

Miracles of Healing

LUKE 8:40-56

Bible Background

A **miracle** is a sign of God's power and presence with us. Jesus performed miracles to help people believe in God's loving presence.

Reading the Word of God

Read **Luke 8:40-56**.

Read about two miracles that happen to people of faith.

Understanding the Word of God

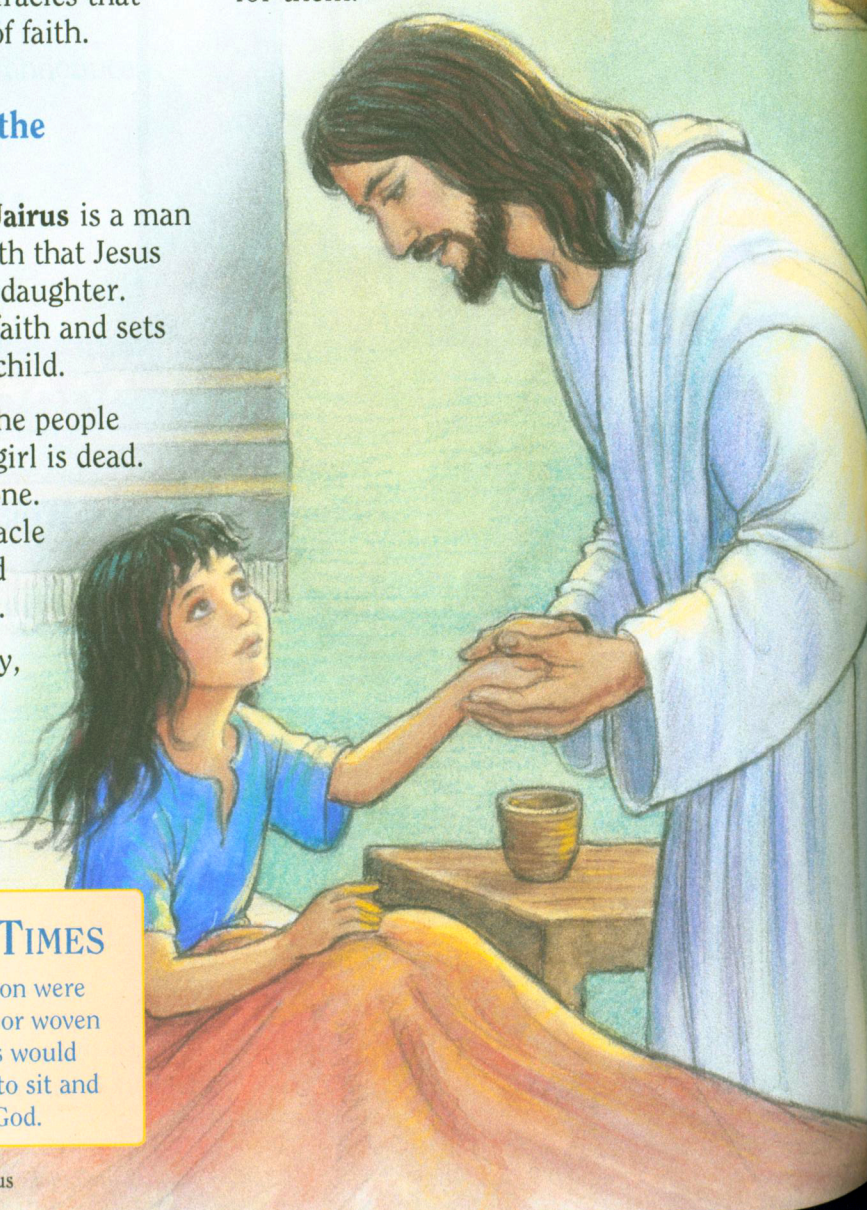
In the first story, **Jairus** is a man of faith. He has faith that Jesus can help his dying daughter. Jesus sees Jairus' faith and sets off to see his sick child.

At Jairus' house, the people say that the little girl is dead. Nothing can be done. Jesus works a miracle and gives the child back to her family.

In the second story, the sick woman is also a person of faith. People believe

her sickness is a punishment for her sins. But the woman has faith in Jesus and touches his robe. Jesus tells her that her faith has made her well.

Both miracles show the presence of God's love at work among his people. Miracles invite people to trust and believe in God's love for them.



IN BIBLE TIMES

The beds people slept on were usually simple cloth or woven mats. In the daytime, beds would serve as places for people to sit and talk to one another or to God.

Showing God's Love

Write a news report for one of the miracles. In the report include a Headline, Who, What Happens, and Why.

Headline _____

Who: _____

What Happens: _____

Why: _____

With Family or Friends

Keep a notebook. Each day list ways you share God's love.

GOD'S WORD IN MY LIFE

My faith helps . . .

"Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

LUKE 8:48