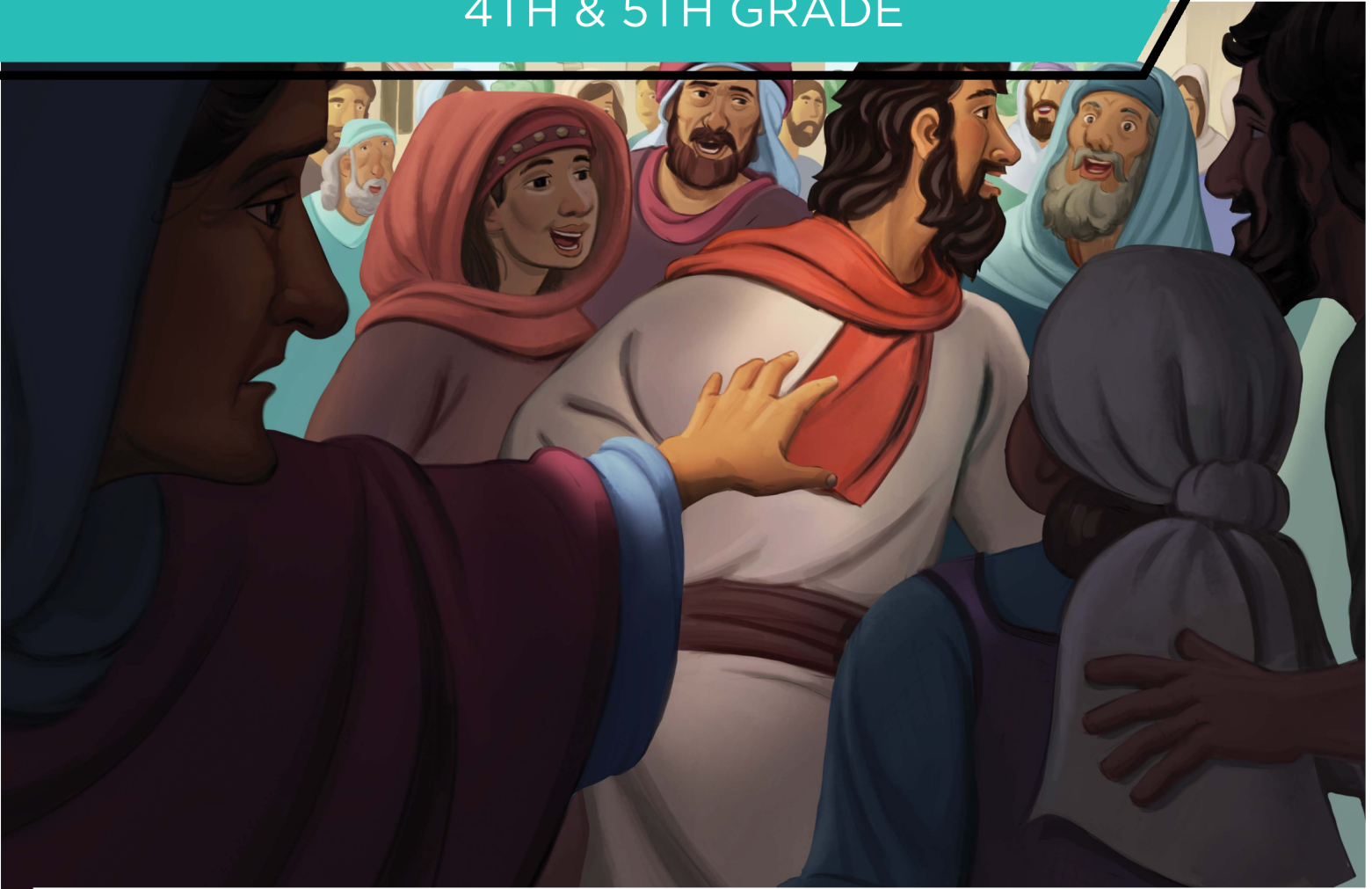


PRETEEN MINISTRY

4TH & 5TH GRADE



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

JESUS GAVE LIFE AND HEALING

MATTHEW 9; MARK 5; LUKE 8

CHRIST CONNECTION

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LEADER DEVO

You've likely heard the saying, "Desperate people do desperate things." Most of the time, that phrase implies someone makes a bad decision because of their desperate situation. In this week's session, however, we see two people doing desperate things that are, in fact, bold acts of faith.

