



Junior Church

LESSON PLANS: 30-08-20

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Family Fun

(All Ages)

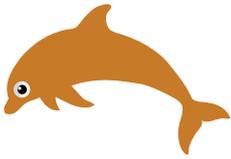
Imaginative game

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to explore being able to do anything

You will need: n/a

1. Ask the children to imagine that they can do anything. Challenge them to think, but not say, what they might do if this were the case.
2. Invite the children to take it in turns to mime to the others what they would do. You could do this in teams, giving points to the team who guesses correctly first.
3. Tell the children that Jesus could do anything, because he is God. Today they're going to discover something amazing that he could do.



Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

Jairus and his daughter

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to see how Jesus can do things no one else can do

You will need: Bubbles Sheet 34 and Bonus Sheet H (attached), scissors

1. Cut off the picture of Jairus' daughter from a Bubbles Sheet 34 and use this to help you tell the story. Put the rest of the Bubbles Sheet where the children can see it easily. Position the girl, lying on the bed.
2. Begin the story, reading 'Jairus and his daughter' from Bonus Sheet H.
3. When Jesus says, 'Get up, little girl!' move the paper figure so she stands in the space. The little girl had died but Jesus made her alive again. Young children may not realise that this is unusual, so help them to understand, by showing and expressing your surprise that Jesus has been able to make her well again.
4. What do the children think happened next? Something very ordinary! The little girl had been in bed a long time; she had been very ill – now she was hungry! Jesus asked her mummy to give her some food to eat. Move the paper figure around as the girl has a meal. What else can she do, now she is alive?
5. Let them retell the story as they cut out Jairus' daughter and move her around in the picture. What do they think Jairus and his wife said to Jesus?

