as stickers, glitter, feathers, and beads.

Guide the Activity

Show a sample pair of the “funny lookers” to the children.

Say: “You are learning that knowing Jesus changes the way you look at life. These glasses may not make you look at life differently, but they will certainly make you look different!”

Lead the children to each create his own pair of fun sunglasses. Each child can trace the shape of the glasses onto a piece of poster board and then cut it out. Guide the kids to fold the glasses at the earpieces and try them on; trim to fit if necessary.

Cut the pieces of cellophane slightly larger than the eye holes. Glue to the inside of the sunglasses. Assist the younger children who need help and allow the kids who are able to work independently to do so.

Lead the children to decorate the glasses with the assortment of stickers, glitter, feathers, and beads. Let the girls and boys “model” their glasses for the group.
Recreation

Well Toss

Get Ready
Provide a barrel or large trash can to use as a well. Gather six to eight wrapping paper tubes or paper towel tubes and several stacks of newspapers. Wad up the stacks of newspaper to make the rocks for the game.

Play the Game
Form two teams of children each having five to six players. One team at a time will take a turn guarding the well. Give each guard a paper tube. Members of another team will work together to throw “rocks” into the well. (Rocks are really wadded sheets of newspaper.) Rock throwers will stand around the well at least three feet away at all times. The well guards will try to bat the rocks away with their paper tubes.

On the signal, “Throw and guard,” rock throwers wad sheets of newspaper and throw them at the well. Well guards will try to bat the rocks away.

After two minutes, call time. Count the rocks in the well and give that number of points to the rock-throwing team.

Then let another team be rock throwers and still another team be the well guards. Continue playing until every team has an opportunity to be the rock throwers. Compare the points of each team and declare the team with the most points the winner.

Note: If you only have 10-12 children playing, divide the group into two teams. Let one team be the rock throwers for half the time, then lead the teams to trade places.

Chain Tag

Get Ready
This game requires no preparation.

Play the Game
1. Choose one player to be It.
2. At the signal, It chases the other players around the room.
3. When It tags a player, that player must lock elbows with It.
4. Both players may then tag other players.
5. As other players are tagged, they join the chain.
6. Play until only one player is left untagged.
Bible Skills

Bible Division Beanbag Toss

Get Ready

This game takes skill and coordination as well as cooperation among the players. Gather a Giant Game Floor Mat¹, paper, a marker, and a beanbag. Print the divisions of the Bible on the sheet of paper. Place the cards on the Giant Game Floor Mat as shown in the diagram.

¹The Giant Game Floor Mat can be purchased at your local LifeWay Christian Store.

Guide the Activity:

1. Group the children into two teams.
2. The children will take turns tossing the beanbag onto the Giant Game Floor Mat.
3. To receive a point, a child must name one book in the division on which the beanbag lands.
4. As the children become more proficient in naming the books of each division, award one point for each book in the division that is correctly named.
5. For the children who are just learning the divisions, cover up all but the divisions you are working on such as Law, Poetry, Major Prophets (Old Testament), and so forth. Gradually add more divisions.
6. Increase the difficulty as the children progress. Require them to say all the books in the division to earn points. For example, saying the book of Prophecy (Revelation) would earn one point, but naming all of Paul’s Letters would earn 13 points.

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Unscramble the letters to tell how people in today’s Bible story were changed.

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Help!

Jesus helped Jairus and his daughter. God wants you to help others, too. Unscramble the words below to discover six ways you can help people who need help. Write each way on one of the lines below. Choose one or more ways to help and do them this week.

Unscrambled words:
- Aryp
- Crea
- Drief
- Kate
- Dofo
- Sitiv
- Vige
- Ym
- Tourowgn
- Lothecs
- Kame
- A
- Radc

Choose one or more ways to help and do them this week.