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Join the Story!

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

The Floating Ball

Set up: Sit somewhere close to an outlet. For each small group, plug an extension cord into the outlet, then plug a hair dryer into the extension cord. Place a bucket in the middle of the small group.

Say: In our story today, Jairus (pronounced Ji-ruhs) had faith that Jesus could heal his daughter even after she died. (Hold a hair dryer so that it's pointing upward and set a ping pong ball on top of blower.) When Jesus saw the little girl, He said, "Little girl, I say to you, get up." (Turn hair dryer on low. The ball will rise up and float in the air.) And just like that, the little girl rose from the dead. (After a moment, turn off hair dryer.) We saw this during large group, now we get to try it for ourselves.

Question: Have you or someone you know ever been sick and asked Jesus for healing? What happened? If no, what do you think would happen if you did?

Directions: Allow each kid to answer the question(s) above. After answering, give them the hair dryer and ping pong ball. Have them place the ball on top of the blower and turn it on low. Once they get the ball floating in the air, give them the following challenges:

- Move the hair dryer and ball in a circular motion.
- Quickly pass your free hand between the ball and hair dryer without dropping the ball.
- Tilt the hair dryer at a slight angle without dropping the ball.
- Move the ball toward the bucket in the middle and drop it in without missing.

Continue until every kid has had a turn answering the question(s) and performing some or all of the challenges. When finished, ask the following additional questions:

Question: How does it help you to know that Jesus is more powerful than sickness and death?

Question: What if you pray for someone to get better and they don't? Do you think that means Jesus can't heal them? Why or why not? (Suggested answer: Jesus will eventually heal everybody who follows Him when they get to Heaven.)

Question: In addition to praying for sick people, what else can you do to show them the love of Jesus?