



Jesus Has Power Over Disease and Death

Matthew 9:18–26



LESSON GOAL

The child will run to and rely on Jesus as their merciful Savior.

BIBLE TRUTHS

- Jesus healed the sick woman.
- Jesus raised Jairus' daughter back to life
- Jesus had compassion.
- Jairus and the woman had faith.

KEY VERSE

“But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.” —*Matthew 9:25*

APPLICATION

- Ask Jesus for His mercy.
- Praise God because He has the power over every sickness and disease.
- Worship the Messiah with your obedience.

NEXT WEEK

Jesus Provides Rest
Matthew 11:20–30

Symbol Key



Craft



Finger Play



Memory Verse



Object Lesson



Game



Visual Aid



Center



Activity



Q & A



Age Group

Teacher Planning Sheet

PREPARE

Objectives/Truths to cover this week

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Personal Application

As a result of my study in this passage, God wants me to...

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Three ways students need to apply this passage are...

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POINT

Choose from various ideas to point them to the coming Bible lesson.

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PROCLAIM

Choose from various ideas to proclaim the Bible lesson.

Presentation Ideas

- _____
- _____

Praise/Music Ideas

- _____
- _____
- _____

PRACTICE

Choose ideas to help review and apply today's lesson.

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**Materials
Needed:**

PREPARE WITH THE TRUTH

“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul... you shall teach them to your children.” —Deuteronomy 11:18–19

Please take time to prepare your mind and heart to accurately handle the truths of God’s Word (2 Tim. 2:15). Read through the Bible background and study the truths contained in this lesson. Crucial background information is included here that will aid you in understanding the Scripture.

Bible Background

Introduction

When John the Baptist was in prison, he began to doubt whether Jesus was the Messiah. He sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Coming One (Matt. 11:3). Jesus answered John’s disciples that “the blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me” (Matt. 11:5). Although Jesus’ ministry was different from what John had expected, Jesus pointed to His miracles and His preaching of the Gospel as evidence of who He was. In Chapters 8 and 9 of his Gospel, Matthew follows Jesus’ reasoning and presents ten of Jesus’ miracles as undeniable proof that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of these miracles dramatically exhibit the power that Jesus has over human life.

A Father’s Faith in Jesus’ Power (Matt. 9:18–19)

Although these two miracles are recorded in Matthew, Mark (5:21–43) and Luke (8:40–56), only Matthew specifies that the events begin while Jesus is answering questions at a feast given by Matthew (9:10–17). While Jesus was explaining to the Pharisees why He was willing to eat with sinners and to John’s disciples why His disciples didn’t fast, the feast was interrupted by the entrance of a desperate synagogue ruler named Jairus (Matt. 9:19; Mark 5:22). Matthew reports that the man “worshiped Him” and Mark says that “when he saw Him, he fell at His feet.” Even though it is uncertain whether the man worshiped Jesus as God or simply showed deep respect, his humble attitude was not typical of the religious leaders who increasingly opposed Jesus.

Jairus begged Jesus to come and heal his twelve-year old daughter who was dying (Luke 8:42). Matthew reports Jairus as saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live” (9:18). Mark records that the man begged Jesus to come because “My little daughter lies at the point of death” (Mark 5:21). It seems most likely that when Jairus came first to Jesus that the girl had not yet died. (Both Mark and Luke tell that a messenger came and told Jairus that his daughter died while Jairus and Jesus were on their way to his house (Mark 5:35; Luke 8:49).) Whether his daughter was at the point of death or already dead, Jairus had faith that Jesus had the power to restore his daughter to life.

A Woman’s Faith in Jesus’ Power (Matt. 9:20–21)

Jesus responded to Jairus’ faith by following him to his home. While Jesus and His disciples went with Jairus, a “great multitude followed and thronged Him” (Mark 5:24). Among those who followed was a woman “who had a flow of blood for twelve years” (Matt. 9:20). The woman’s flow of blood, perhaps caused by a hemorrhage of the uterus, had left her ceremonially unclean (Lev. 15:25–27). For

twelve years, she had been forced to live apart from her family and could not participate in synagogue or temple worship. The woman had spent all she had trying to be healed, but instead of being helped by the physicians, the woman's bleeding only grew worse (Mark 8:26; Luke 8:43). Apart from Jesus, the woman had no hope of being healed or restored to community life.

