

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level 2 • Unit 10 • Week 4

GOD HEALS US

OBJECTIVE:

To show, using the story of Jairus' daughter, that God in His mercy heals us.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Prepare: Before class, paste a picture of a girl from a magazine to a piece of card stock or heavy paper. Write "GOD HEALS US" in large letters on the back of the paper. Cut the paper into irregular pieces to make puzzle pieces. (Be sure to make enough pieces so that all the children can participate.)

Do: Place the pieces with the side up on which the phrase, "GOD HEALS US," was written. Ask the children to place the pieces in the correct order to reveal the sentence, "GOD HEALS US." When the pieces are all placed in position, turn over the pieces to show the picture of the girl on the other side.

Ask: Can you guess what today's lesson is about?

Say: Yes, it will be about a girl who was healed. Our Bible story is taken from Mark 5:22-43. We will learn that because God loves us, He shows us great mercy and heals us.

BIBLE LESSON:

In the story we will talk about, Jesus was on earth teaching, healing and preaching. Crowds followed Him everywhere He went. Many brought their sick family members for Jesus to heal. Some people had gone to several doctors and were told that nothing could be done for them.

One day after Jesus had healed a man who had evil spirits, a man rushed up to Him. This man was Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue. He fell to his knees and begged for Jesus to help Him. "My daughter is dying," he pleaded. "Please come and lay Your hands on her so that she will get well!"

Jesus felt sorry for the girl's father because He knew how much Jairus loved his daughter. Jesus went with Jairus to his house. Some of Jesus' disciples and many of the people followed along. They all wanted to see how Jesus was going to help this man.

Before they reached Jairus' house, someone ran up to Jairus and said, "Your daughter has died. Why bother Jesus now?"

Jairus was heartbroken. He believed that if Jesus had been able to touch his sick daughter, she would have been healed. But now she had died. Jesus felt very sorry for him, but He knew He could still help.

When Jesus reached the house where the little girl was, He saw people crying. He told them, "Don't cry. The girl is not dead. She is sleeping."

The people did not believe Him, and they laughed at Him and called Him names. Jesus ignored them and went into the house taking only three of His disciples—Peter, James and John—with Him. He told everyone else to remain outside.

Jesus, Jairus and his wife, and the three disciples went into the girl's room where she lay dead on her bed. Jesus walked over to the bed and gently picked up the young girl's hand. He said to her, "Little girl, get up!" Immediately, the girl's eyes opened. It was as if she had been sleeping.

She was hungry, so Jesus told Jairus and his wife to give her some food to eat.

Ask: Why do you think Jesus said that the little girl was sleeping when everyone knew that she was dead?

Say: Jesus knew that death was not the end of life, but a sleep that His people would wake up from when He comes to raise them up. He had the power to wake the daughter of Jairus. The people did not think as God or Jesus did. For them this was the end of the little girl.

Ask: Can you think of any other times that people were healed through the power of God in the Bible? [Possible answers: A lame boy was healed. A blind man was given his sight. Lepers were healed. Demons were cast out of people, etc.]

Say: Throughout the Bible God healed many people. There were kings who cried to Him for healing and He healed them. When Jesus came to earth He had compassion on people and He healed many of them.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Supplies: Drawing paper
Pencils
Crayons or markers

Ask the children to draw a picture of one of these scenes:

1. Jairus' daughter gets up from the bed.
2. Jesus picks up the little girl's hand.

Music:

Sing the following words to the tune of "Did You Ever See A Lassie?"

"Did You Ever Hear A Miracle?"

Did you ever hear a miracle, a miracle, a miracle?
Did you ever hear a miracle? Well listen to this.

There once was a child, a child, a child.
There once was a child who got sick and died.

Her father went to Jesus, to Jesus, to Jesus.
Her father went to Jesus who went to her side.

Jesus then healed her. He healed her. He healed her.
Jesus then healed her, and her eyes opened wide!

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 30:2 "O LORD my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me."

family activity

THE POINT:

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ASK ME...

- Who was Jairus?
- What did Jairus ask Jesus to do for his daughter?
- Why did the people at Jairus' house laugh at Jesus?
- What did the little girl do when Jesus told her to get up?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Discuss the other stories about healing in Mark 5 and other scriptures, such as Mark 6:53-56; 7:24-35; 8:22-26. See how many Bible stories about healing the family can come up with.

MEMORY VERSE:

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