



**Family
Conversation
Guide**

09.18.2022

September Theme:
We can shine with God inside!

Monthly Memory Verse:

"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

- **Matthew 5:16** (ESV)

Monthly Challenge Verse:

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go..."

- **Genesis 28:15** (ESV)

Week of September 18

Life Application:
God wants us to share His light.



Parents: After listening to the sermon (or reading the story), take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. This week, we have a guest speaker- Clayton King, one of the teaching pastors of New Spring Church. Read through **Mark 5:25-34** as you lead your kids. Have them turn to **pages 622-623 in The Action Bible (A Heart for Women)** and read together before you discuss.

1. Think about the last 3 years. **What was it like before the Covid 19 pandemic? What changed during the pandemic? What was hard for you?** (Discuss.) Say, "This has been a hard time for many people, and one of the challenges has been to stay strong in our faith that God is with us and that He has a plan, no matter what is happening. We need to fight to keep our faith and part of that is continuing to attend church and worship with other believers. In these times, many people stopped attending church and having a relationship with Jesus. **In the sermon, Clayton King talks about fighting for our faith-our relationship with Jesus and the church.**"
2. Read **pages 622-623** in The Action Bible and refer to **Mark 5:25-34** in your Bible as you discuss. In this true story about Jesus, He was walking beside the sea and a great crowd was following Him. Among them was a woman. **Why was she there?** (**Verses 25-28- she had suffered for many years with bleeding and she believed that she could be healed if she just touched Jesus' garment.**)
3. It's important to know that women who were bleeding were considered to be "unclean" and were supposed to stay away from others. She was taking a great chance to be in the crowd, though she remained near the back. And, because she had been bleeding for so long, she was probably very weak. **Do you think it was hard for her to work her way through the crowd to get to Jesus? Why do you think she tried?** (**Verse 27- She had heard reports about Jesus.**) **What do you think she had heard about Jesus that made her want to touch His garment?** (Discuss together what you know about Jesus- His powers, miracles, healing, etc.)
4. **What happened when the woman touched Jesus' garment?** (**Verses 28, 29- she was healed immediately!**) After 12 years of praying and asking God to heal her, and after no doctors could help her, Jesus healed her immediately when she came close and touched His garment. **Make note: What is it called when someone believes that God can do something, even though they cannot see Him at work?** (It is called FAITH.)
5. **Other people were surely touching Jesus, so how did He know that the woman had touched His garment?** (**Verse 29- He felt the power go out of His body and He knew something had happened to someone who had touched Him. Notice how Jesus feels the pain of anyone with great sensitivity, though this is a slight touch.**) **What did Jesus say?** ("Who touched me?") **In verses 30-32, what happened?** (The disciples wondered why Jesus was asking this question when He was surrounded by so many people.)
6. In **verses 32-33**, Jesus is still looking for the person who touched His garment. **What happened?** (The woman came to Him with fear and trembling, and told Him what had happened.) **Why do you think she was afraid?** (Perhaps because she felt she was unclean and that He would not want her to touch Him.)
7. Jesus showed great love to the woman. **What did He call her?** (Daughter.) **What did He say to her?** ("Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.") **Why was she healed?** (Because of her faith!)
8. There was another reason Jesus wanted to know who touched Him and for her to show she had been healed. **What do you think that reason was?** (So that others would see that she had been healed by Jesus. He wants us to shine His light to others.)

9. In the sermon, we are asked, **“Have you stopped fighting to be close to Jesus?” What would make us stop having the relationship with Jesus and having faith in Him? And worshiping Him with others?** The woman had to drag her weakened body to get to Jesus, to touch His garment. **What are we willing to do to be close to Jesus?**

Digging Deeper:

- Let's talk about Jesus' garment. It was an outer garment, called a “knaph.” The woman touched the hem of Jesus' garment, at one of the four corners (that each had a blue tassel, or “tzit.”).
- Read **Malachi 4:2**- *“But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.”*
- The Hebrew word “wings” means “knaph”- like the wings of a building, or the flowing sides that come down to the four corners of the garments that were worn in those times. **The tassels (Tzit) symbolize God's covenant love for Israel.**

Family Challenge:

1. For older kids: **Ready for some math?** The Jewish people prayed five times each day. **See if you can figure out how many times in 12 years the woman who had the bleeding problem prayed for God to heal her!** See the bottom of the page after you have given your answer.
2. Say, “Sometimes people get tired of asking God to help them. But the woman never gave up, and when she heard about Jesus, she **KNEW** he could help her! **Do you have that kind of faith?** Let's talk about something we can pray for as a family, something that will take great faith!”
3. Jesus called the woman “Daughter.” **Have you ever considered that you are part of God's family when you choose to accept Jesus' gift of salvation? That He would also call you “Daughter” or “Son?”**
4. Parents, have each child **make a poster with the words “I AM A CHILD OF GOD”** written on it. Work with them to decorate the poster and then put it up in their bedrooms.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, We are so thankful to know that we are Your children, that we will always be in Your family. We want to have fighting faith like the woman who touched Jesus' garment, who believed that He could do anything! We love you. In Jesus' Name, Amen

// ANSWER FROM FAMILY CHALLENGE: How many times did the woman pray? (Approximately 21,900 times!) //