

Week 21 Family Letter

Jesus Is All Powerful: Jesus Raises Jairus's Daughter from the Dead

(Luke 8:40-56)

Jairus and his wife were very sad. Their daughter was sick. She couldn't play with her friends. Nobody could help her feel better. Her mother sang to her. It helped for a little while, but it didn't take the sickness away. The doctor gave her something to drink. It helped for a little while, but it didn't take the sickness away.

The girl's father knew that Jesus could help her feel better. Jairus rushed to meet Jesus. He knelted down in front of Jesus and begged Jesus to help. "Please come to my house. My daughter is dying. I know You can make her feel better."

Some people ran up to Jairus and told him it was too late; his daughter was already dead. The father started crying. Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid, Jairus. Just believe. I can still help you."

When they got to the house, Jesus went into the little girl's room. Jesus took her hand and said, "Get up, little girl!" At once, she opened her eyes. She sat up. She ate some food. Only Jesus could help the girl. She was dead, but Jesus brought her back to life!

Bible Words

Do not fear; only believe.

Luke 8:50

Dear Family,

As you look at the picture together, ask your child to point to the person that is not colored. Do they know what's wrong with the little girl? (She was sick. She died.) If your child has had a very recent illness, you could talk about what he or she experienced. (E.g., remember when you had to take that pink medicine? had to sit in the bathroom when the hot shower was on to stop your cough? had to throw up?)

Talk about how this girl was very, very sick, but her dad knew that Jesus could help her. Even after the girl died, Jesus could still help her. Jesus is more powerful than anything! Jesus is even stronger than death.

Jesus cares for all of His children, and that includes us! He can take care of the little aches and pains. He can take care of the big illnesses and diseases, and He can even take care of death. Because Jesus died on the cross and rose again, we don't need to fear death. Yes, death makes us sad, but we can be assured that we will not die forever—we will live again. Jesus is loving and powerful enough to take care of our every need, small or large. Read the story on page 336 of *The Story Bible* together.

