

Children and family talk for 27th June 2021

Hello everyone, it's good to have you with me as we explore more of the Bible together and praise God. We will start by singing:

Shout for joy and sing

Shout for joy and sing your praises to the King,
Lift your voice and let your hallelujahs ring;
Come before His throne to worship and adore,
Enter joyfully now the presence of the Lord.

You are my Creator,
You are my Deliverer,
You are my redeemer,
You are Lord, and you are my healer.
You are my Provider,
You are now my shepherd and my guide,
Jesus, Lord and King, I worship you.

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Our Bible reading today is from **Mark 5, verses 21 to 43** and it's about Jesus doing some healing. While you're listening to this story, can you think about what the most important thing is to you in the story, and if you have any questions that you would like answered about the story.

Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. Then a leader of the local synagogue (Jewish church), whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, pleading passionately with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live."

Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. A woman in the crowd had suffered for 12 years with constant bleeding. She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, and she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his robe. For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.

Jesus realised at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"

He disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realisation of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. And he said to her, "Daughter your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the teacher now."

But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith.”

Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn’t let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. He went inside and asked, “Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.”

The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl’s father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. Holding her hand, he said to her, “Talitha Koum,” which means “Little girl, get up!” And the girl who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.

Now let's sing again; **God's people**

God's people aren't super-brave super-heroes,

They don't have muscles from their heads to their toes.

They're not gladiators that's easy to see.

In fact it's amazing

They're just like you and me.

Sometimes scared (aaagh!)

Shaking and a shivering (brrr!)

But let's realise

We've got God on our side

And he can do,
Absolutely anything.

God's people aren't super-brave super-heroes,
They don't have muscles from their heads to their toes.

They're not gladiators that's easy to see.

In fact it's amazing

They're just like you and me.

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Let's talk about our Bible verses

Mickey was listening to todays bible story too, weren't you Mickey?

M: Yes, I was.

S: So, do you have any questions about the story Mickey?

M: Well....

S: Yes?

M: well, I don't understand why Jesus asked who had touched him in the crowd.

S: I know what you mean Mickey, there were lots of people all around him, so lots of people had probably touched him. But Jesus had felt the power go from him to heal the poor woman who had been suffering for so long. He knew she had touched him and wanted her to be brave enough to speak up.

M: why was that so important?

S: Well, the woman normally wasn't allowed to touch anyone as she was thought of as dirty because of her illness. She had to be very brave to admit she had touched him because she might have got into trouble. By owning up, she was showing she believed, then Jesus was able to say in front of everyone, that she was healed and her faith had made her well. Do you have any other questions?

M: Yes, why weren't all the people allowed to follow Jesus to Jairus' house to see the little girl made well?

S: Well, there could be a couple of reasons for this, I think Jesus was feeling kindness for Jairus and the family, who would have been in quite a state with their daughter ill and now possibly dead. Also, Jesus was trying to keep a low profile, (although not really succeeding with this), as he didn't want a major clash with the Jewish leaders as he still had a lot to do.

M: So why didn't the Jewish leaders like Jesus?

S: They didn't all dislike Jesus. In fact, Jairus must have believed in Jesus to fall at his feet and ask for his help. But unfortunately, like many people today, the Jewish leaders didn't like the fact that Jesus had a different way of looking at things. Jesus was more interested in helping people like the woman who was ill in this story, than in keeping old, outdated, rules and regulations that seemed to hold people back from doing the right thing. Any other questions?

M: yes, what did they give the little girl to eat after she got up?

S: Trust you Mickey, to be thinking about food! We aren't told what she had to eat, but it could have been olives and bread I suppose, that's the sort of thing they might have had then.

So, Mickey, what part of the todays bible reading is important to you?

M: Well, I think the most important part is that they gave the little girl something to eat, because I'm hungry right now, so have you got any bananas?

S: Honestly, Mickey, what I am going to do with you? Say good bye Mickey.

M: goodbye Mickey!

Let's talk to God now:

Dear God,

Help us to see things the way that you do,
To look with kindness on others and help when we can,
We believe in you God, help us to have faith and believe.
Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)
And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)
Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

The activity sheet from roots:

[27-june-activity-sheet.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](http://rootsontheweb.com)