

### **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 Jī-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?

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What do you think it will be like in Heaven? Draw a picture of it.





Imagine you were at Jairus' house when Jesus healed the little girl. Write a letter about what you saw.

### THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

#### JESUS RAISES A DEAD GIRL

BIG IDEA: Jesus has power over sickness and death, so we can pray to Him for healing.

BIBLE BASIS: Mark 5:35-43

KEY VERSE: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death.

And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain."

Revelation 21:4a (NIrV)

## READ IT!

Mark 5:35-43. Draw a picture of the story of write to God about your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

## PRAY IT!

Do you know someone who is sick or hurt? Write a prayer to Jesus and ask Him to heal that person.

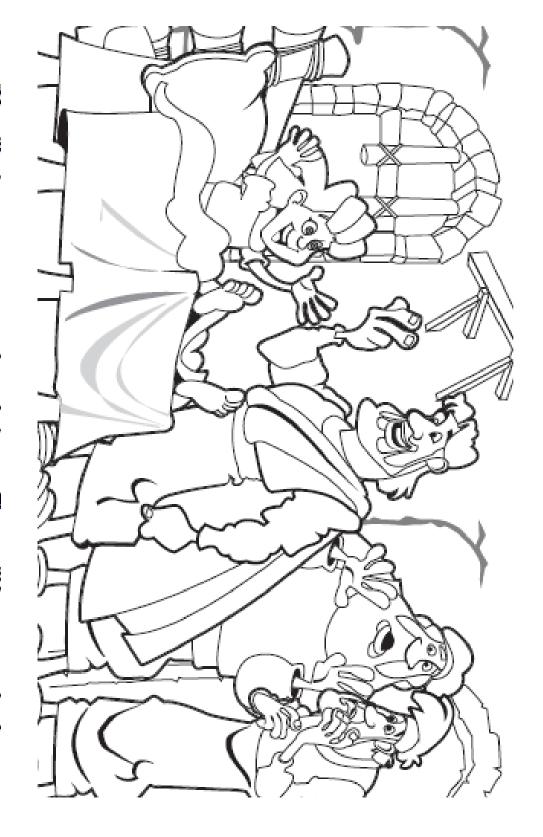
# **NEXT WEEK'S LESSON**

#### JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

BIG IDEA: Jesus can do BIG things with the little bit that we give Him.

BIBLE BASIS: Mark 6:30-44, John 6:1-14

KEY VERSE: "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us." Ephesians 3:20 (NIrV)



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