

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 23
Raising Jairus' Daughter (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)

Theme: The Lord Does a Miracle

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 alone can perform miracles. Nothing is impossible for the Lord!
- D. 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.
- E. 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.

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. The Lord did many miracles while He was on earth. Do you know what a miracle is? It is a wonderful thing that only the Lord can do. Sometimes the Lord made sick people well again. Once He fed five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Another time He walked across the sea to get into a boat.
 - 2. Our lesson today is about a miracle the Lord performed when He lived on this earth. At the beginning of our story, a little girl was very sick. In fact, she was dying. Her father, Jairus [Jay-I'-rus], came to the Lord and asked Him to come touch the little girl and make her well again.
- B. Tell/Read the Story

Retell the story from Mark 5:21-24, 35-43. Stress what the Lord said about the little girl only sleeping and what the Lord said to the girl: "Little girl, I say to you, arise."
- C. Ideas to Discuss
 - 1. What was the matter with the little girl? (She was very sick.)
 - 2. Who was the little girl's father? (Jairus, who was an Important man)
 - 3. What did Jairus ask the Lord to do? (He asked Him to come touch her so that she would be well again.)
 - 4. What happened to the little girl before the Lord reached her house? (She died.)

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5. What did the Lord say to Jairus, the girl's father? ("Do not be afraid; only believe.")
6. When the Lord came to the house. He told the people there, "The child is not dead, but sleeping." Did the people believe Him? (No, they laughed at Him.)
7. Who went with the Lord into the room where the little girl was? (Her father and mother and three of the Lord's disciples. Peter, James, and John)
8. How did the Lord bring the little girl back to life? (He took her by the hand and said, "Talitha, cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise.")
9. Then what did the girl do? (She got up and walked!)
10. How do you think her parents felt when she was sick? (sad) How do you think they felt when the Lord brought her back to life? (Very happy)

D. Further Ideas

1. Only the Lord can perform miracles. Nothing is impossible for the Lord!
2. When people die, their bodies go to sleep, and their souls wake up in heaven. They just move from this earth to heaven. Heaven is a beautiful, happy place.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "When I'm Happy I Like to Sing *First Songs for Little Children*, p. 2
2. "Happy hearts," *Hymnal* #138 (because everyone was happy after the Lord brought Jairus' daughter back to life).
3. "See the Savior In the temple," *Hymnal* #166 (the Lord healing and giving life to the dying).

B. Activities

1. Talk about plants "sleeping" in the winter, and then blooming again in the spring or summer. Compare this with the way a person "sleeps" when he dies, then wakes up in heaven to live there forever, happy and well. Have children pretend to be flowers which wither in the fall, sleep during the winter, then grow again in the spring and show everyone their gorgeous flowers!

C. Project: A Moving Picture of the Lord and Jairus' Daughter

1. Children draw the Lord and Jairus' daughter on white construction paper. Encourage the children to make the figures large. (The Lord could be 8" to 10" tall, and the little girl smaller.) Oil pastels are suggested for this project.
2. When the figures are drawn, the teacher cuts them out for the children. The children draw a bed for the little girl on a large piece of colorful construction paper. Then they glue the figure of the Lord beside the bed. The teacher attaches the little girl to the bed with a paper fastener so that she can lie down in bed or stand up. (An alternate method is to attach the little girl to a popsicle stick with tape, make a slit in the bed, and glue a backing piece of paper to the page, leaving the bottom open.)
3. The text for this project is: "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

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IV. Teaching Aids

- A. New Testament wall chart picture, "The Raising of Jairus' Daughter"
- B. Richard Hook New Testament pictures. Set 2, picture of Jesus making the girl alive again.
- C. Other Illustrations of the story.

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's *Bible Study Notes*, Vol. 5, Mark 5. (This discusses all three miracles described in Mark 5; so much of the material can be skimmed over.)
- B. *The Sower*, Vol. V, Mark 5:21-43.