



THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-17
Mark 5:21-43

THIS WEEK

Jesus heals a woman and raises a young girl from the dead (Mark 5:21-43).

STORY SUMMARY

A Woman Healed, A Girl Raised

Today's story begins with a synagogue leader pleading with Jesus to come and heal his daughter. Jesus agrees, and begins to make his way to the leader's house. But in the large crowd following him is a woman suffering from a long-term bleeding condition. She reaches out to touch Jesus' robe and is immediately healed. Jesus recognizes her healing and responds to her with compassion and blessing. He continues his journey to heal the girl, only to find that she has already died. Jesus enters the room, commands the girl to rise, and she is restored to life.

THE POINT

Jesus has power to heal and bring life.

Today I Learned....

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Read Psalm 46

God is our refuge.

Talk about the place where you feel the safest.

Read Psalm 100

A joyful noise to the Lord.

Make or gather instruments and have a joyful, noisy parade while reading this psalm.

Read Psalm 121

Help comes from God.

Share one time when you have prayed to God for help and God answered.

Read Psalm 126

The Lord restores us.

What do you find restorative? Make plans to have a family day of restoration and recreation.

PRACTICE: PRAYER

Mark contrasts fear and faith in these stories. Fear is a natural response when we anticipate something bad in our future. Conversely, faith believes God can and will do more than we can imagine. When we come to Jesus in prayer—in faith or fear—we acknowledge our need and his healing power. As a family, pray for healing for someone you know this week.

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