

# Week 18

## Jairus's Daughter Lives!

Jairus was an important man, a church leader. He was sad because his only daughter was very sick. She was dying.

Jesus was nearby, teaching by a big lake, so Jairus came to ask Jesus for help. He knew Jesus could make his daughter well. He trusted the Lord. Jesus went with Jairus. But before they reached the house, some men came and met them. They said, "It is too late. Your little girl is dead. Do not bother Jesus anymore."

But Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; just believe. You daughter will be well."

Jesus went on with Jairus into the house. He went into the little girl's bedroom and found her lying on her bed. Jesus took her by the hand and said, "Little girl, get up." (\*) Right away, the little girl opened her eyes and got up. She was completely well. She was even hungry. So Jesus said, "Someone, give her food." Now Jairus and his wife were amazed. Jesus had brought back to life their little girl. Jesus is true God and has power over life and death. He promises new life in heaven to all believers.

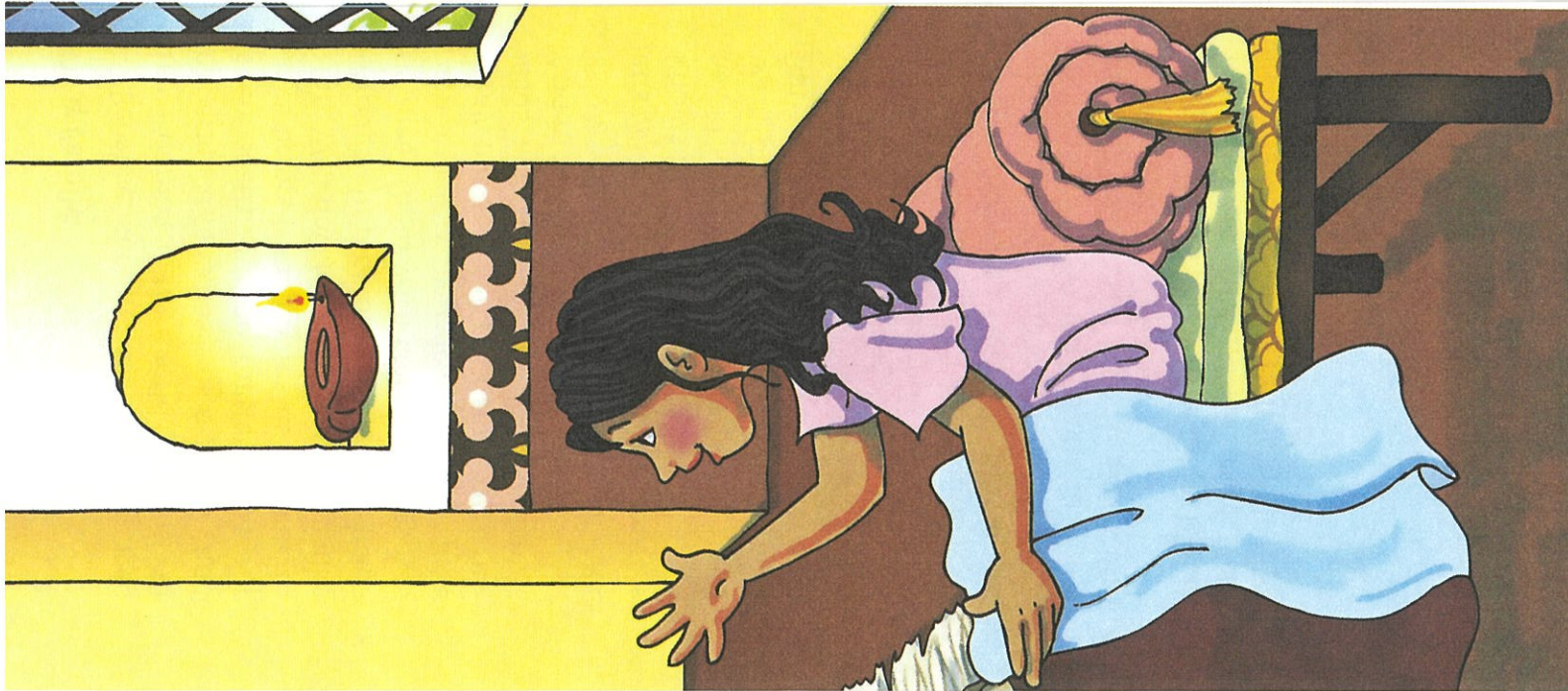
*Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (\*), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

### Think about It

Jesus' power over death (see Luke 8:40-42, 49-56) was a preview of the power of His own resurrection. We can be certain that by faith in Jesus, we, too, will have a resurrection day when Jesus will give us new life so that we can live in heaven with Him. He has won the victory over sin, death, and Satan.

### Bible Words

I trust in You,  
O LORD.  
Psalm 31:14







### Dear Family,

Because sin and its consequences have damaged the world, we will all experience sickness, sad days, and even death. But no matter what our days bring, Jesus invites us to come to Him. We know Jesus can help. He walks through our problems with us. He helps us meet them with courage. Jesus has won a victory over death. He can take away our fears. As He said to Jairus, Jesus also says to us, “Only believe.” And in faith, we do.

We trust that Jesus will always answer our prayers in the way that He knows is best. It might not be what we asked for, or He might be telling us to wait, or maybe He has a better plan. But we can be confident that He will do what is best and He will do it at the time that is best for all.

Is someone you know sick? Make a “Get Well Soon” gift bag. Fill it with things someone who is ill would appreciate—playing cards, a book or magazine, a DVD, a toy, a puzzle, and a healthy snack. Add a “Jesus Loves and Cares for You” note.

Read more about the Bible lesson on pages 336–338 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).