QUEST 5: JESUS HEALS A WOMAN AND A GIRL (LUKE 8:42–56)

KEY AIMS
• To see Jesus power and compassion for adults, children, and families.
• To see Jesus as the hope for people who are hopeless.

What You Need
+A copy of the drawing of the person in bed and a blank sheet of paper and a pencil or pen for each person
+Activity leaflets
+Battery powered tea light
+Optional - Treasure Chest and Treasure Scroll
+Optional - Spire of Light
+Optional - Supplies for the craft (see next page)
+Optional - equipment for your chosen game

THEME SONG
Option – play the Guardians of Ancora theme song (mp3 or video) to bring everyone together. The video can be found on the Multimedia links document in the Appendix.

OPENING ACTIVITY
Place the drawing of the person in bed in the center of the table. Hand out the blank sheets of paper and pencils/pens to each participant. Explain that you are going to play a game of ‘Pictionary’. Explain that the person in the bed is sick. Ask them to think of something that a doctor or nurse might use to find out what is wrong or help the person to get better. In turn, each participant will draw the object they thought of on a blank sheet of paper and see if the others can guess what it is. After everyone has had a turn, explain that today the Bible story is about a woman and a girl who were sick and needed Jesus help.

OPENING PRAYER
Thank you Jesus for inviting us to come to you with our problems and needs. Help us to understand how you helped the people in today’s story.

READ - Luke 8:42-56
Read the passage out loud in a way that is suitable for your family members.
Option – play the Guardians of Ancora video of this story. The video can be found on the Multimedia links document in the Appendix.

TALK ABOUT IT
What problem does Jairus bring to Jesus? How serious was the problem at the beginning? What about the woman’s problem? What else had she done to be healed? Why do you think Jesus asked, “Who touched me?” (At that time, bleeding of any kind made people ‘untouchable’.) The woman did not want to be identified. Why would Jesus ask her to show herself? What message did Jairus receive about his daughter? What do you think about Jesus’ response in verse 50?

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER
Take time to complete the activity sheets. As you try to find the seven differences and find the hidden words, talk about what the woman hoped for when she reached out to touch Jesus. What did Jairus hope for when he came to Jesus for help? What similarities and differences do you see between the woman, the girl, and even the Roman officer from yesterday? What does this tell us about the way we and other people approach Jesus.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?
In this passage we see a woman who has lost hope that she would ever get better and a father who loses hope after he receives the message that his daughter is dead. In both cases, Jesus restores the woman to health and the daughter to life. Talk about times when Jesus has restored your hope when hope was lost. Talk about times when things didn’t turn out the way you hoped. What do you think it means to trust and have faith in Jesus in all circumstances? Option - Write your comments and thoughts on a Treasure Scroll. Then roll it up and place it in the Treasure Chest.

PRAY TOGETHER
Begin by saying ‘Thank you, Jesus, that you are the hope of the hopeless. Give us faith to bring all our concerns to you.’ As you pass the tea light around, encourage everyone to give thanks for one thing that is important to them about Jesus from these Bible stories. Optional - after praying you could add the tea light to the Spire of Light.

CRAFT
Option – ‘Handprint collage’ see below.

GAME
Option – choose a game from the games in the Appendix.

THEME SONG
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CRAFT
HANDPRINT COLLAGE
SUPPLIES
• A large sheet of paper (or 9 sheets of US letter sized paper taped together to form 1 large sheet)
• A sheet of construction or wrapping paper for each person
• A pencil for each person
• Scissors
• Glue

DIRECTIONS
Give each participant a different colored or patterned sheet of construction or wrapping paper. Each person will trace their hands on the construction or wrapping paper. (Younger children may need help with this). Use scissors to cut the hands out. Glue all the hands to the large sheet of paper to form a handprint collage. At the top of the collage write - ‘The woman reached out and touched Jesus’ and ‘Jesus took hold of the girl’s hand.’ Put the handprint collage up on the wall to remind you of this story.
Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?

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THIS STORY IS ABOUT A W_________ AND A G_________

Seek and find the hidden words.

Try to find these words from the story.
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What we think it means to trust and have faith in Jesus in all circumstances.