When the woman heard about Jesus, she had faith that Jesus could heal her bleeding. Instead of stopping Jesus and asking to be healed, the woman "came from behind and touched the hem of His garment" (Matt. 9:20). (The woman may have secretly touched Jesus because she feared being rejected since she was ceremonially unclean.) The woman said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well" (Matt. 9:21). In her faith, the woman trusted that even Jesus' clothes would transmit His healing power!

Jesus' Power over a Woman's Life (Matt. 9:22)

The Gospel of Mark gives the most vivid description of what happened when the woman touched the hem (or possibly the tassel worn by Jews) of Jesus' garment: "Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction" (Mark 5:29). The woman could feel her internal bleeding stop as soon as she touched Jesus' clothes! After the woman was healed, Jesus turned around "immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him" (Mark 5:30). When Jesus asked who had touched Him, everybody denied doing so. The disciples were skeptical if Jesus' question could be answered in the midst of such a large crowd (Mark 5:30–31; Luke 8:45). The woman tried to remain hidden but Jesus proclaimed that He knew somebody had touched Him because He felt power leaving Him (Luke 8:46). Aware that hiding was no longer possible, "she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately" (Luke 8:47). Jesus didn't need the woman to reveal who had touched Him. He was already "looking around to see her who had done this thing" (Mark 5:32).

The woman's public confession was important. Whether the woman was afraid of Jesus or the crowds is unclear, but had Jesus not insisted, the woman would not have come forward. Because the woman confessed being healed by Jesus, Jesus was glorified as God's appointed Messiah. The woman's confession also gave Jesus the opportunity to speak to her. Jesus kindly encouraged the woman. He said to her, "Be of good cheer, daughter" (Matt. 9:22). He did not want her to be afraid of her Lord. Jesus also revealed that it was not His garment but His power working through her faith that had made her well. The term used for "well" in Matthew is literally "saved." While other words are sometimes used in the Gospels to refer to physical healing, this word often expresses salvation from sin. It is possible that the woman not only became ceremonially clean but also spiritually clean when she placed her faith in Jesus' power.

Jesus' Power over a Daughter's Life (Matt. 9:23–26)

While Jesus was still speaking to the woman, someone came from Jairus' house and told him that his daughter was dead (Mark 5:35; Luke 9:49) Having just encouraged the woman, Jesus now encouraged the synagogue ruler. Jesus said to Him, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well" (Luke 9:50). What magnificent hope Jesus' comforting words must have brought to the synagogue ruler! He had just seen Jesus heal a woman diseased for twelve years. Surely Jesus could heal a twelve-year old girl who had been dead a few hours!

When they reached Jairus' house, Jesus, His disciples and Jairus were greeted by a chaotic scene. They saw "a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly" (Mark

5:38). Matthew describes the “flute players and the noisy crowd wailing” (9:23). Following Jewish tradition, both professional mourners and musicians were hired to express publicly the despair of the grieving family. Jesus shocked the mourning crowd by saying, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping” (9:23). Jesus told the crowd that their weeping, wailing and flute-playing wasn’t needed since the girl’s death wasn’t permanent (Mark 5:39). Her death was like sleep because it would be over soon. Knowing she was dead, the crowd ridiculed Jesus (Matt. 9:24; Luke 8:53). They did not believe Jesus had the power to raise the dead.

Only Jesus, the girl’s father and mother, and Peter, James and John went into the room where the dead child was laying (Mark 5:37, 40; Luke 8:51). Matthew simply says that Jesus “took her by the hand, and the girl arose” (Matt. 9:25). Mark and Luke record that before the girl came back to life Jesus said to her, “Little girl, arise” (Luke 8:54; Mark 5:42). As soon as Jesus spoke, “her spirit returned, and she arose immediately” (Luke 8:55). The same God who spoke the world into creation could bring the dead back to life. Naturally, those inside “were overcome with great amazement” (Mark 5:42). Jesus had the power to bring the dead back to life!

Conclusion

Matthew concludes his section on Jesus’ miracles with two more miracles: the healing of two blind men and the casting out of a demon from a mute man. The multitude surrounding Jesus marveled and said, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” (Matt. 9:33). Jesus’ miracles were unlike anything that had ever been done before, either in Israel or any other part of the world. Whether Jesus compassionately healed a woman diseased for twelve years or raised to life a 12-year-old girl, nothing was beyond His power. These Gospel accounts not only reveal Jesus’ miracles but also His compassion. He did not use His power to take lives, but to heal and resurrect with mercy. Jesus is still both merciful and powerful. Jesus mercifully died to take the punishment of repentant sinners. He has the power to heal the spiritually dead. Any broken, helpless and repentant sinner can find life when He comes to the powerful, merciful Son of God.

