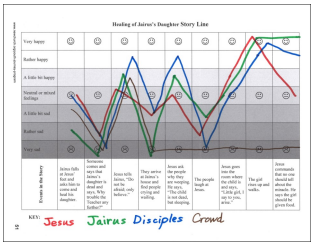
Learn by Doing

Choice Healing Jairus’s Daughter Story Line

The miracle we read about today presents the beautiful picture of the Lord healing a child whose parents thought she had died. We can imagine the parents’ intense sorrow, followed by intense joy. In this activity, students explore the feelings of different characters as the events unfold.

1. Divide students into groups of two or three and give a copy of the *Healing of Jairus’s Daughter Story Line* (p. 2) to each group and two -four different color pens or markers. (*Option*: create a large version of the chart and work as a single group.)
2. Explain that the chart shows nine events from the story. The students need to decide how they think one of the characters may have felt about each of the events: happy, sad, or neutral. (If students ask about other kinds of emotions, discuss that for the chart “happy” can also stand for feelings like excitement, and “sad” could also be used for feelings like “anger”.)
3. Ask each group to choose at least two characters and create story lines for them. Possible characters are **Jairus**, **Jesus**, the **disciples**, and the **crowd**. Write a character’s name at the bottom of the page with one of the colored pens. Using the same color, draw a line on the chart showing how you think that character might feel about each event. (See the picture at the top of the page.) Groups should discuss possibilities and reach an agreement for each point. Choose a different character and repeat the process with another color. If there is time and interest, continue with more characters.
4. Finish with a group discussion. In what ways did this process make you think about the story differently? What do you think some of the feelings of people in this story represent? What kinds of emotional illness might they remind us of? (e.g. crowd laughing at and scorning the Lord) When you read the story, are your feelings similar to those of any of the characters?



Materials Needed

Healing of Jairus’s Daughter Story Line p. 2 (make several extra copies in case of mistakes), pens or markers in a variety of colors

New Church Concept
Sickness

All the diseases which the Lord healed represented spiritual diseases to which natural diseases correspond; and spiritual diseases can be healed only by the Lord, indeed by looking to His Divine omnipotence and by repentance of life. Therefore He said, “Your sins are forgiven; go and sin no more….” The faith by which spiritual diseases are healed by the Lord can be given only through truths from the Word and a life according to them. *Apocalypse Explained* 815

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Healing of Jairus's Daughter Story Line

Very happy									
Rather happy									
A little bit happy									
Neutral or mixed feelings									
A little bit sad									
Rather sad									
Very sad									
Events in the Story	Jairus falls at Jesus' feet and asks Him to come and heal his daughter.	Someone comes and says that Jairus's daughter is dead and asks, "Why trouble the Teacher any further?"	Jesus tells Jairus, "Do not be afraid; only believe."	They arrive at Jairus's house and find people crying and wailing.	Jesus asks the people why they are weeping. He says, "The child is not dead, but sleeping."	The people laugh at Jesus.	Jesus goes into the room where the child is and says, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."	The girl rises up and walks.	Jesus commands that no one should tell about the miracle. He says the girl should be given food.

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