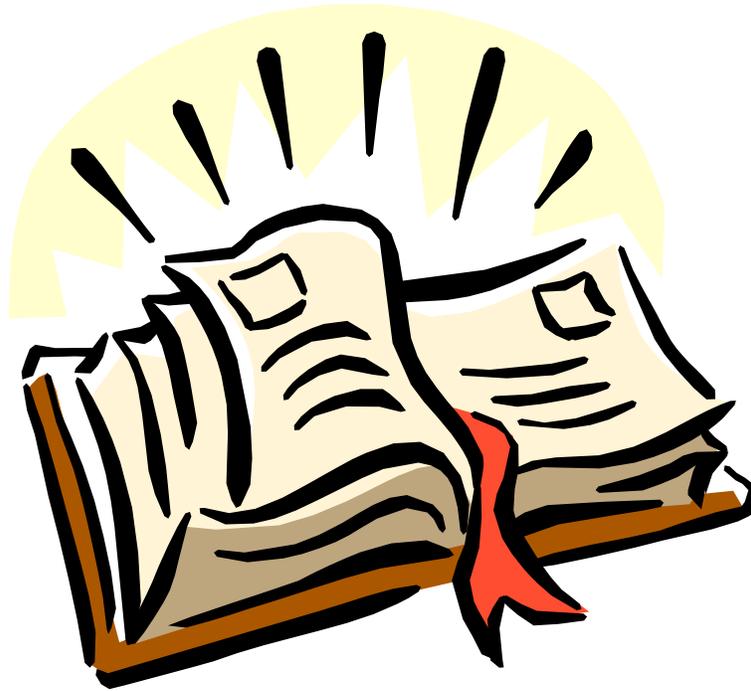


# Bible Time for Kids!



**CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:**

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**LESSON TITLE: The Daughter of Jairus**

**THEME: Jesus is the resurrection and the life!**

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 8:40-56**

# Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions (five per week) for children and their families through which we hope to reinforce Sunday's lesson, provide ideas for the application of God's Word, and encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. Since the age of your child will affect how they respond to the content, we suggest you make them age appropriate by adding your own ideas.

In the lesson this week, we learned about the time when **Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus (Luke 8:40-56)**. We encourage you to review these scriptures with your child. Jesus has power over death. **He is the "Resurrection and the Life."** We see Him demonstrate His power over death in the life of the girl in our story, in the life of Lazarus, and others who He raised from the dead.

Jesus, Himself, rose from the dead! He has conquered death and when we trust in Him, we receive eternal life. What a blessing it is to know that we will live forever with Him!

We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

# Reunited

**Text: John 5:24** - "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

**Also read Luke 7:11-16**

The Johnson's were on vacation at the Great Amusement Park. It was the busiest day of the year for the amusement park with over 500,000 people attending. Mrs. Johnson wanted to go over by the Main Street entrance so she could get some photographs of the characters. On their way, they saw Leonard the Lion! Mrs. Johnson let go of her son Tommy's hand, so she could get a picture. After she took the picture she reached down to grab Tommy's hand, but there was no Tommy! She looked around and did not see him. Mr. Johnson took the other two children and started looking for their son. Tommy was 5 years old and very curious. All kinds of fearful thoughts entered Mrs. Johnson's mind. She even thought, "What if Tommy's been kidnapped?"

After praying and reporting the lost child to the park's security officers, the Johnson's went back to the area where Tommy had disappeared and continued to look for him. Questions continued to race through the minds of the worried parents, "Would they ever find Tommy? Was he lost or had someone taken him?" What a terrible feeling it is to lose someone you love very much! After a short while of searching, one of the park security officers walked up to the Johnson's with a small child with him. It was Tommy! Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's hearts leaped with joy at seeing their son safely returned to them. As it turned out, Tommy had wandered off and become lost in one of the gift shops. He had become very upset when he realized that Mom was not around—that's how the store employee knew that he was lost! When Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were reunited with Tommy they were overjoyed. Being reunited after someone is lost is truly a wonderful feeling!