POINT TO THE TRUTH

*“Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.”
—Psalm 78:1*

This section includes questions to review last week’s lesson and ideas to prepare students for this week’s lesson. Choose from the following ideas to point to the truths of this lesson.



Review Questions

What did the friends of the paralyzed man do?
They took him to Jesus because they had faith that Jesus could heal him.

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man?
He said, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you” (Matt. 9:2).

Who was Jesus claiming to be when He forgave the man’s sins?
He was claiming to be God.

What did Jesus do to show that He had power to forgive sins?
He healed the paralyzed man and told him to stand up and walk.

How did the crowd respond to Jesus' miracle?
They were amazed and praised God because of what they had seen.



Who Took the Clothespin?

Materials: bathrobe, clothespins, and blindfold

Directions: Enter today's class wearing a bathrobe. The robe should be decorated with several dozen clothespins attached to it. While blindfolded, ask the class to quietly pick out one student to come up and take off one of the clothespins. After the student has taken his or her place among the class, take off the blindfold and try to figure out who among the class has taken your clothespin. After much difficulty, continue to involve several more students with this activity. After experiencing many failures at figuring out who took your clothespin, explain to the class how incredible it was for Jesus to be able to know who had touched him. With His back turned, Jesus knew the exact woman who had touched him among the crowd.



Ready or Not Who's Unclean?

Designate one person in the class to represent someone who is unclean (much like the woman who touched Jesus in today's lesson). The rest of the class is to be those who represent the ceremonially clean. After taking the class to a large open space, begin your game of tag with the one unclean person trying to touch those who are clean among the class. If one of the students is touched by their unclean classmate, they immediately become unclean as well. They in turn begin to try to tag the rest of those who are still clean. The last one who remains is clean is the winner. This is a great opportunity to explain just what of condition the woman in today's lesson was in. For thirteen years she had bled, making her ceremonially unclean. Because of her uncleanness, much of society would have avoided her and she could not worship in the temple.



On a Mission!

this game is similar to "Red Light, Green Light." Face the wall while the students line up in a single file line across the room. As long as your back is to the class, the students are allowed to slowly walk toward you. The object for the students is to be able to get close enough to at least touch one part of your shirt. When you turn around and face them they are to immediately stop. As long as you are not facing them they are free to approach you. If a student fails to stop when you turn around they are immediately out of the game. The first student to be able to touch you wins the game. This game represents the way in which the woman in today's lesson approached Jesus to be healed. Because of her fear, she approached Jesus from behind while He was in a large crowd. The woman believed that she needed only to touch the edge of Jesus' robe in order to be healed of her bleeding.



What Do They Have in Common?

Tell the children that today's story is about a sick 12-year-old girl and a woman who was sick for twelve years. What do they have in common? The common things are the number twelve, they were both sick, and Jesus healed both of them. Count from 1 to 12 with the children clapping their hands.



Sickness

Ask the children where they would go if they become sick. What would they do if the doctor or the hospital could not heal them?

PROCLAIM THE TRUTH

“Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.” —Psalm 78:4

This section includes the Bible lesson, lesson questions, and praise and worship ideas. Song suggestions are included that you can use to proclaim your worship to God. Use the lesson questions to check the students’ understanding. This section also includes various presentation ideas to use alongside the teaching time. Read the Bible passage several times before you read these pages. All teaching should be done right from the Bible.

Bible Lesson

Jesus was very powerful. He had power over diseases, over death, and over demons. No one is more powerful than Jesus but He used His power to show His compassion. He helped people who were suffering from sickness.

