



Teacher's Guide: Ages 4-5
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 4

Healing Jairus' Daughter

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus can heal us.

THE WORSHIP

Who God Is: Jesus as the God of Wonders

THE WORD

Bible Story: Luke 8:40-42, 49-56

What He Has Done: Jesus healed a 12 year-old girl.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Just believe."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles." Psalm 77:11

Unit 1: Jesus as the God of Wonders			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
1	Jesus' First Miracle, John 2:1-11	Jesus did miracles so people would believe.	To remember Jesus did miracles.
2	Filling the Nets, Luke 5:1-11	Jesus filled the nets with fish and called His followers.	To know miracles can help people decide to follow Jesus.
3	Calming the Storm, Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calmed the wind and the waves.	To see Jesus' power.
4	Healing Jairus' Daughter, Luke 8:40-42, 49-56	Jesus healed a twelve-year old girl.	To know Jesus can heal us.
5	Feeding the Big Crowd, John 6:3-13	Jesus fed the big crowd.	To know by sharing with others, you can be part of God's miracles.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Psalm 116. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for the gift of eternal life. Help the children believe in Your healing power on earth and, ultimately, in heaven. Amen."

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Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME		Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, colorful adhesive bandage
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "Just believe."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song: "I Will Remember" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Be Still and Know" "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "He Is Mighty to Save" "Heal Me, O Lord" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "We Love" Additional Song Suggestions: "Jesus Loves Me"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: God of Wonders Unit 1, Lesson 4
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Luke 8:40-42, 49-56	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Luke 8:50 Visual: Large bandage or a picture of a bandage
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Happy/Sad Face	Small paper plates, sturdy colored paper, dried elbow macaroni, wiggle eyes, yarn, markers, glue, sticker or label
		Game: Act It Out	Blanket and pillow, facial tissues
		Game: "My Child, Get Up!"	None
		Snack: The Daughter's Meal	Fruit or crackers
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 1, Lesson 4 Color This Story: "Healing Jairus' Daughter"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Luke 8:40-42, 49-56	None
	Up to 10	Game: Wedding Dance	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Remember"
	Up to 10	Game: Miracle Ball	Soft ball
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about Jesus' healing miracles

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Just believe

THE WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a colorful adhesive bandage. **Let this bandage help you remember Jesus healed the 12 year-old girl. Today's Whisper Verse is "Just believe."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "Just believe."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:

"Just" The twisting of the index finger represents the concept of only one more.

"believe." The index finger touches the forehead, and then clasp hands together.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
 Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "Just believe," Luke 8:50. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the God of Wonders

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help the children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play “Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God” as children move to that designated area.



It's Praise Time— our time to sing praise to Jesus who is the God of Wonders. Wonders are miracles. Do you remember what a miracle is? (An amazing surprise from God.) Sing: “Let Everything That Has Breath.”

We have been learning about Jesus’ miracles. His miracles help people believe and follow Him. Jesus still does miracles today. When we give our offering, Jesus uses it to help people all over the world come closer to God. That’s a miracle! Let’s give our offering as we remember His miracles. Sing: “I Will Remember,” while collecting the offering.

In today’s story, a man named Jairus had a daughter who was very sick. He asked Jesus to come and heal her. Jesus told Jairus to just believe. That is today’s Whisper Verse. Let’s try it together. Review the Whisper Verse: “Just believe.” Include sign language.



Let’s see if our friends Delbert and Lello have heard about this miracle. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: God of Wonders Unit 1, Lesson 4.



Do you believe Jesus can do miracles? (Children respond.) **We can ask Jesus to heal us just as Jairus did. We can pray and ask Him to heal those who are sick today. As we listen to this song, let’s pray a silent prayer in our hearts asking Jesus to heal anyone we know who is sick.** Children pray silently or sing along as “Heal Me, O Lord” is played.



Jesus healed Jairus' daughter

THE WORD

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;
My mouth quiet as can be,
I will listen to hear,
How God loves you and me.

Point to eyes.
Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
Cup hand around ear.
Hug self, point to others, and then self.

