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People at a Party Learn about Jesus

Based on John 2:1-11

It was a happy day . . . everyone was heading for the big wedding party. When Jesus and his friends got there, people were already having a good time.

But not long after, Jesus' mother hurried up to Jesus and whispered, "The wine is gone—and the party isn't nearly over yet! Can you do something to help?"

Jesus said, "Mother, why are you asking me to help? I am not ready for people to see the power that my Father in heaven gives me."

But Mary said to the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you!"

"Go fill those big jars up to the top with water," Jesus told the servants. They obeyed. Then Jesus said, "Pour some into a cup and take it to the wine taster." Again they obeyed. The wine taster drank from the cup—then he smiled. "M-m-m-m-m! This is very good-tasting wine!"

Jesus turned that ordinary water into fine wine. It was a miracle—something only God's Son could do. Jesus' disciples looked at each other. Yes, Jesus surely must be God's Son!

Look close.

Can you find all of the things on this list? If you do, it's NOT a miracle . . . but you do have good eyes!



wedding ring



wine glass



lamp



grapes



candle



chair



present



flower



cake

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Dear Family:

Today your child learned that Jesus can do wonderful things (miracles) because he is God's Son. Ask your child to tell you about Jesus' miracle at the wedding party! Talk about how Jesus still listens to our prayers; then use the prayer journal to write down your family's prayer requests—and how God answers them. Encourage your child to find today's story symbol in your God's Big Story cards. Use the activities on the back to dwell deeper into the story together.



My Prayer Chart

I'm praying for ...

Date

God's answer ...

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Memory



Challenge:

Mark 10:14b, 16

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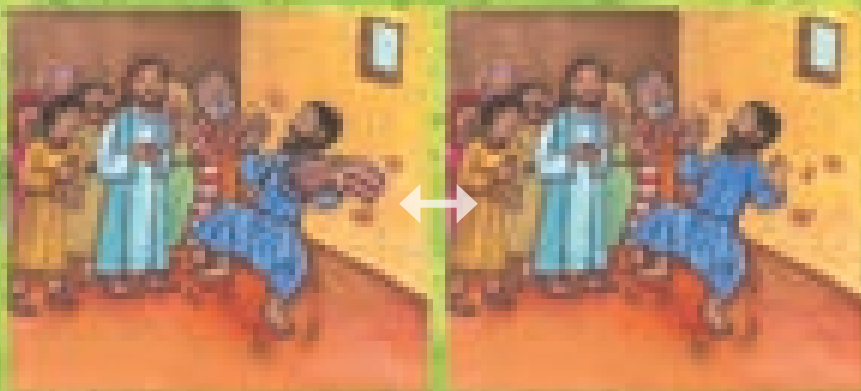
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A Man Who Can't Walk Learns about Jesus

Based on Luke 5:17-26



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Do these pictures match?

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God's Son!

Dear Family:

Jesus has the power to make us well—that’s the simple truth your child learned today. Enjoy “reading” this amazing story together. Use each opportunity this week to talk about—and pray for—those people dear to you who are ill or hurt or in need of Jesus’ loving care.



Hey Kids!

Draw a circle around the pictures that help you think about the Bible story. Tell why these pictures remind you of Jesus' power!

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Memory



Challenge:

Mark 10:14b, 16

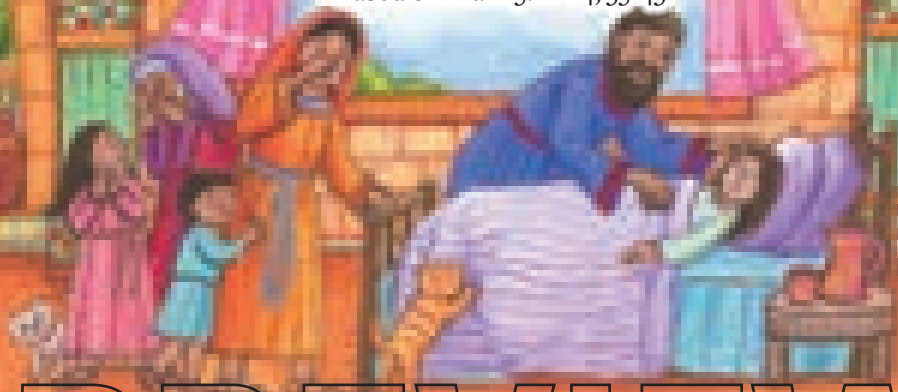
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A Little Girl Learns about Jesus

Based on Mark 5:21-24, 35-43



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Jairus was worried. His little girl was very sick, and even the doctor could not make her well again. But perhaps there was someone who could. Jairus had heard about Jesus and the wonderful way he healed people. Miracles—that's the word!

