

## God is Powerful to Help Us

### **Week 2 (22 May 2022):**

**The Big Point:** God is Powerful to Help Us

**God's Word:** Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter Luke 8:40-56, focus: 40-42, 49-56)

**Memory Verse:** God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1 (NIRV)

**Application:** I will go to God with all things knowing He is powerful.

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**Lesson Aim:** To prepare the kids for conference and know that God is an all-powerful God who loves us. We can always go to Him!

**Creative video:** [Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter](#)

## TEACHER'S WORD STUDY!

### ♥ CENTER YOUR HEART!

### Why we do what we do

God is an all-powerful God who loves us! He has shown us His love for us through sending us Jesus to save us and in this series leading up to our Kids' conference, we will explore more stories that help us to know that God is truly powerful! He is always with us and always working for us to know Him more and live in His plans. God is all-powerful and our place of safety. We can go to God and be powered up by God as He helps us and gives us strength through times of trouble or difficulty. May we always want more and more of our powerful God who loves us and is able to help us!

**Series Aim:** To prepare the kids for conference and know that God is an all-powerful God who loves us. We can always go to Him!

### ♥ Memory Verse Write Up

God is an all-powerful God who loves us! God is so powerful that there are no limits to His power and nothing is too hard, too big or too small for Him to do. No matter what the kids go through in life, may they know that God is their place of safety. He can give the children (and us!) strength and help us through any trouble!

## ♥ Prayer Points

Keep the Kids and the Kingdom in our hearts!

**Let's pray for the following (and feel free to add on your own!) :**

- For kids to know God is all-powerful.
- God is more powerful than any storm that they may go through in life.
- God is powerful to help them through any situation, even if it's not in the way we like, God is with us and He helps us!
- For the children to have a heart that wants more of God because of His love for us and His power to help us. To have a hungry heart that wants more of God!

## ♥ Glossary

Explain using the same terms and language!

**Power:** To have the strength and ability to act and have control over things

**Powerful:** To be full of power and strength, able to do many things

**All-powerful:** To be full of power strength and able to do *all* things, same as omnipotent

**Omnipotent:** To be full of power and able to do *all* things, same as all-powerful

## 📖 GROW DEEP ROOTS!

Understand the Big Point's focus

### God is Powerful

From last week, we have been learning that God is Powerful. And God is not just powerful, but is all-powerful. There are absolutely no limits to God's power and nothing is too hard for God to do!

And yet, we don't have to be afraid of God's amazing omnipotence because God loves us. Everything that God does, He does so because He loves us and wants us to know Him more and live in His plans. Last week, we learnt that God is Powerful to Calm Every Storm, including the storms of life and difficult times we go through. Today, we continue to learn that indeed, **God is Powerful to Help us** through any type of situations and troubles.

Through the following story, we see that God, through Jesus, was powerful enough to overcome even death! Jesus is also powerful enough to himself overcome death. There is truly nothing that God cannot do!

**Note:** We can trust that Jesus is God because Jesus is born on earth as the son of God and is from God. Jesus is known as the second person of the trinity (God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit) and all persons of the trinity is God expressed in different forms. While there is only one God, our God is expressed in the three persons of the trinity. What Jesus does in His power is because of His deity as the second person of the trinity.

**Read: Luke 8:40-56 [Focus: Luke 8: 40-42, 49-56]**

*Note: The following is for your reference and learning as you prepare your lesson/sermon.*

#### **V40-42 Jairus, a synagogue leader came to Jesus, imploring for help**

Jesus was back after some time at the other side of the coast, the trip in which he had calmed the storm. His return was welcomed by the crowds who have been following him to listen to his teaching. Keep in mind that it would be crowded that people were pressing on Jesus' body and Jesus was even almost crushed by the crowd (v42). At that, a ruler of the synagogue named Jairus came to Jesus, imploring for help. Jairus was a leader in the Jewish synagogue and during Jesus' time, many of the Jewish religious leaders were not fond of Jesus' teachings and the way Jesus loved all people. Thus, Jairus coming to Jesus, even falling at Jesus' feet, begging for Jesus to help in front of all the crowds was no small act.