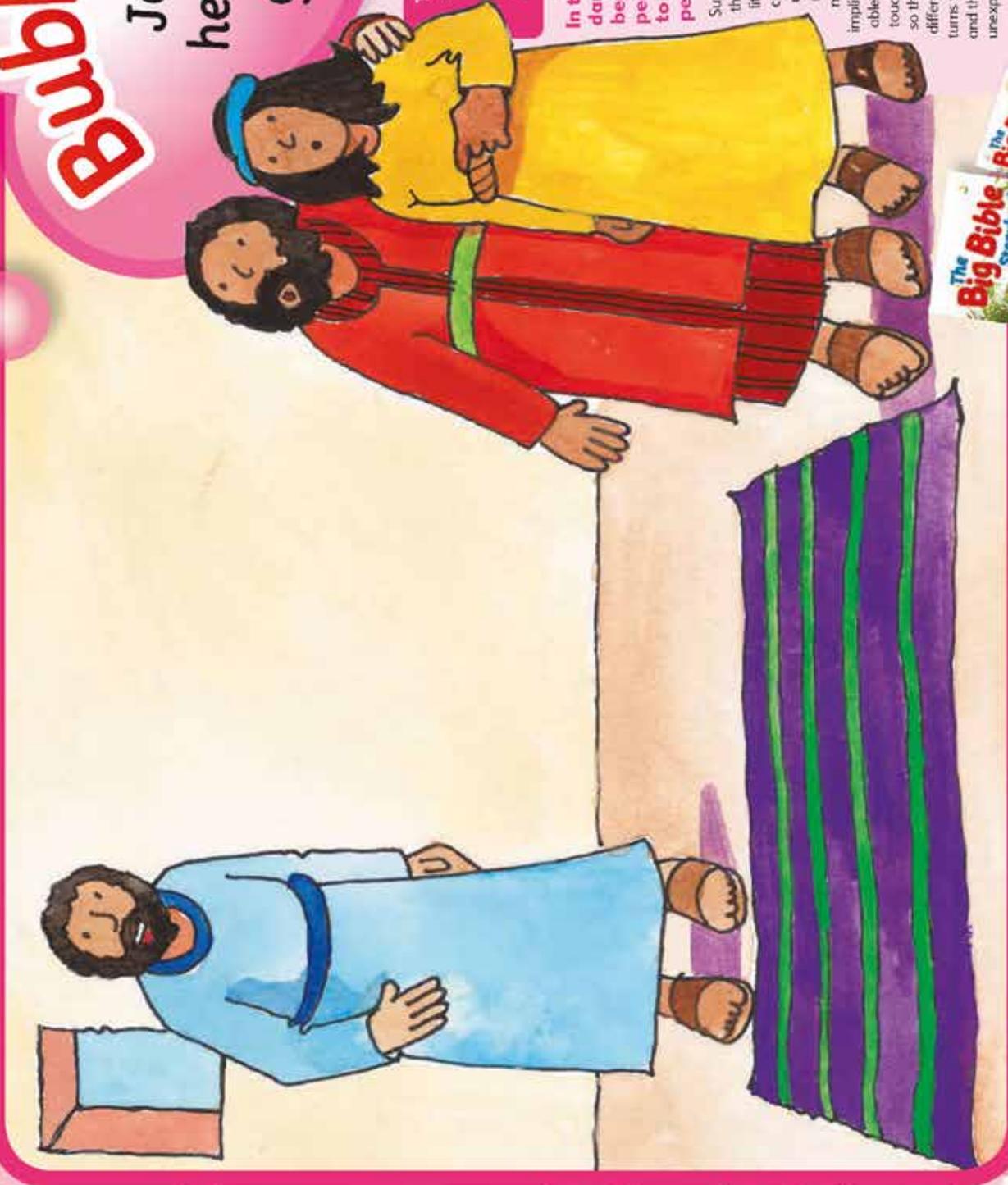
Jesus heals a girl

Today's aim is to recognise that Jesus can do what no one else can do.
Mark 5:21-43

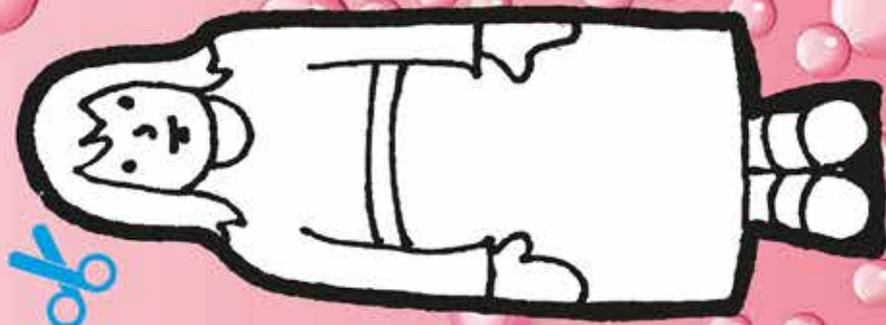
In the story of Jairus' daughter, Jesus goes beyond healing people who are ill, to bringing a dead person back to life.

Supernatural events like this may appear to have little impact on our young children: they do not understand the permanent nature of death so they do not grasp the astonishing implications of what Jesus is able to do. But they are in touch with their emotions so they can experience the difference Jesus brings, as he turns the sadness of the family and their neighbours into unexpected delight.

The Bible story is on **Bonus Sheet H**.



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Cut off the picture of the girl.
Lay her on her bed.
Jesus comes and makes her well.
Stand the girl up.



**Jesus
the healer**

Storyteller Bob Hartman offers these storytelling tips:

"Where is the story set? You will be surprised at how many Bible stories depend utterly on the audience knowing what the setting is. It's true for Jonah and Noah and Zacharias and especially for those tales and characters that we know only by their settings – the woman at the well, the Road to Emmaus. Therefore you need to let your audience know where they are – even if it is only a brief description. Or, if you can let them be the setting, so much the better!"

Use these stories with Bubbles Sheets 31–34.

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31 At Peter's house

One day, Jesus went to his friend Peter's house.

Peter's wife was worried. "My mother is ill," she said. "Her head feels very hot and she doesn't want to eat anything."

