

General Church Education



Raising Jairus's Daughter

Mark 5:21-34

Lesson 18

Jacob's Ladder Religion Lessons

Level 1: The Lord Is Our Creator

For ages 6-7 years

RAISING JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER

MARK 5:21-34

Many stories in the Word have similar themes. In our story today, we find the Lord once again restoring life to one who had died. We may wonder why He chose to have so many miracles of raising the dead recorded in the Word. Part of the answer is that the Jews and others who were living at the time of the Lord's life in the world had lost the knowledge of life after death. The Lord's miracles of raising the dead, ending with the greatest miracle of all, His own resurrection on Easter morning, began to restore hope of eternal life to all who heard and read of these events. The Lord intended these miracles to give a message of hope to all mankind in the future as well as to those who saw with their own eyes so many years ago.

Another frequent theme in the Word is the need for faith in the Lord as the gateway to healing. The Lord frequently refers to the importance of faith. He emphasized the need for faith to be sure that all who look to Him will work to develop true faith.

IDEAS FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS

- Our recitation for the next three lessons helps us to remember the dual message of the promise of eternal life and the importance of faith in the Lord.
- We can help our children to remember that when we reach out to touch the Lord we are bringing Him consciously into our lives. Then He can touch us in return and bring wonderful gifts.

FROM THE WRITINGS

The 'laying the hand on' among the ancients meant the transmission and transference of whatever thing it was that they had in mind, and also the reception of it by another, whether it was power, obedience, blessing, or testimony. Since the laying-on of hands was a sign of transmission, transference, and reception, one may recognize what the laying-on of hands means in Matthew, "A ruler came to Jesus and said, 'My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.'" Matt. 9:18-19

It is evident that when the Lord laid His hand on people, and also when He touched them, the meaning was the transmission and reception of Divine power. The fact that these things are meant is perfectly clear in Mark, "A certain woman came behind and touched Jesus' garment, saying, 'If I touch merely His garment I shall be healed.' And immediately she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus perceived within Himself that power had gone out of Him." Mark 5:27-30 See *Arcana Coelestia* 10023

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IMPORTANT IDEAS

The Lord has all power.

He is our Heavenly Father who wants to touch each of us with His healing powers.

The Lord gives each person the gift of eternal life in heaven.

We have read of some of the miracles that Jesus did. More people came to hear Him talk about heaven and how to live a good life. They also came to be healed. Some came in hopes of seeing Jesus perform an amazing miracle. He became more and more famous. Often there was such a crowd around Him that they were bumping into Him.

After the miracle of healing the demon-possessed man the Lord crossed over the Sea of Galilee with His disciples. "A great multitude" came to see Him when He arrived. One of these people was Jairus, the "ruler of the synagogue." His daughter was sick and was about to die. Jairus had great faith in the Lord. He knew the Lord could heal her. The Lord went with Jairus, and the multitude came with them. Read Mark 5:21-24.

A woman in the crowd had been sick for twelve years. No doctor had been able to heal her. The woman also had great faith in the Lord. Listen to see what happened when she touched the Lord's clothes. Read Mark 5:25-33.

We read that the woman was healed immediately. When the Lord asked who had touched Him, the disciples didn't understand. They thought so many people in the crowd were bumping into each other that no one could be singled out as having touched Him. The woman, knowing she had been healed, came to the Lord. She told him the truth about what had happened. At first she was afraid, but the Lord comforted her. Listen to what the Lord told her. Read Mark 5:34.

The Lord told her to go in peace. She was healed of her sickness. He said that this was because of her faith. While the Lord was talking to her, someone came from Jairus's home to say not to come. The girl had died. The Lord took three disciples with Him and went into the house. All of the family and friends were very sad. As we read the story, listen to the surprising thing that the Lord said to the people who were so sad. Read Mark 5:35-39.