Last time, we learned how Jesus calmed the storm. Today, we will learn about the miracle when Jesus healed a 12 year-old girl. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 8:50.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 8:40-42, 49-56

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, display a large bandage or picture of a large bandage. Other visual options include the craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- A crowd came to see Jesus.
- A man named Jairus came, too.
- He begged Jesus to heal his daughter.
- Jesus said, "I'll come with you."
- Then someone said, "Don't bother,
- Poor Jairus' daughter is dead."
- "Don't be afraid, Jairus. Just believe,
- And she will be healed," Jesus said.
- When he saw the people at Jairus' house,
- "Don't cry, she's just asleep," He said.
- Jesus went to her room and took her hand,
- And said, "My child, get up from your bed!"
- At once, she woke and stood up.
- She opened up her eyes,
- He said, "Give her something to eat!"
- Her parents were so surprised!



What did Jesus say to Jairus about his daughter? (She will be healed.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Luke 8:50 from the teacher's Bible.

Jesus told Jairus, the sick girl's father, to just believe. Let's all try saying the Whisper Verse to each other. Turn to your neighbor and say, "Just believe." Include sign language or hand motions.



We believe Jesus heals

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: HAPPY/SAD FACE

Purpose: To remind the children of the story of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter.

Supplies: Small paper plates, sturdy colored paper, dried elbow macaroni, wiggle eyes, yarn, markers, glue, sticker or label

Prepare:

1. From the sturdy colored paper, cut two 1-inch triangles for noses and two small crescent shapes for closed eyelids.
2. Punch a hole in the top rim of the paper plate.
3. Cut one 12-inch length of yarn for the hanger. Thread the long strand of yarn through the hole. Knot ends together to make a hanger.
4. Cut short lengths of yarn for hair.
5. On the sticker, print:

**Jesus Healed Jairus' Daughter
Luke 8:40-42, 49-56**

Options: Draw the faces onto the plates. Use sticker circles for happy eyes instead of wiggle eyes.

Directions:

1. Glue a nose on the center of each side of the paper plate.
2. Make the sad face by gluing closed eyelids onto the face. Glue a frown-shaped macaroni as the mouth.
3. Turn over the plate and make the happy face: glue two happy open wiggle eyes onto face. Glue one smile shaped macaroni as the mouth.
4. Glue yarn around top of faces for hair.
5. Place the sticker on the bottom of the happy face side of the plate.

Craft Discussion:

- **Let's make a face that shows how we feel when Jesus heals us. When we are sick, we feel sad. Then when Jesus heals us, we feel happy! Just as our sad face can change into a happy face, Jesus can heal our sad bodies and hearts and make them happy!**
- **How do you think the 12 year-old girl felt when she was very ill?** (Sad, tired, hurt.)
- **How do you think Jairus and his wife felt when they thought their daughter had died?** (Very sad.)
- **What did Jesus tell Jairus to do?** ("Just believe.") **That's our Whisper Verse! Let's say it with our motions right now!** Say the Whisper Verse together with the hand motions.
- **How do you think they felt when Jesus healed her and she stood up?** (Surprised, happy.)

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: ACT IT OUT

Purpose: To help children remember the events of the story and imagine witnessing this miracle.

Supplies: Blanket and pillow, facial tissues

Directions:

1. Assign the following roles: Jesus, Jairus, messenger, 12 year-old girl, mother, Peter, James, and John. The remaining children are sad friends.
2. Help daughter lie down with blanket and pillow. Give tissues to the mother and friends.
3. Retell the Bible story using the script below.
4. Help children act out the story as they hear their parts.
 - **A Jewish leader named Jairus came to Jesus.**
 - **Jairus begged Jesus to come and heal his sick 12 year-old daughter.**
 - **Then a messenger from Jairus' home told them: "Don't bother any more. She has died."**
 - **Jesus told Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just believe and she will be healed."**
 - **Jesus went with Jairus to see his daughter.**
 - **Neighbors and friends there were crying because the girl had died.**
 - **But Jesus said, "Stop crying. She is just asleep."**
 - **Jesus let her parents, Peter, James and John go with Him into the girl's room.**
 - **Jesus took her hand and said, "My child, get up!"**
 - **At once, she woke and stood up. Jesus had healed her!**
 - **Jesus said, "Give her something to eat!"**
 - **Her parents were surprised and everyone was very happy!**

GAME: "MY CHILD, GET UP!"

Purpose: Children will imagine being touched, spoken to and healed by Jesus.