Jairus ran to find Jesus. But, as always, people crowded around Jesus. Everyone listened to his teaching and watched as Jesus made sick people well. Jairus had to push through the crowd to get to Jesus. “My little girl is very sick. She may die. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be well again,” he begged.

So Jesus went with him. But before they got to Jairus’s house, people came running to meet them. “Jairus, your daughter has died. Don’t bother Jesus anymore,” they said sadly.

Jesus didn’t listen to their sad news. “Don’t be afraid; just believe in me,” he said to Jairus. When they got to Jairus’s home, it was filled with sad friends. Jesus took Jairus and his wife with him into the little girl’s room.

Jesus held the little girl’s hand and spoke to her with a kind voice: “Little girl, get up.” All of a sudden, she opened her eyes. She looked at her parents and stood up. She was alive! She was well! That day Jairus and his family—and everyone there—knew that only Jesus, God’s Son, could do such an amazing thing.

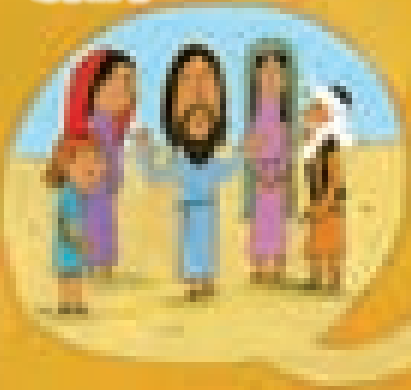
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Sad Day, H

Start

Help Jairus find his way to Jesus. Then
back to Jairus's home. Why is everyone
the happy ending



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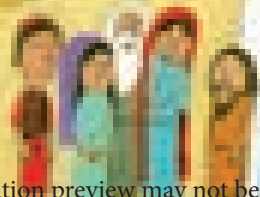
Happy Day!

Help Jesus and Jairus walk all the way to the house where the girl is crying? Tell someone at your house about this sad story.



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Finish



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Dear Family:

Today's amazing story tells how Jesus gave life back to a little girl. Ask your child to tell you the wonderful story pictured and retold on page 1. The litany on this page gives your family a way to reiterate the truth of the stories your child has heard about the wonderful things

Jesus can do. Look for today's story symbol in your God's Big Story cards. Use the activities on the back to dwell deeper into the story together!

Parent: Who can hear the praise we bring?

Child: Jesus can!

Parent: Who can hear each song we sing?

Child: Jesus can!

Parent: Who can chase the storms away?

Child: Jesus can!

Parent: Who can answer when we pray?

Child: Jesus can!

Parent: Who can make water into wine?

Child: Jesus can!

Parent: Who can be your friend and mine?

Child: Jesus can!

Parent: Who can heal us when we're sick?

Child: Jesus can!

Parent: Tell me, tell me, tell me quick!

Child: Jesus can!

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Memory



Challenge:

Mark 10:14b, 16

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Children Learn about Jesus

Based on Mark 10:13-16

Every day crowds of people gathered around Jesus to listen to him, to feel his power, and to ask him some very grown-up questions! But one day, a different sort of crowd set out to see Jesus—a crowd of moms and dads with kids and babies. The moms and dads wanted their big children, their little children, and their tiny babies to see Jesus.

P The children were excited too. What would Jesus look like—and what would he say to them? But when they found Jesus, they wondered if they would even get to see him. You see, when Jesus’ disciples saw parents and kids coming to find Jesus, they said, “Can’t you see Jesus is too busy talking to grown-ups, important people? He doesn’t have time for kids. Sorry.”

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them. The kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” And Jesus held his arms out to the children. He hugged them, he smiled at them, he talked to them! Best of all, he blessed them.

Each little person learned about Jesus’ love that day. They could see it in his smile; they could feel it in his touch, and they could hear it in his blessing.

Every big person learned something that day too. The moms and dads did; the disciples did too. They learned that children are important to Jesus. He loves them very much. And they can be children of God too.

Find your markers and

Can you put yourself close to Jesus? Am



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and finish this picture!

Isn't you glad Jesus loves you so much?



Dear Family:

Today's story is a natural for your child to tell *you!* All you need to do is nod and agree—and let your child know you love him or her too.

Kids!

Check out the pictures in each row. They may look the same, but they're not! Find the one that is different.



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Memory



Challenge:

Mark 10:14b, 16














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


Mary and Martha Learn about Jesus




Based on Luke 10:38-42




One sister was named ; the other sister was named .  and  were good friends of . Whenever he came to their town, he would visit their . One day  came to visit. It was a busy day for . She had to clean her  and set the  and cook delicious  for her friend.  was always busy when  came to visit!

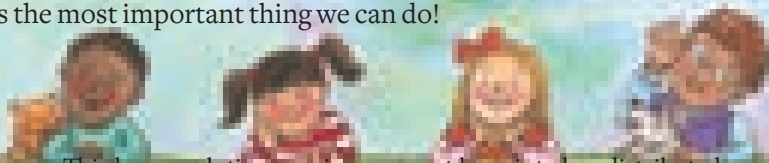
Whenever Jesus came to visit,  was happy. That's because when  came to their , she loved to listen to him. There was so much to learn!  would sit and listen and listen and listen.