First, there's Jairus, a respected synagogue leader. But none of that mattered when his little girl was dying. In that moment, Jairus wasn't a leader; he was just a dad, desperate for someone to save his child. By going to Jesus, Jairus could have been risking his position and standing in the synagogue and community. But desperate people do desperate things.

As Jesus went with Jairus, a woman appeared from the crowd. This woman had suffered for 12 years from a bleeding condition that left her socially, spiritually, and emotionally isolated. According to Mosaic law, everything she touched became unclean, and anyone who touched her became unclean. She wasn't allowed to participate in the synagogue or the community. But she had heard about Jesus and had faith that touching even the edge of His clothes could heal her, so she reached out. Desperate people do desperate things.

Two people from opposite ends of society—one well-known, one forgotten; one pleading publicly, the other reaching secretly—yet both came to Jesus in faith. And in both cases, Jesus stopped for them and tenderly met their needs.

Our desperate moments are often the doorway to deeper faith. When we come to Jesus, whether boldly like Jairus or quietly like the woman, He meets us where we are. This week, help kids understand they can take their cares to the Savior who loved us enough to provide for our greatest need: forgiveness from sin.

ARRIVAL

When kids arrive, they can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until large group starts. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and build relationships with them. Ask them about their week, big events coming up, or follow up on a prayer request from the week before.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8



**BIBLE
BUCKS**

NEXT BIBLE BUCKS DAY

SEPT 27

There are many techniques and tools to help kids (and you!) memorize Scripture.

THIS MONTH'S TOOL: VERSE ABBREVIATIONS

On an index card, write out the first letter of each word in the verse you want to memorize. For example, Isaiah 40:8 will look like:

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LESSON

One day, a man named Jairus (JIGH ruhs), a leader in the synagogue, came to Jesus. “My little daughter is very sick,” Jairus said. “Please come and put Your hands on her so she will get well and live.”

Jesus went with Jairus, and a crowd followed. In the crowd was a woman who had been sick for 12 years. She had gone to many doctors, but no one could help her. She had spent all her money trying to get better, but she only got worse.

The woman had heard about Jesus. She thought: If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed. She came up behind Jesus, reached out, and touched His robe. Right away, her sickness was gone!

Jesus stopped and asked, “Who touched My clothes?” The woman came forward, trembling. She told Jesus what had happened. Jesus said, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

While Jesus was still speaking, people came from Jairus’ house. “Your daughter has died,” they told Jairus. But Jesus told Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just believe.”

When they reached Jairus’ house, people were crying loudly. Jesus said, “Why are you crying? She is not dead. She is sleeping.” The people laughed at Him.

Jesus went into the room with the girl’s parents and three of His disciples. He took the girl’s hand and said, “Talitha koum” which means, “Little girl, get up.” Immediately, she stood up and began walking around! Everyone was amazed. Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

Not long after, Jesus healed two blind men who asked for mercy. Jesus also gave a man who could not speak the ability to talk. When Jesus saw the crowds of people, He felt compassion for them. Everywhere He went, Jesus showed that He has power over disease and death.

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SMALL GROUPS

OUR GOAL

To create opportunities that invite preteens to discover for themselves what it means to own and live out their faith.

DISCUSSION / APPLICATION

- 1) How did Jesus' miracles point to His death and resurrection?
- 2) What part does faith play in our salvation?
- 3) What does Jesus' compassion over the crowd show us about how we should treat others? What does it show us about how we should treat sin?
- 4) How does this story point us to Jesus' sovereignty—that He's in control of all things?
- 5) Does faith in Jesus guarantee us physical healing? Why not?

Explain that Jesus does not promise immediate physical healing when we place our faith in Him. But He does promise healing from sin and eternal life with Him for everyone who trusts in Him as Lord. Share that because of this hope we can trust that all things, including pain on this earth, are being used for His good purposes. (See Romans 8:28.)

PICK UP

After small group, kids can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until they are picked up. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and follow up on any questions or discussions from small group time.

As parents arrive upstairs, direct them to the game room, large group room, or balcony to pick their kids up. Make sure to match their security code with their kid's name tag and remove the name tag before they leave!

CLEAN UP

- Put away any supplies used during small group.
- Turn off TVs and lights in the small group rooms.
- Turn off both air hockey tables and put away extra pucks or paddles.
- Gather any balls or other items left out in the game room and put them away in the correct bins.
- Put away any games, books, or supplies in the balcony area.
- Check for any items left behind by kids and put them in the lost and found.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!