LESSON 20

A Dead Child Lives Again



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus has power over life and death. Those who follow him need not fear death.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 5:22-24, 35-43**

Memory Verse: **Mark 5:36**
"Don't be afraid; just believe."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Has anyone of you been ill lately? What did it feel like? Did it make you feel frightened? When people are very ill they are sometimes very afraid. They are afraid of dying.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. A little girl was very ill. Her father, Jairus, was an important man, but all his wealth could not do anything for her. Then he heard that Jesus, who had healed so many people, was nearby. Jairus went out to find Jesus.
2. Jairus pleaded with Jesus to come to his house and help his daughter. Jairus was an important man, but he humbled himself before Jesus (Mk 5:22-23).
3. Jesus began to follow Jairus to his house, but on the way there he was delayed by all the people who wanted to see him (5:24). Before they reached Jairus's house, the message came that his daughter had died (5:35).
4. Jesus told Jairus not to give up hope but to trust him (5:36).
5. Jesus went to Jairus's house, where the funeral preparations had already begun. He told everyone to stop crying, since the little girl was not dead; she was only sleeping. Everyone laughed at Jesus in disbelief (5:38-40a).
6. Inside the house, with only the girl's parents and Peter, James and John present, Jesus restored the little girl to life (5:37, 40-43). **Show Picture 20.**

Jesus has power over death because he is God. He can raise people from the dead.

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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Find out what the children are frightened of. It may be going to the clinic or hospital, or just being ill. Jesus told Jairus to believe in him and not be afraid. We, too, can put our trust in Jesus when we are afraid.



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