Such is Jairus' desperation that he was willing to humble himself, laying down all of his social status (especially as a synagogue leader) and people's opinions and thoughts of him to ask Jesus for help to heal his sick twelve-years-old daughter. This sick daughter is Jairus' only daughter and he was willing to do anything for his daughter to get well again.

#### **V43-48 A woman in need of healing comes to Jesus**

*These verses are not the focus of today's lesson and its events are only mentioned in passing in the Creative Video. This is for teachers to be aware and God's Word preacher can choose to talk about this story in greater detail or also simply mention it in passing. It is up to the preacher's discretion.*

As Jesus was walking through the crowds, there was a woman in the crowds who sought after Jesus. This woman has been sick for twelve long years with a condition that caused her to bleed. Her plight is heightened by its duration (twelve years) and hopelessness as she could not be healed by anyone. Moreover, her hemorrhaging would also have made her ceremonially unclean, which would have cut her off from many social and religious relationships (Leviticus 15:25) - she will not be permitted to enter the temple section reserved for women; nor is she permitted to be in public without making people aware that she is unclean.

Despite her plight, she had faith to think that perhaps Jesus could help her. With courage and determination, this woman sought for healing from Jesus by coming near to Jesus and touching just the edge of his clothes. Immediately, her bleeding stopped! In contrast

to the twelve years of hemorrhaging and failure to be healed by human means, the miraculous healing that comes from God through Jesus happens immediately! **God is Powerful to Help Us!**

Remembering again that it was crowded, Jesus could feel and was aware that one of the many people touching him had been healed. This is because Jesus is so powerful, he could sense in himself, probably indicating some physical sensation in his body, that power had gone out from him, not merely by being touched but by being touched by someone who has faith that he can heal her. Jesus asked who touched him, not because he doesn't know, but because Jesus wanted her to know that he knows, and wanted her to be at peace with her healing - she did not steal a miracle, and her healing was not by chance, but indeed by Jesus' compassion and love for her alone.

Knowing that there is no point in hiding away, the healed woman came trembling before Jesus in deep awe at the powerful presence of God who has healed her: she fell down before him and told him the whole truth, which testifies to her confidence in and sincere gratitude toward Jesus.

Jesus addressed her kindly and many other versions of the Bible tells us that Jesus called her "daughter". Having been on the fringes of the crowd surrounding Jesus, the woman now finds herself welcomed into the family of God. The woman's faith in Jesus for physical healing at the same time became faith in him for salvation from sin as the Greek word for heal is also the same word for save - *sōzō*. It seems to mean both physical healing and spiritual salvation have taken place. **God is truly Powerful to Help Us, even able to instantly heal a sickness that no one could heal!**

#### **V49-50 The News that Jairus' Daughter is Dead**

As the story brings the focus back to Jairus and his daughter, a messenger comes to bring the news that Jairus' daughter is dead and thus, there is no need to trouble Jesus anymore. However, this line of thought assumes that while Jesus could heal the sick, the girl's death would be beyond Jesus' ability to help or to heal. After all, death is final and there is no way to reverse death. Jesus may be powerful enough to heal sickness but surely not to bring the dead back to life.

However, in v50, we see that Jesus' first reaction was to give Jairus words of reassurance, telling him not to fear but to believe because she (Jairus' daughter) will be healed. The ESV Bible tells us that Jesus' words to Jairus were that his daughter will be well again.

#### **V51-56 Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter From the Dead**

Jesus willingly made his way to Jairus' house. As he entered, he only allowed his closest disciples (Peter, James and John) to enter with him together with Jairus and Jairus' wife. Sounds of weeping and mourning could be heard. Amid the mourning, Jesus proclaims

that the child is not dead but sleeping. The mocking and laughing crowd takes Jesus' statement literally, thinking that Jesus cannot accept the reality of death. However, their response also tells us that the child had indeed died, but from Jesus' viewpoint her real death is but sleep.