Supplies: None

Directions:

1. Choose one child to play the role of Jesus.
2. The remainder of the children pretend to be sick and asleep by lying down or by resting their heads on a table top.
3. Child playing Jesus takes one "sleeping" child by the hand and says, **"My child, get up!"**
4. That child stands and gets to play the role of Jesus with the next sleeping child.
5. Continue playing until each child has had a turn as Jesus and as the sick child.

How do you think the young girl felt when Jesus took her hand and told her to get up?

(Children respond.) **How do you think it would feel to hear Jesus call you His child?** (Children respond.)

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: THE DAUGHTER'S MEAL

Purpose: Children will eat a snack and consider the emotion and actions that followed the healing.

Snack Suggestion: Fruit or crackers

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate the motions to the Whisper Verse: "Just believe."
 - **What did Jesus tell the parents after He healed their daughter?** (Give her something to eat.) **After she was healed, what do you imagine her parents might have given her to eat?** (The Bible does not say, so children guess.)
 - **Let's pretend this is the snack the parents gave their daughter after Jesus healed her. What do you think she talked about with her parents after she ate the snack?** (Maybe they praised God, laughed, danced for joy, etc.)
 - **Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, just believe." How will remembering this miracle help you believe?** (We know Jesus can heal us, no matter what!)



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (read every name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Happy/Sad Face" craft. Use it to tell someone about the time Jesus healed the 12 year-old girl.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how God heals us.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Jesus Healed Jairus' Daughter." Discuss the Bible Story and play the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song, "I Will Remember," as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: LUKE 8:40-42, 49-56

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **A crowd came to see Jesus.** (Walk in place.)
- **A man named Jairus came, too.** (Walk in place.)
- **He begged Jesus to heal his daughter.** (Clasp hands as if begging.)
- **Jesus said, "I'll come with you."** Point to self.
- **Then someone said, "Don't bother,** (Shake head, "No.")
- **Poor Jairus' daughter is dead."** (Wipe eyes as if crying.)
- **"Don't be afraid, Jairus. Just believe,** (Whisper Verses motions for "Just believe.")
- **And she will be healed," Jesus said.** (Hold heart and smile.)
- **When Jesus saw the people at Jairus' house.** (Point to eyes.)
- **"Don't cry, she's just asleep," He said.** (Lay head on folded hands as if asleep.)
- **Jesus went to her room and took her hand,** (Clasp hands.)
- **And said, "My child, get up from your bed!"** (Raise clasped hands.)
- **At once, she woke and stood up.** (Jump once.)
- **She opened up her eyes,** (Open eyes widely.)
- **He said, "Give her something to eat!"** (Pretend to eat.)
- **Her parents were so surprised!** (Joyfully clap hands.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles." Psalm 77:11

GAME: WEDDING DANCE

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Remember"

The Lord wants us to remember His words in the Bible. Let's pretend we are dancing at a wedding as we sing our Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Remember."

Directions:

1. Play Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Remember" or teacher may sing without accompaniment.
2. Encourage children to sing, dance and create motions to help them remember the words.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: MIRACLE BALL

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Soft ball for rolling

The Lord wants us to remember His deeds and miracles. Deeds are actions or things God has done. Miracles are amazing surprises from God. When the ball rolls to you, we will say our Bible Memory Verse together and then you tell us about a miracle God has done for you or your family.

Directions:

1. Seat children in a circle.
2. Roll ball to first child.
3. While child holds ball, children recite or echo together: **"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles!"**
4. First child then tells about a deed or miracle.
5. Child rolls ball to another child.
6. Repeat steps 2-5 until each child has a turn.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about Jesus' healing miracles.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 1, Lesson 4: Healing Jairus' Daughter

PONDER! Read Luke 8:40-42, 49-56 with your family. Talk about how Jesus healed the 12 year-old girl. What did Jesus say to Jairus? Imagine how excited the family must have been to see her stand up!

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, please heal those in our family who are sick. Just as You helped Jairus, help us believe in Your healing power. Amen."

PLAY! Get Well! Make a "get well" snack or create a "get well" card for someone you know who needs healing. When you deliver it, share the story of Jairus and his daughter. Tell the sick person, don't be afraid, just believe!

Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse: Psalm 77:11

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles."