

# 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 for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together

This week in Children's Church we learned about the time when **Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus**. In the Bible we learn that 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.

We also see in the Bible that He 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. Let's look at this some more as we look into God's word this week.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Luke 8:40-56**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His 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. There were over 500,000 people there that day. It was the busiest day of the year for the amusement park. 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 a problem. 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 things started to enter Mrs. Johnson's mind. She 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 disappeared from to continue looking for him. Would they ever find Tommy? Was he lost or had someone taken him? These questions were racing through the mind of Tommy's parents. What a terrible feeling it is to lose someone you love very much. After a short while 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 just 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).

- Have you ever been lost for a while?
- What was it like when you were reunited with your parents?

## **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. He was the one who saw to it that people were appointed to pray, read the Scriptures, and give the sermon. He truly was a powerful man during the time of Jesus. But, there was one problem. His daughter was very sick and she was dying. Even though Jarius had much power and money, he could do very little for his daughter who was about to die. There are many people today in the same situation as Jarius was. They have a great reputation, a lot of money and great power. But one thing that can't buy is life after death.

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. Jairus' friends thought Jesus could help only the living! Boy were they wrong!

Jesus encouraged Jairus with a word of hope (Luke 8:50). The friends of Jairus laughed at Jesus because they knew that death was final. But 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. Jesus can give you or I eternal life when we believe in Him.

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

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Humility:** Being humble; modesty or 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 was having a sleep-over for her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had a lot of friends over from school. Most of 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. That means living forever with God and Jesus Christ in heaven." Martha and Denise both heard about God and His Son Jesus at Vacation Bible School last summer. They were a guest of Monica's for one of the days. Monica continued to talk and tell the girls about John 3:16 and how Jesus died on the cross for our sins. The girls listened intently.

Monica continued to share about Jesus and what eternal life means. When she finished both Martha and Denise asked Monica, "What do we need to do in order to have this life with God?" Monica got her Bible and shared with them more about Jesus. She shared with them the story about a friend of Jesus' by the name of Lazarus. She told them how Lazarus was raised from the dead by the power of God, and all who put their trust in Jesus can have eternal life.

Monica invited the girls that evening to ask Jesus to come into their hearts. She was kind of scared to pray with them because she had never done that before. But she knew that Jesus would help her. Monica explained to her friends that all they needed to do was to believe in Him and then ask Jesus into their heart. Both girls became new Christians that evening. What a special birthday this was! Not only was it a special birthday for Monica but also a "new-birth" day for Martha and Denise. They were both excited about their new relationship with Jesus.

- 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. This was Joshua's first day of school. Joshua is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and he 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.

But there was one boy at the school that everyone feared, Troy Johnson. Troy was a bully. He would pick on kids that were smaller than him. He would always pick on 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.

About 2 minutes before the bell rang, another boy walked into the room. "Oh no! It was Troy Johnson!" Joshua thought. Troy walked over and took a seat right next to Joshua. Troy looked over and smiled and said, "Hi Joshua". Joshua was floored. This was a first. Troy never talked to Joshua. Troy then looked over and said, "Hey Kacey, it's good to see you." Joshua was 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 had punched me," said Kacey, "I invited him to come to church and he accepted." Kacey proceeded to tell the boys about how Troy came to know Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

"Wow!" exclaimed Joshua. "Just because Troy believed in Jesus he changed into a nice guy?" "Well, yes", said Kacey. "When Troy asked Jesus to come into His life Jesus did just that and began to change him. God's Holy Spirit began to help him to become more like Jesus. Troy did not change by himself; he changed because he had Jesus in his life. He doesn't want to do the things he used to do anymore. When anyone believes in Jesus, He will help them too!" Joshua and Tommy were both shocked. They had never heard anything like this. What an opportunity this was to witness to Tommy and Joshua. Kacey has been praying for them for a long time.

The boys waited outside of the classroom for Troy. God's word had been planted in the hearts of both Tommy and Joshua. Tommy whispered something to Joshua. Joshua then leaned over to Kacey, "Could we come to church with you sometime?" Kacey said "yes! How about this Sunday?" And guess what? They showed up to church on Sunday and once again they were in the same class together. Joshua and Tommy both got to hear about Jesus and they asked Him into their hearts like Troy did.

- How has Jesus changed your life?

## Kid's Prayer Time



This week we have learned about death and resurrection. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. We can have a new life because of Jesus. When you pray this week you can thank Jesus for the new life that He has given you. If you have never asked Him into your heart, just ask Him today!

# 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