Ignoring the people's unbelief, Jesus took Jairus' daughter by the hand and said, "my child, get up!" to which the spirit of the girl returned to her body which resulted in her coming back to life. Jesus then instructed for some food to be brought to her which tells us immediate proof of the fact that she came back to life as no dead people are able to eat! **Jesus is Powerful to Help us** and truly there is no limit to Jesus' power!

**For context only (V56):** Sadly, Jesus had to tell them not to tell anyone what happened as Jesus is now back in the Jewish region where there could be much or misplaced expectations of a political or revolutionary messiah. Jesus did not allow them to tell others of what he did as that would make Jesus' ministry more difficult.

### **Link to Life's Problems - God is truly All-Powerful!**

From this story, we can see that God, through Jesus, is so powerful that He is able to heal sickness that had lasted for years. And even more amazing is God's power to even be able to defy death! Sometimes doctors are able to help sick people get better, but eventually everyone dies. As people, we have no power to stop death or to bring someone back to life. But Jesus has the power to stop death and bring people back to life. We saw this in the story of Jesus bringing Jairus' daughter back to life.

Yet we do not have to be afraid of his power, as his heart is of perfect love. Just like how Jesus talked to the woman, Jesus wanted her to know that she is truly healed because she believed in Jesus' power. Just like how Jesus' first words to Jairus when they heard that his daughter was dead, is to not be afraid but to believe in Jesus. Jesus is powerful and there is no limit to what he can do, and yet Jesus is loving and gentle, he is always ready to help us in times of trouble.

In life, we will face things that seem too hard or too big for you to handle. This can be things like what we heard in the story (e.g. sickness or a family member being sick) or hard situations in your family (e.g. parents divorce/ financial issues with parents being unemployed). It might even be facing trouble at school (e.g. bullying or people who are unkind, trouble with school work). These are difficult things that you go through and none of them is too big or too small for God's power!

You don't have to face these problems alone because God the almighty, all-powerful, omnipotent One knows what you need and wants to help you! God knows you are weak compared to Him and He wants to give you strength to go through it together with Him. His power is even able to overcome death! Don't be afraid to ask God for help because He

is there and will be there with all His power to rescue and help you. **God is Powerful to Help Us!** May you want more and more of Him and His power in your life!

### **Link to Gospel**

And God is also powerful enough to save us from the biggest danger of all, sin. God was the one who created all of us to share in God's love and be best friends with him. But something terrible happened. People started to have sin in their hearts when they first disobeyed God. Sin is anything that you do or don't do, that disobeys God and makes Him sad.

Since then, the whole world has sin, including its dangers like sickness and diseases, death and sadness. The worst is that we cannot be with God anymore because He is such a good and perfect God that he cannot be near sin... and we are not good enough and we are helpless to save ourselves from sin.

Still, God loves us and wants to be with us. So God came as Jesus to earth and died on the cross, taking our punishment for us so we can be saved from sin. And Jesus is powerful to help us as he showed his power over death by coming back to life because He is God! When we believe in what Jesus did for us, sin is washed away from our hearts and we can be with him for eternity. Jesus' death and coming back to life is the biggest way that God shows His love for us and His great power! God is Powerful to do all things and to help us through anything! **God is Powerful to Help Us!**



### **CHECK YOUR HEART'S TEMPERATURE!**

### **Reflect and Challenge**

No matter what kind of trouble comes our way, we can trust in God's power and God's love for us. Today's story tells us that God's power is more than able to overcome even death, and His love for us is so great that he overcame death in order to save us. Because of that, we can truly go to God with all kinds of things and trouble, and He is powerful to help us.

In the face of personal tragedy, what is your response? Jairus was able to have enough faith to seek Jesus to help him. And later on, upon receiving the news of his daughter's death, chose to have faith in Jesus as Jesus told him to believe. A little ounce of faith can go a long way because God is powerful and His heart for us is love. He is able to give us strength when we are weak. He is able to help us in times of trouble! Ask God to rescue you and He will! Ask for more and more of Him!