She took Jesus into the room where her mother was lying in bed. Jesus looked at the woman and gently held her hand. The woman opened her eyes and smiled. She felt much better. Jesus had made her well. She got out of bed and went into the kitchen. "I'll make a lovely meal for all of us," she said to Jesus. "Thank you very much for making me well again."

That evening, lots of other people came to see Jesus. They had heard that he could heal people. They all wanted Jesus to help them.

Mark 1:29–34



32 A man with leprosy

A man who had an illness called leprosy came to see Jesus.

"I know you can make ill people well," the man said. "Please will you help me?"

Jesus felt sorry for the man. He knew that people who had leprosy could not live with their families or go out to work. Nobody wanted to be near them in case they caught leprosy too.



33 A man with a damaged hand

The man with a damaged hand could not wriggle his fingers or wave "hello" to his friends. He found it hard to eat food, to get dressed or to carry things. Jesus felt sorry for the man. He knew the man needed help, but it was the Sabbath, a very special day of the week. Nobody was supposed to work on that day. The crowd watched. What would Jesus do?



Jesus touched the man gently. "Yes, I'll make you better," he told him. Immediately the man's skin was healed.

"Go and show the priest you are well. Then you can go home," Jesus told him. "Please don't tell anyone else what has happened."

But the man was so excited, he told everyone he met. "I asked Jesus to help me and he has made my skin perfect again," he said. "Isn't Jesus wonderful?"

Mark 1:40–45

34 Jairus and his daughter

Jairus went to find Jesus. "My daughter is dying," Jairus said. "Please will you come and make her well again?"

"Of course," answered Jesus.

Crowds of people followed them as they went to Jairus' house. Everyone wanted to see Jesus. And now it was getting late. Would Jesus be in time to help Jairus' little girl?

Some men ran up to them. "It's too late," they told Jairus. "Your daughter has died." Everyone at his house was crying.

"Don't worry," Jesus said. "Your daughter is only asleep."

Jesus held the girl's hand and said, "Get up." And she did.

Everyone was amazed to see Jairus' daughter walking and running about. But Jesus could do something no one else could. He had healed her.

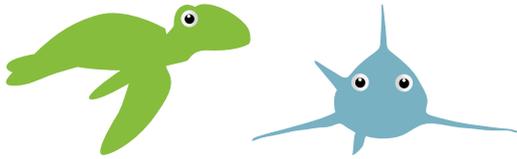
"I think," said Jesus, smiling at her mum and dad, "your little girl might like some food now."

Mark 5:21–43



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Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

Bible story with actions

Activity time: 15–20 minutes

Aim: to have faith that Jesus can do anything, even make dead people alive again

You will need: Splash! page 238 (attached)

1. Thinking

Challenge the children to think of one thing they know about Jesus. Explain that everyone, in turn, is going to say one thing that they know about Jesus using simple actions. Teach the children the first three signs from page 238 and practise them together. Now allow each child in turn to sign the words: 'I know Jesus...' and then say their own words. (For instance, '... heals', '...was Mary's son' or '...died on a cross'.)

2. Learning three more signs

Explain that you are all going to tell the story using some special signs. Recap the signs for 'Jesus' and 'know'. Explain that 'know' and 'knew' has the same sign. Teach the children the other three signs, 'that's why', 'felt' and 'special', and practise these actions together.

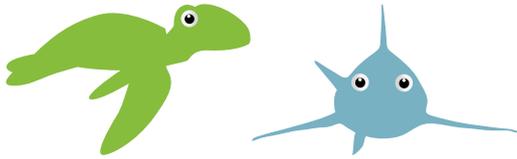
3. Signing the story

Challenge the children to listen as you tell the story and use the signs they have learned every time they hear those words. As you tell the story, do the signs for them to follow. It might help to practise this beforehand.

Story: The crowd knew that Jesus could do special things. That's why they gathered around Jesus. They wanted to see what Jesus would do next. They felt curious and excited.

Jairus knew that Jesus could do special things. That's why he came to Jesus. He wanted Jesus to help his little daughter who was so ill. He felt very, very worried.