Nobody understood what the Lord meant when He said, "The child is not dead, but sleeping." They made fun of Him. They didn't know that when the earthly body dies, the spirit of a person wakes into a new life in heaven. Listen as we read about the Lord bringing the spirit of the girl back into her body. The words He spoke are written in Aramaic, the language that the Lord spoke while on earth. Read Mark 5:40-43.

With the touch of the Lord's hand on hers, the girl was raised into perfect health. At the time of these stories, the Lord's gift of eternal life for everyone had been long forgotten. One of the reasons that He came into the world was to tell people about life after the death of the body. His miracles of raising the dead helped people see that the death of the body was not the end of a person. The spirit of a person lives on.

In the miracles that we have read we can see that the Lord helped those who asked Him in true faith. We can be sure that the Lord still listens when we ask for help. The Lord continues to help us when we reach out to Him and ask Him to touch and heal our hearts and minds.



DISCUSSION

- Can you think of a time when you needed help? (*Possible answers - when learning to ride a bicycle, when learning to read, when doing a difficult project.*)
- When you need help, how do you get it? (*Answers might include - go find someone, ask for help or wait for someone to come along.*)
- Do you remember the two people in our story who asked the Lord for help? What kind of help did they need? (*The sick woman wanted to be healed from bleeding. Jairus wanted his daughter to be healed.*)
- Jairus asked the Lord to come to his house. He wanted the Lord to reach out to touch his daughter to heal her. Do you remember what the woman wanted to do? (*She wanted to reach out and touch Him without anyone noticing.*) Her kind of touching was different than the touching of everyone else in the crowd because it was done on purpose to ask for healing. But both Jairus and the woman had the same faith that the Lord could help them by His powerful touch.



- Do you remember what the Lord said to the people before He performed the miracle? (*"The child is not dead, but sleeping."*) This was the way He began to tell people that the spirit wakes up in heaven. Death may look like sleep, but it is really the changing from natural life to spiritual life. There are other miracles and stories in the Word that teach about life after death. We can find even more about heavenly life when we read the Writings for the New Church given to us by the Lord through Emanuel Swedenborg. We will be learning more about heavenly life in later lessons.
- What kind of powers did the Lord show in today's miracles? (*Power to raise the dead, power to heal from disease.*)

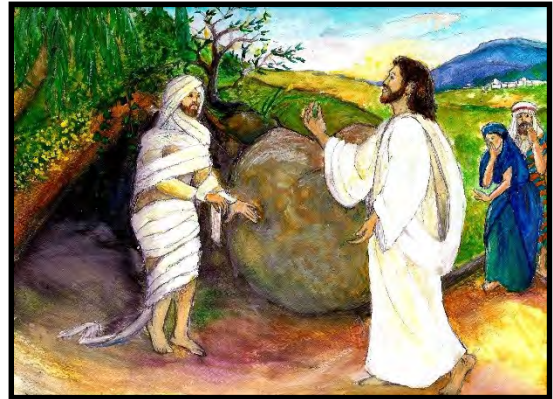
RAISING JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER | Activities

Recitation

- Learn the recitation.

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

John 11:2



When the recitation has been learned, give children the recitation picture on the last page of this lesson, and a sticker, e.g. a star, to decorate it.

Song

- *Little Girl, Arise!*
Listen at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-little-girl-arise/>

Video

- *Jairus's Daughter Song*
Watch at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-jairuss-daughter-song/>

Projects

- *Jairus's Daughter Is Raised Up*
- *Picture to color*

Jairus's Daughter Is Raised Up

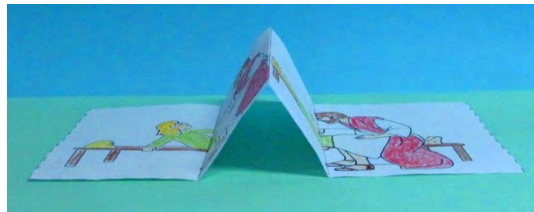
Children will create a "moving" picture showing the miracle of Jesus raising Jairus's daughter to life.

