

GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM
Primary Lessons: Phase 1 – Lesson 17
Raising Jairus's Daughter (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The Lord is truly "the resurrection and the life."
- B. None of us ever really dies. When we go to sleep for the last time, the Lord wakes us in the other world.
- C. The Lord performed miracles for two reasons: to strengthen the faith of those who wanted to believe in Him, and for the sake of the Word.
- D. Each miracle is really a parable teaching us of some good work which the Lord can perform in our souls if we believe in Him and ask His help.
- E. All healing power is in the Lord.

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. Today's lesson is about another miracle that the Lord did. Do you remember what a miracle is? (A wonderful thing that the Lord does to teach us a spiritual lesson.)
 - 2. Can you remember some of the miracles that we have talked about this year? (Turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana [Lesson #8], healing the leper and healing the centurion's paralyzed servant [Lesson #14], and raising the son of the widow of Nain [Lesson #15].)
 - 3. In today's lesson the Lord is going to bring a little girl back to life when everyone thought she had died.
- B. Tell/Read the Story
 - 1. Read aloud Mark 5:21-24, 35-43.
- C. Ideas to Discuss
 - 1. Who was the little girl's father? (Jairus [Jay-i'-rus], one of the rulers of the synagogue, an important man among the Jews)
 - 2. Why did the Lord go to Jairus' house? (Jairus begged Him to come and lay His hands on the little girl who was dying.)
 - 3. Did the Lord get to the house before Jairus' daughter died? (No. Some people came from the house before the Lord arrived to tell Jairus that she was dead.)

4. What did the Lord tell Jairus after they knew that the little girl had died? ("Do not be afraid; only believe.")
5. Who did the Lord allow to follow Him when He went to Jairus' house? (Only three of the disciples: Peter, James, and John.)
6. When the Lord came to the house, what did He say to all the sad people? ("Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.")
7. Did they believe Him? (No. They laughed Him to scorn; that is, they made fun of Him for saying such a silly thing.)
8. Who did the Lord take with Him into the girl's room? (Her mother and father, and the three disciples: Peter, James, and John)
9. How did He bring her back to life? (He took her by the hand and said, "Talitha, cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise.")

D. Further Ideas

1. Can anyone besides the Lord perform the miracle of bringing someone back to life? No, only the Lord can do this. He is the One who gives us life, and He never takes that gift away. And He is the One who decides when it's time for us to leave this world and to go on living in the spiritual world instead.
2. Can you remember what the Lord told Jairus to do before He could bring his daughter back to life? It wasn't something Jairus could do with his hands. It wasn't a job that had to be done; there was nothing Jairus had to get or to find. No, Jairus had to do something with his mind and heart. Now do you know what it was? The Lord told Him, "Only believe." Jairus had to believe that the Lord had the power to do this miracle.
3. Jairus probably thought, "Oh, no, my little girl is dead! It's impossible for Jesus to help her now." Sometimes we may run into problems that look like they will be impossible to solve. But that's when we must learn what Jairus learned; we must learn not to be afraid but to believe that the Lord can do anything we need Him to do.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "See the Savior in the temple," HYMNAL #166 (the Lord healing and giving life to the dying).
2. "Heal Me," LORI'S SONGS V, WONDERFUL!

B. Activities

1. Act it out--a narrator reads the story while actors go through the motions.
 - a. Characters: Jesus, Jairus, crowd around Jesus, messenger, Peter, James, John, crowd of mourners, little girl, mother.
2. Play the Butterfly Game--a cooperative group game.
 - a. Before class the teacher draws an outline of a butterfly on either paper or a blackboard. Include outlines for sections of colors in the wings. Draw at least as many sections as there are students. The object is then for the children to answer questions about the story correctly. (Questions could come from Ideas to Discuss. One question might be, "What does a butterfly have to do with the story?") For each question answered correctly, a child may color in a section of wing. Lead the children to the correct answers if necessary, so that everyone takes a turn in the game.

C. Project: TALITHA CUMI – "LITTLE GIRL, I SAY TO YOU, ARISE."

1. Popsicle Stick Puppet
 - a. Provide a sheet of white paper and markers, crayons, or oil pastels so children can draw Jesus and the little girl's bed.
 - b. On a separate piece of paper, draw Jairus' daughter. Cut her out and glue a popsicle stick to her back.
 - c. Make a slit in her bed, and slide the popsicle stick through it. Now the children can make the little girl lie down and "arise."
2. Mini-Flannel Board with Figures. See project described in the *General Convention Sunday School Activity Book* Lesson 115 "for the little ones" (red volume).

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Illustrations of the Lord bringing Jairus' daughter back to life (attached)

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's BIBLE STUDY NOTES, Volume 5, "Miracles" (Mark 5), pp. 64-79. This discussion concerns all three of the miracles described in Mark 5, so much of the material can be skimmed over.)
- B. THE SOWER, Vol. V, Mark 4:1-34.