In our reading, today, we see that Jesus reunited a mother with her son who was dead. What a joyous feeling she must have had when Jesus touched the open coffin and said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." One day, we will be reunited with those we love who are Christians and have gone to be with the Lord before us (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Do you think it will be an exciting time?!

- Have you ever been lost for a while? What was it like when you were reunited with your parents?
- Will we be reunited one day with those we love who have gone to be with Him?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Reunited:** To bring or come together again.

# A Word of Hope

**Text: Luke 8:50** - "Do not be afraid, only believe, and she will be made well."

**Also read Luke 7:22 and Luke 8:49-56**

Jairus was a man of great reputation and wealth. He was the ruler of the synagogue, which was truly a powerful man during the time of Jesus. He appointed people to pray, read the Scriptures, and give the sermon. But, Jairus had a problem—one that power and money could not help. His daughter was very sick, and she was dying. This powerful man could do very little for his daughter who was about to die.

It took a great deal of **humility** and courage for Jairus to approach Jesus and ask for His help. You see, during this time, the Jews were plotting to kill Jesus because they were afraid that Jesus was becoming more popular with the people than they were. Jairus knew about what Jesus was doing to help and heal others, so He went to find Him! By the time Jesus was able to leave the crowds and go with Jairus, the word came that Jairus' daughter had died. What now? Jairus' friends told Jairus to drop the matter and go home to be with his family.

Jesus encouraged Jairus with a word of hope (Luke 8:50). The friends of Jairus laughed at Jesus. In their minds, death had always and would always be final. They failed to realize that Jesus is "The Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25-26). Jesus went inside the house with Jairus, Jairus' wife, Peter, James and John. Jesus then took Jairus' daughter by the hand and said, "Little girl, arise." Guess what happened? She arose and started walking around the room. Jesus told them to give her something to eat. (It is likely that during her sickness she had eaten little or nothing.) Jesus had **resurrected** the little girl from death! Money and power cannot bring life after death, but Jesus can! He will give you eternal life as you place your trust in Him.

- Why did Jairus go to Jesus?
- Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_! (fill in the blanks)

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Humility:** Being humble; meekness. Not bragging about yourself.

**Resurrected:** To be raised from the dead.

Day Three

## A "New-Birth" Day

**Text: John 11:43** - "He cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth!'"  
**Also read Ephesians 2:1-10**

Monica held a sleep-over for her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had several of her school friends over. Her friends were Christians except for Martha and Denise. After watching a movie and eating popcorn, the girls were lying on the floor talking about the movie. One of the characters in the movie had died. They were talking about that part of the movie when from out of nowhere, Martha asked, "What do you think happens to us when we die?" Denise replied, "I don't think anything happens; there is just nothing." Monica and the other girls disagreed. "I believe in life after death," stated Monica. "The Bible talks about eternal life, living forever with God and Jesus Christ in heaven." As guests of Monica's last summer, Martha and Denise had attended a day of Vacation Bible School and heard about God and His Son Jesus. The girls listened intently as Monica quoted John 3:16 and told them more about love of Jesus and His plan of salvation and promise of eternal life.

"In the Bible, its pretty clear," stated Monica, "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.' God promises eternal life to all who believe in Jesus." "I like that idea much better than thinking that after death, there is nothing," Denise said thoughtfully. Monica added, "Not only does Jesus promise life eternally, He promises to always be with us through this life, leading us and guiding us." "Yeah," interrupted Julie, one of Monica's friends. God said in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Martha and Denise decided to become Christians that night. The special birthday party for Monica also became a special "new-birth" day for Martha and Denise. They were both excited about their new relationship with Jesus.

In Psalm 73:23,24, Asaph was happy as he proclaimed: "...I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." We who have put our trust in Jesus have great hope—the assurance of eternal life as well as God's promise to hold our hand through this life.

- How about you? Have you had a "new-birth" day?
- Can you think of any friends that you would like to share Jesus with?

