

## Worship at Home June 27<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Jesus heals a woman and girl to life. Mark 5:21-43

#### Introduction:

**Preparation:** There are two options here.

A) fill a bag with different things to touch—a soft stuffed animal, little bag of dirt, something prickly (but not too sharp!), silly putty or something kind of slimy or sticky. You can either keep these in the bag and have them reach in and guess or you can take them out one by one so they can see as well.

B) prepare several small bags with the same items in them, just one per bag so that kids can reach in and try to guess what they feel.

Show them the bag you have brought and prepared. “I have brought some things for us to explore. When you touch them tell us what you think about how they feel?” Have children reach into the bag without peeking or bring the items out one by one and have them feel them and talk about what they feel like.

**Story:** In our Bible story today the word touch is used quite a lot. Read story of Jairus’ daughter and the unwell woman. Mark 5:21-43 or Luke 8:40-56 or watch clip(s) When you are listening to the story see if you can hear the word “touch” and how many times it is said.

[Jairus' Daughter and a Woman Healed - YouTube](#) (For older children)

[Jesus Healed a Woman and Raised a Girl - YouTube](#)

[Jairus' Daughter & the woman who touched Jesus \(Matthew 9, Mark 5, Luke 8\) - YouTube](#)

Do you remember what the story said about touch?” See what they recall, help them remember the places in the story that Jesus was touched or touched someone. “Touch is one of our five senses, and it’s an important one. Touch helps us know when something is too hot or too cold right? Touch also tells us what something is and helps us know our surroundings. In the Bible today we hear about Jesus and his healing touch—that he is able to heal the woman and the daughter with his touch and his words.

This tells me that not only does Jesus care for us in words and by listening, but Jesus also cares for us in all the ways that we feel, either with our hands or with our hearts. You know, when I get a hug from one of my kids or a friend, that is a touch that can warm my heart and make me feel loved. Or when I get to curl up in my bed with favorite pillow that is a sense of touch that makes me feel warm and safe. And when we hold hands to pray or bless one another by putting our hands on one another’s head or shoulder that is touch that makes me feel connected to you and to God. So even though my touch may not make a disease go away or heal all their hurts, our touch of prayer and blessing and love can bring the presence of God and hope to another person.”

Let's hold hands as we pray. – Loving Jesus, you give us hands to feel and hearts to love. Help us to use kind touch to bring your healing to others. Amen

Have each person bless one another. As you make the sign of the cross on each forehead say the words +May you know the healing touch of God today+

Songs: [Kids Worship: Open the Eyes of My Heart - YouTube](#)  
[Our God \(Lyric Video\) | Worship Together Kids Anthem Series - YouTube](#)  
[Waymaker - Kids Lyric Video - YouTube](#)

## Activities:

### Prayer time:

Have each person hold one of the items you had for the introduction. Talk about what it is and what it feels like again. Share what it makes them think about. Ask them to think of something to thank or ask God for about the object.

### Home Maze:

Create a maze using furniture etc from around the house. Have the follower blindfolded and have them try and walk through the maze. Next ask them to walk behind or beside the leader. When they can touch the leader they know where to go, they can go through the maze safely. Jesus is our leader, he touches us and leads us.

### Blind Touch:

Blindfold someone and the others take turns touching the person's back. The person blindfolded needs to guess what part of the body touched the back - such as a finger, a nose, an elbow, a toe, an ear, etc!

### Faith art:

Give the children bright colored markers and write the word FAITH in large block or bubble letters. Color around each letter several times with various colors of markers. Let children then write words representing things that faith produces such as peace, healing, power. Let the children draw pictures or put stickers around their FAITH paper as well.

