

Ordinary Time, Proper 8



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Illustrated
Bible
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—Mark 5:21–43 adapted

Jesus Heals Two

Have kids form pairs and number off within the pairs from one to two. Give them copies of Mark 5:21-43 provided here. Also turn to this scripture in their Bibles. Have the number ones read from the beginning to the end of the fifth sentence. This begins the account of Jairus's daughter. Have the number twos read the sixth sentence through the account of the woman who was ill. Ones read the remainder, finishing the account of Jairus's daughter. Discuss: If Jesus came to visit us today, what would you want to ask him about this experience? How do you think that little girl felt? How would her parents feel? Jesus was on his way to help Jairus when he stopped to help the ill woman. This shows that Jesus was always open to the needs of those around him. Can you think of times when you were in the middle of something and then was interrupted to help someone? Do your parents ever get interrupted to assist someone else?

Jesus spoke in the Aramaic language. In Aramaic, "Little girl, get up!" is "*Talitha cum!*" This phrase has survived through many centuries. What an impression this experience left on the lives of those who witnessed it! The life of Jesus points to a God who is always ready to be involved in the lives of people. *Believing in this God gives us hope.*

Have the kids make drawings of these two stories. Or have them work together in making a large drawing of each story on large-roll paper. They may wish to include the phrase "*Talitha cum!*" Decorate the sanctuary or rostrum with these drawings.

Jump for Joy

Have the following rhyme printed on a poster board or chalkboard. Two kids turn the jump rope while the other kids jump. For each line of the rhyme, have one kid jump in, jump once, and jump out. Take turns jumping and turning the rope.



Jairus, Jairus
Your daughter's sick.
Please bring Jesus and be quick.

Jairus, Jairus
Your daughter's dead.
Don't need Jesus at her bed.

In walked Jesus,
In walked another,
In walked Jairus and the mother.

Jesus healed her.
He said, "Get up."
"Give her food to eat from a cup."

Jairus, Jairus
Your daughter's well.
Jesus healed her; he's really swell.



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Write how you would feel if you were ill and Jesus healed you.