

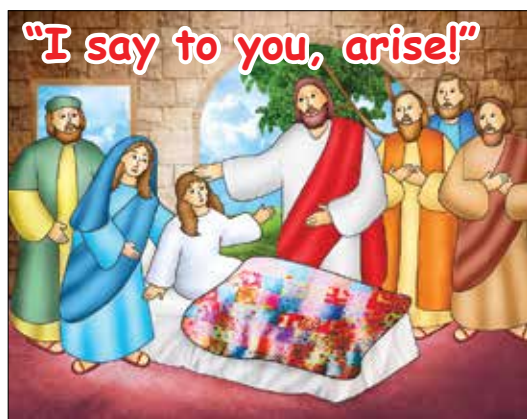
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A Good News Story

Jesus Raises the Dead, Heals the Sick

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(Illustration/Linda Jeanne Rivers)

Bible Trivia

What did Jesus say the girl should do after he raised her? (Hint: Mark 5:43)

Answer: Get something to eat.

Jesus and the apostles were in the territory of the Gerasenes near the Sea of Galilee.

They crossed the sea by boat, and a large crowd was waiting for them on the opposite side.

Jairus, an official from the synagogue, came forward and fell at Jesus' feet.

"My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live," Jairus pleaded.

Jesus agreed to go with Jairus. The large crowd also followed and pressed in upon the two men.

As they were heading toward Jairus' house, a woman in the crowd reached for Jesus' cloak.

For 12 years, she had suffered greatly from bleeding (called *hemorrhages*). She spent all of her money on doctors, but her affliction only grew worse.

"If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured," she said to herself.

Immediately after touching Je-

sus, she could feel that her bleeding had stopped and her affliction had been cured.

Jesus felt that power had gone out from Him. He turned around to look at the crowd.

"Who has touched my clothes?" He asked.

The woman, realizing what had happened to her, came forward trembling in fear. She fell down before

Jesus and told Him everything.

"Daughter," Jesus said, "your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

While Jesus was still speaking, people from Jairus' house arrived.

"Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" they said.

Jesus looked at Jairus.

"Do not be afraid; just have faith,"

He said.

When He reached Jairus' house, Jesus brought Peter, James and John inside with Him. All the people in the house were weeping and wailing.

"Why this commotion and weeping?" Jesus asked. "The child is not dead but asleep."

The people ridiculed Jesus, who sent them all outside.

Jesus brought the girl's parents and the three apostles into the girl's room. He took the child's hand and said, "*Talitha kum*," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"

The girl arose immediately and walked around, and all who saw were utterly astounded.

Q&A

Who asked Jesus to help his daughter?

Who in the crowd touched Jesus?

Read more about it in Mark 5

Warm Hands and Hearts This Winter

Third-Graders Hope to Give Warmth to 100+ in Need

ELGIN—Kathy Wizeck, third-grade teacher at St. Mary School, invited her students to join a winter service project she started last year: "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts." Throughout the winter, the class will hang bags of mittens and gloves on the school fence (lower right) so that community members can easily take what they need. Last year, the third-graders hung over 100 pairs of mittens and gloves on the fence, and they are aiming even higher this year.



(Photos provided/Carol Norman)

Where can you help?

This winter, many people who live near us in our Rockford Diocese are in need of help: some need warm clothes and others need the warmth of home and care.

For ideas, ask your teacher or grown-up to call these Catholic Charities groups and see what donations they need.

Emergency Assistance:
815-344-6956

Refugee Resettlement Services: 815-399-1709

St. Elizabeth Catholic Community Center:

Adult Services:

815-965-6993

Children's Services:

815-969-6526