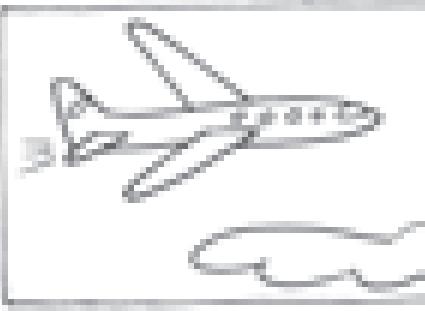
When  got to their , he was happy to see his good friends  and . And when he sat down,  sat down nearby to listen to him teach. But  was busy making supper. In fact, she was so busy setting the  and making delicious  for Jesus that she became angry with . Why was  just sitting there listening to  ?

So  complained to : "Make  help me!"

 said, ", you are so busy! But listening to me is more important than anything else. And that is what  is doing. I won't ask her to stop!"

 and  learned something that day. Listening to  is the most important thing we can do!





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Dear Family:


Listening to Jesus is the most important thing we can do—that’s the truth of today’s story about Mary and Martha. Enjoy reading the story with your child as it’s told on the front of this paper. The game on these pages provides a way to keep the emphasis of the Scripture story alive in the next few days. Challenge your child to listen for everything pictured here, coloring in the picture of each thing he or she hears. Start with the most important one! Don’t forget to look for today’s story symbol in your


God’s Big Story cards and do some of the activities on the back.

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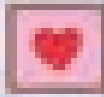
Hey Kids,

Grab a pencil . Find these words and draw a circle

around them. Then tell the story of  and

 to someone at your . Make sure you

use all of these words in your story!



JESUS,

MARY,

MARTHA,

HOUSE,

FOOD,

LOVE,

LISTEN

P R E V I E W

S R W U F E J Y
U T L I S T E N
S H X U F O O D
W A O W V D H D
F H O Y L O V E

Memory



Challenge:

Mark 10:14b, 16

Zacchaeus Learns about Jesus

Based on Luke 19:1-10



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Part 1

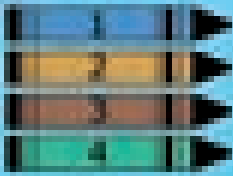
Once there was a very rich man named Zacchaeus. His job was to collect money from people to pay the king; but Zacchaeus often took too much money—and he kept the extra for himself. That made people angry! So even though Zacchaeus had lots of money, he was not happy.

One day Zacchaeus heard some interesting news: Jesus was coming to town! Zacchaeus left his job and ran to find him. Soon he came to a big crowd of people. “I’m so short that I’ll never be able to see Jesus,” Zacchaeus complained.

Zacchaeus was right. He was a little man—not nearly as tall as the others in the crowd. So he ran up the road, climbed a tree, and waited for Jesus to pass by.

Imagine Zacchaeus’s surprise when Jesus stopped and looked straight up at him and smiled. The people were surprised too. How could Jesus smile at someone who took money from other people? But Jesus spoke kindly to Zacchaeus: “Come on down, Zacchaeus. I am going to your house to visit you today.”

For a very happy ending, turn to page 4!



One, two, three ...
Color the

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What's in the tree?
The picture



Zacchaeus was a wee little man,

A wee little man was he.

He climbed up in a sycamore tree,

For the Lord he wanted to see.

And as the Savior passed that way,

He looked up in the tree,

And he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down,

For I'm going to your house today,

For I'm going to your house today.

—Traditional



Dear Family:

Today's story is fun to read—and helps us learn more about Jesus' power to change lives. As you enjoy it together with your child, use every chance you have to remind him or her that Jesus loves and forgives us too. Jesus changes us!

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An illustration of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a blue robe, standing in the center. To his right, a man in a pink robe (Zacchaeus) is climbing a tree. Other people in colorful robes are gathered around them in a courtyard with arches and a bright sun in the background.

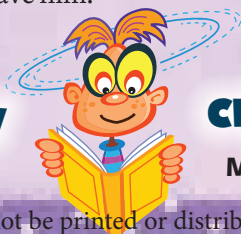
Part 2

Zacchaeus jumped right out of the tree and walked with Jesus until they came to his house.

Zacchaeus told Jesus about his work and all that he had done to take money that did not belong to him. “I’m sorry. I want to give it all back,” he said to Jesus. “I think I’ll give the money to poor people. And I’ll give lots of money back to all those people I cheated too.”

Suddenly Zacchaeus felt happy inside—it was like a miracle! That happy feeling was a new feeling, a feeling Jesus gave him.

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Challenge:

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