The woman who was ill also knew that Jesus could do special things. That's why she pushed through the great big crowd and touched Jesus' cloak. She wanted Jesus to make her better. She felt quite scared.



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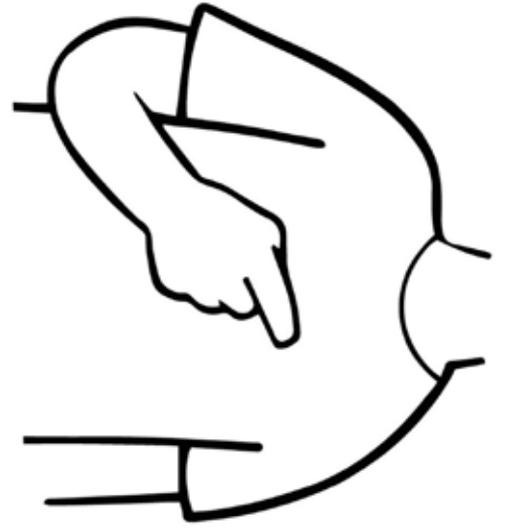
The disciples knew that Jesus could do special things. That's why they had all followed Jesus. They wanted now to protect Jesus from the great big crowd. They felt tired, hot and confused.

The messenger didn't know that Jesus could do special things. That's why he told Jairus not to bother Jesus any more. He wanted to save people from wasting Jesus' time. He felt tired and worn out from hurrying in the hot sun. Jairus' family didn't know that Jesus was special. That's why they laughed at Jesus. They wanted to be left on their own to be sad because their little girl had died. They felt so very sad.

Jesus knew he could do special things because he is God. That's why he told the little girl to get up. He wanted her to have something to eat and to be with her family. Jesus knew he could do anything, even make dead people alive again!

4. Response

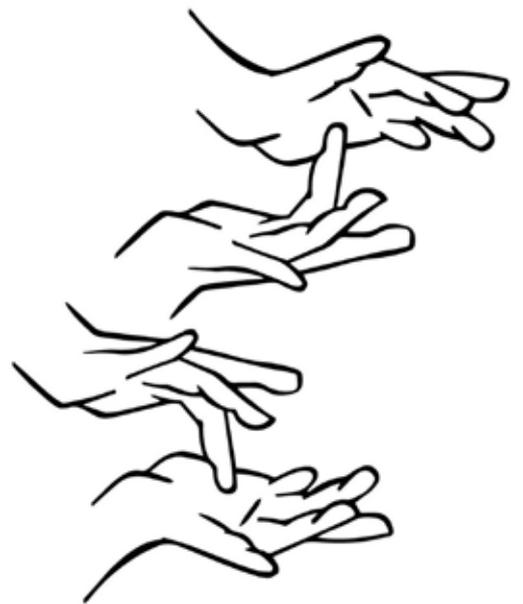
Ask the children if they think Jesus can do 'special' things. What does this make them want to do? (Find out more, thank him or ask him to do something for them.) Take it in turns (perhaps using the signs) to respond to the story.



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know



Jesus



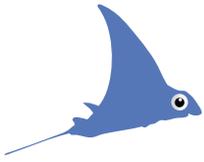
that's why



felt



special



Stingrays

(Year 5 & 6)

Make and remember

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to remember that Jesus can do the impossible

You will need: Xstream sheet 244 (attached), stapler

1. Give each child a copy of page 244 and ask them to cut out the cards. Show them how to put the pages in order and staple them down the left-hand side to make a book.
2. Encourage the children to think of the things that will be happening in the next few days, such as family events and clubs. Invite them to write or draw these on the appropriate day's page.
3. Invite the children to hold their books as you pray together, thanking Jesus that nothing is too difficult for him.
4. Encourage the children to keep their books in their pockets to remind them that they have Jesus, who can do the impossible with them, whatever they are doing.

THIS WEEK

my name.....

Sunday



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Saturday