One day while Jesus was at a feast answering questions, a man named Jairus came in and fell down to worship Jesus. He begged Jesus to come and heal his daughter who was dying. Jesus and His disciples got up and followed Jairus to his house. A crowd gathered around Jesus while He was walking there, and among them was a woman who had been sick for twelve years. She had a sickness that caused her to always bleed. Because of the Jewish laws, she was considered unclean, so she could not live in her house with her family or worship at the temple. No one was allowed to touch her. This woman heard of Jesus, and she knew that He was powerful enough to heal her. She worked her way through the crowd to get close to Jesus, and when she did, she thought that if she could just touch His clothes, that would be enough to make her better. So she did, and she was healed instantly. Jesus felt that power had gone from Him, so He stopped and looked around to find out who had touched Him. The woman was hiding, maybe because she was afraid of Jesus or afraid that the crowd would be angry that an unclean woman was among them, but Jesus knew who she was. He saw her and said to her, “Be of good cheer, daughter, your faith has made you well” (9:22)

Just then, someone from Jairus’ house came and told him that his daughter had died. Jesus encouraged Jairus, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well” (Luke 9:50). Jairus had just seen Jesus heal a woman who had been sick for twelve years, so He could certainly have faith that Jesus could heal his daughter.

When they arrived at the house, there were many people crying loudly because the girl had died. Jesus said to them, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping” (9:24). The crowd made fun of Jesus, because they knew the girl was dead, but Jesus was telling them that her death was only temporary, and He would bring her back to life. Jesus went into the house and to the bedside of Jairus’ daughter. He took her hand and said, “Little girl, arise” (Luke 8:54, Mark 5:42). She got up immediately as her spirit returned to her. Everyone who saw what happen was overwhelmed and amazed at what Jesus had done. It was a miracle indeed.



Jesus performed miracles unlike anything ever seen before in any part of the world. He was able to heal people of diseases, and even raise them from the dead. He used His power to show mercy and compassion on people, and to prove that He was the Son of God. Only God could show that kind of power.

Lesson Questions

What happened as Jesus was at a feast talking with some men?

While Jesus was at the feast a synagogue ruler named Jairus (Mark 5:22) asked Jesus help his daughter. Jairus asks Jesus if He would come and lay His hands on her so that she might live again. So Jesus went with him.

What happened as Jesus was on His way to Jairus' house?

A sick woman found Jesus and thought "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well" (Matt. 9:21). Then she touched Jesus' clothes.

What happened after the woman touched the edge of Jesus' robe?

The woman was healed. Jesus knew who had touched Him. He had compassion on her.

What happened to Jairus' daughter?

She died.

What did Jesus do for the girl?

Jesus went into the room and took the girl by the hand and told her to arise. Her spirit came back and she was alive.

Presentation Ideas



A Beka Book® Flash-A-Cards®

Use appropriate A Beka Book® Flash-A-Cards® with the lesson.



Betty Lukens Flannel Graph

Use appropriate flannel graph pieces with the lesson.



Medical Props

Use a girl doll and a medical kit. As each medical prop (i.e., stethoscope, bandages, medicine) is used to heal the sick girl, ask "did the (bandage) heal the girl?" "No." After the last medical prop, tell them that the girl died and there was nothing the doctors could do to heal her.



Act It Out

The teacher could begin the lesson time by creating the setting with the students as a narrator. Throughout the lesson different events could be acted out on cue. Jesus could be talking with a group of men. A man (Jairus) could come in and beg Jesus to come with him. As they go to his house a messenger could come and tell them that she was dead. A second scene could be set where a woman comes to Jesus to be healed. Someone could say aloud what she was thinking in her mind. Eventually the scene could go back to Jesus at Jairus' house and Jesus could raise the girl from the dead.



Group Participation

Before the lesson prepare cue cards for the students to respond to. Prepare the students for particular aspects of the lesson. For example the students could wail during the appropriate time or laugh when Jesus says that the girl is only asleep.

Praise and Worship

J-E-S-U-S, Jesus

King of Kings

Great is the Lord

PRACTICE THE TRUTH

“That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.” —Psalm 78:7

Choose ideas from this section that review and apply the truths of the Bible lesson.



Rescue Tag

Play tag with one person “it” and one “medic.” Once a person is tagged, they must go to the side of the room and lay down on the floor. The medic may pull them up by the hand and they can play the game again. Talk about how Jesus raised Jairus’ daughter by taking her up by the hand in Matthew 9:25.



“Hands of Faith and Power”

Materials: Copy of hands on cardstock, scissors, glue, preprinted verses

Directions: Give each student the hand outline worksheet. Instruct students to fold on the dotted line and cut out the hand along the solid lines. Unfold the hands. Cut out and paste the verses, title, and application to the appropriate places on the hands. The verse that demonstrates faith should be glued to the hand that says “Faith.” The verse that demonstrates power should be glued to the hand that says “Power.” Fold the hands together and glue the title to the front and the application to the back.