Supplies needed

- crayons, markers or colored pencils
- scissors

Directions

1. Cut around the folding picture on the long dotted lines.
2. Fold the picture down the center fold so that the picture of Jairus's daughter sleeping and the picture of the Lord raising Jairus's daughter up are back to back with the pictures showing.
3. Color the pictures. Using the same color scheme for clothing and furniture in both pictures will make the project work best.
4. Make 2 more folds in the pictures along the fold lines, folding the pictures inwards towards the center to hide the pictures. The folded picture will look like this from the side:



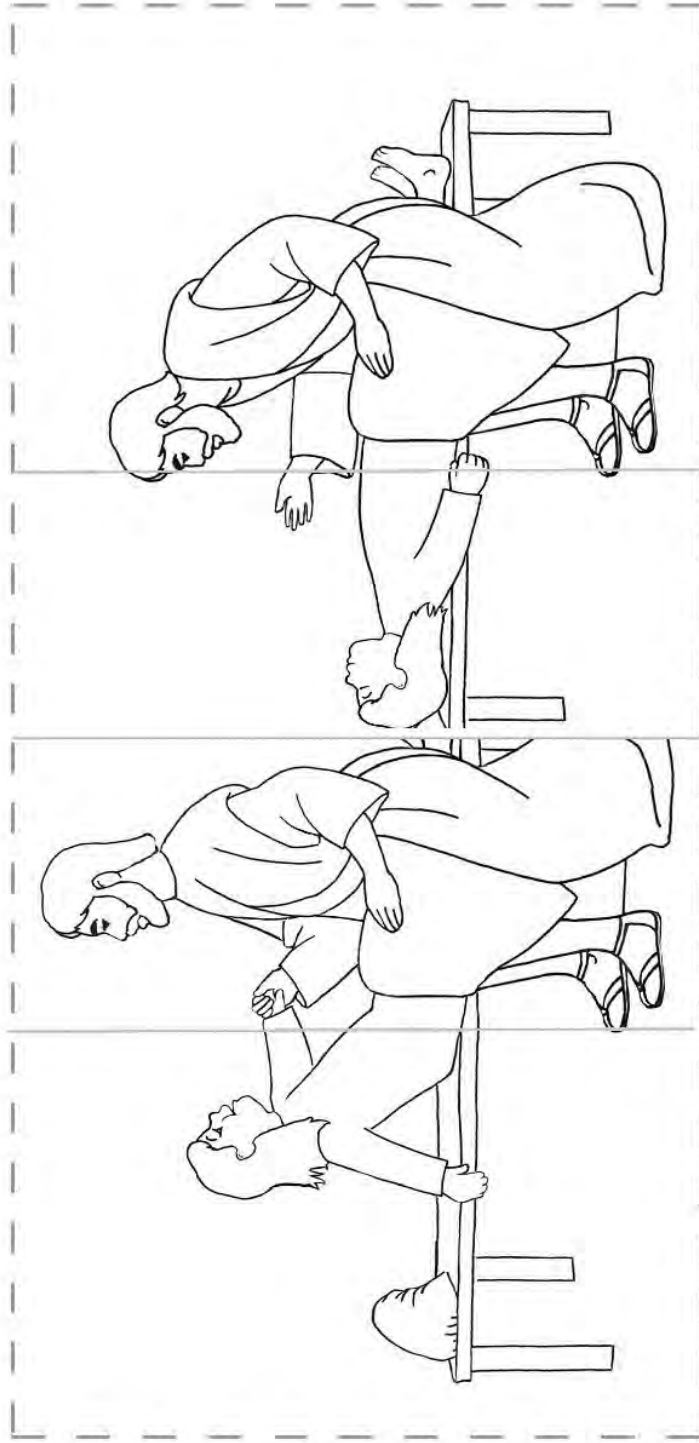
5. Now fold the picture so that the Jairus's daughter is sleeping with the Lord looking at her.



6. Say, "Little girl arise!" as you flip the page to witness the miracle of Jairus's daughter being raised up by the Lord.



Jairus's Daughter Is Raised Up





Recitation Award | Lessons 18, 19, 20