### Kid's Bible Dictionary



**New Birth:** Being "born again" when we ask Jesus into our lives.

Day Four

# There is Something Different About You! (Part 1)

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

**Also read Acts 9:1-9, 20-22**

Joshua walked into room 34 and sat down in a desk that was not taken. Now a big fifth grader, Joshua was nervous about his first day of school. "Will there be any of my old friends from 4<sup>th</sup> grade in my 5<sup>th</sup> grade class?" thought Joshua. About 5 minutes after he sat down, Tommy Jacobs walked into the room. "All right!" exclaimed Joshua. Tommy and Joshua were on the same soccer team last year. Joshua felt a lot better about his class. Soon after Tommy walked in, another friend entered the room, Kacey Williamson. Kacey was a nice guy. He did not pick on other kids like a lot of the boys did nor did he ever have bad things to say about anyone. There was something about him that made most of the kids like him.

About 2 minutes before the bell rang, another boy walked into the room. "Oh no! It's Troy Johnson!" Joshua thought. Troy was the one boy at the school that everyone feared. He was a bully. He would pick on kids that were smaller than him, that included Kacey! One day during recess last year, Troy punched Kacey in the stomach for no reason at all. Kacey was in a lot of pain for a while. The coolest thing of all was that Kacey did not hold any grudge against Troy. Kacey even tried to become friends with Troy after it had happened!

Troy walked over and took a seat right next to him. Troy looked over and smiled and said, "Hi Joshua." Joshua was floored. This was a first. Troy had never before talked to Joshua. Troy then looked over and said, "Hey Kacey, it's good to see you." Now, Joshua was really stunned. What was with Troy Johnson, the school trouble maker? Did he fall and land on his head? Why was he so different? Joshua was thinking about this so much that he had a difficult time paying attention to the teacher that day. **(To be continued on Day Five)**

- Why do you think Troy is different this year?
- Can someone change their attitude like Troy? How?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Change:** To make different.

Day Five

## There Is Something Different About You! (Part 2)

**Text: 2 Corinthians 5:17** - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. "

**Also read Acts 9:1-9, 20-22**

**(Continued from Day Four)** The bell rang, and it was time for recess. Troy got up and pushed in his chair. He went up to talk to Mr. Jackson, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Before he made it to Mr. Jackson's desk, he turned and asked Joshua, Tommy, and Kacey if they would like to wait for him outside, so they could shoot some baskets together. "S-s-sure", said Joshua. Joshua turned to Tommy and Kacey, "What's up with Troy? Why is he being so nice to us?" "Well the neatest thing happened last summer after Troy punched me," said Kacey, "I invited him to come to church and he accepted. He came to know Jesus as his personal Savior."

"Wow!" exclaimed Joshua, who was not a Christian. "Just because Troy believed in Jesus, he changed into a nice guy?" "Well, yeah," said Kacey. "Jesus has a way of changing things! We can't change ourselves, but when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, He put the His Spirit inside us to change us from the inside out. We just don't want to do or be the way we were before. We love Jesus and want to become more like Him. When anyone believes in Jesus, He will help them, too!" Joshua and Tommy were both pretty amazed at the change in Troy. They had never heard anything like this. Kacey was happy as he saw the way God used this to give him an opportunity to tell Joshua and Tommy about Jesus. He had been praying for them for a long time.

A changed life is powerful evidence to God's power and glory! Paul, once Saul, had a radical change of direction as he turned to follow Jesus. In Galatians 1:23, Paul wrote concerning those who heard of his new faith, "...they were hearing only, 'He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God in me." What about your life? As your life is surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, people are sure to see the difference and bring glory to God.

- Who can make a big difference in our life?
- How can God use a life that is changed for His good purposes?

### **Kid's Prayer Time**



**Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Thank the Lord for the hope of eternal life He has give us and the promise of new life here! Pray for those around you who do not know Jesus.**

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

Third Grade and Above

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.'"

John 11:25