“Jesus Raises Jairus’ Daughter”

Give each student a blank piece of cardstock. Explain what the room may have looked like where Jairus’ daughter was lying. Instruct students to draw her room but leave out the bed (this will be added later). Have students cut out Jairus’ daughter, her arm, her bed and Jesus. Next, have the students glue the bed where they think it might have been in the room (be sure that students put the bed on the appropriate side and give room for Jesus). Using a brad, punch a hole through the appropriate dots on the girl’s shoulder and arm, the girl’s waste and through the bed. For the smaller students, these objects could simply be glued onto the cardstock.

Coloring Pages

Give each child a copy of the coloring sheets at the back of the lesson. He or she can color the pages in class or take them home to color.

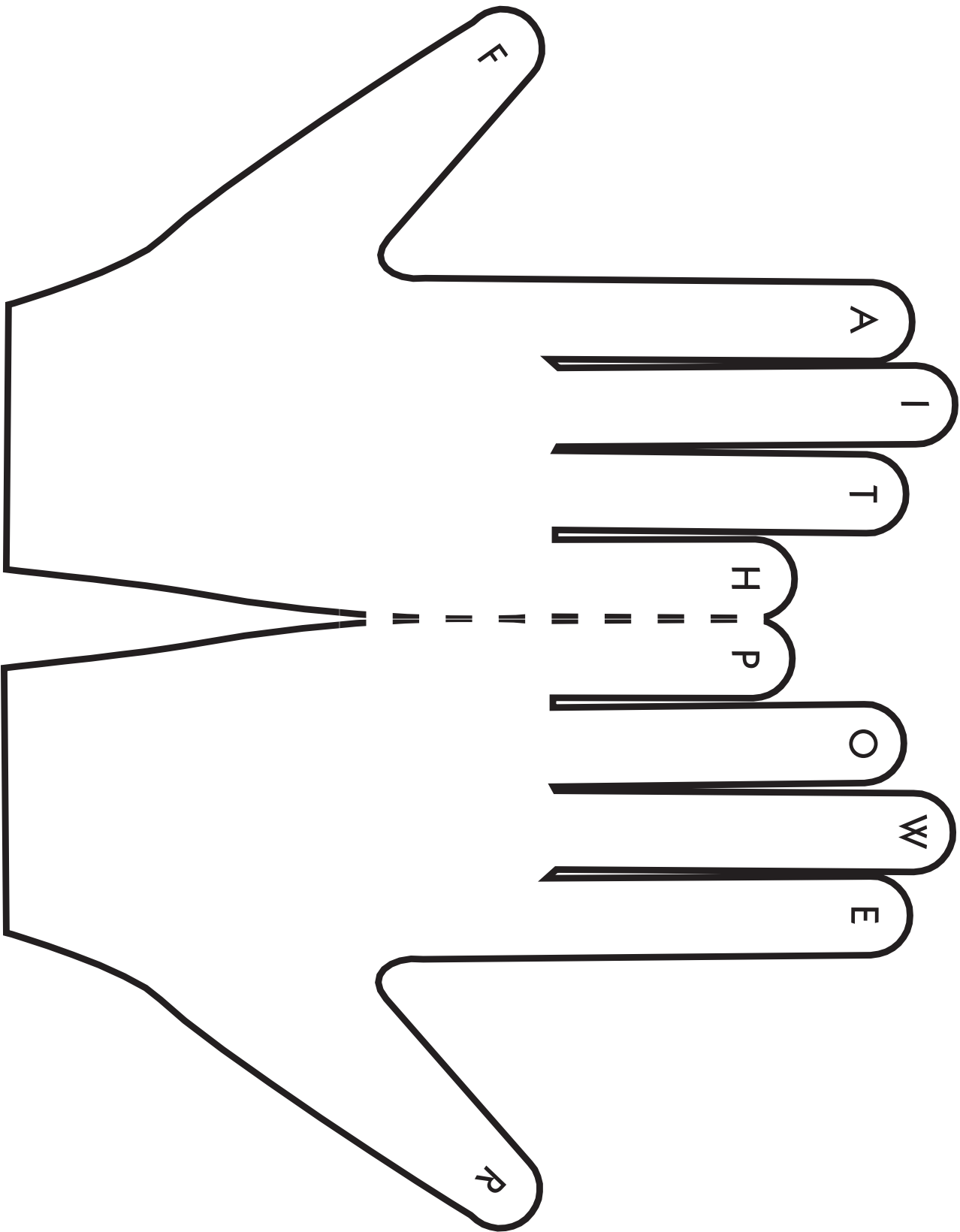


MEMORY VERSE

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”

—*Proverbs 3:5*

Hands of Faith and Power



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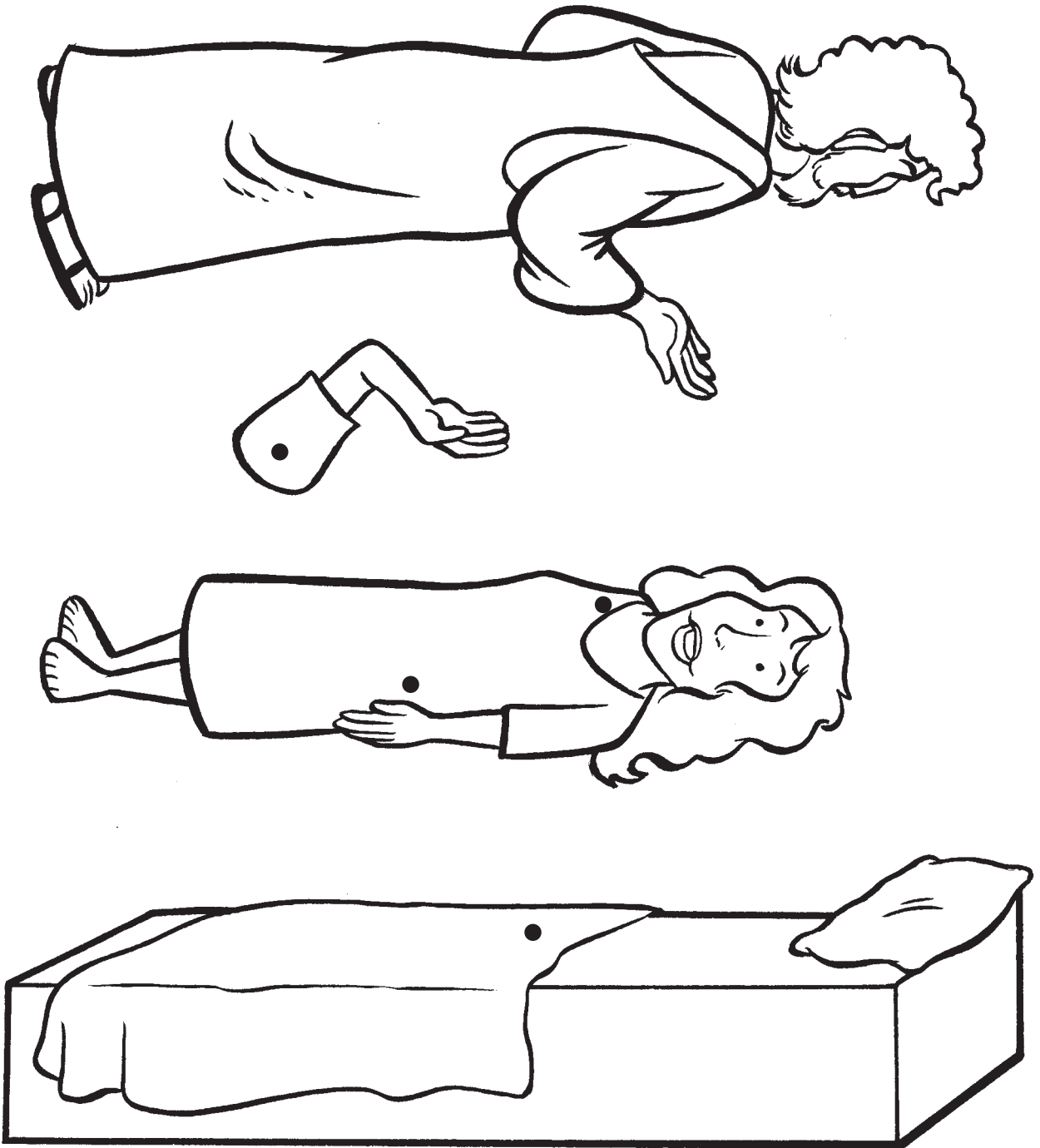
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Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter





“But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, ‘Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And the woman was made well from that hour.”

—Matthew 9:22



**"But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand,
and the girl arose." —Matthew 9:25**

