

# SMALL GROUP

TODAY'S WONDER TRUTH: JESUS HAS POWER TO HEAL



## WORD OF WONDER:

How great God is! We'll never completely understand him.  
- Job 36:26a

## GOD'S BIG STORY:

Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter  
(Mark 5)

## GOD'S BIG STORY QUESTIONS:

- Who are some people Jesus healed and helped throughout the Bible? *(Pause for kids to list Bible stories that come to mind. Encourage them to look in their Bibles.)*
- Who did Jesus heal and help in today's story? *(a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years and a 12-year-old girl who had been sick and died)*
- What do you think it would be like to watch Jesus heal people who were very sick? What emotions would you feel? Would you tell anyone else what you saw? Why or why not?
- Think about today's story. What did Jesus' actions show people about Him?
- Do you think Jesus is as powerful today as He was at the time of today's story? Why or why not? *(Note: While Jesus is as powerful today, give kids space to process their ideas, and honestly, even their doubts.)*
- What amazing things have you seen Jesus do in your life or the lives of people you know? What do these show you about Him?

## Welcome Question

- In what ways are you powerful?
- God has created each one of us in an amazing way, and no matter our age, all of us are powerful in some pretty cool ways! Today we'll hear about someone who is more powerful than anyone or anything! But first, it's time to be curious!

## Curiosity Questions

- What do you think makes someone powerful?
- How many sources of power can you name? *(Possible answers: electricity, water, solar/sun, batteries, etc.)*

## Curiosity Activity: Where's the Power?

- **Who has used a flashlight before?** Hold up the flashlight and allow kids to raise their hands
- **What happens when you turn a flashlight on?** Let kids answer freely.
- **That's right. The light turns on! Who would like to come up and turn my flashlight on?** Choose a kid to come up and try turning on the flashlight. When it doesn't turn on, ask him to return to his seat.
- **Oh, that's weird. Maybe someone else will have the magic touch.** Call another kid up to try turning on the flashlight. Then ask her to return to her seat.
- **Hmm ... maybe we need to shake the flashlight.** Shake it. Or tap it gently. Tap it gently. Or sing it a song. Sing a silly song to the flashlight. It still won't turn on! Maybe I'm missing something.
- **What do you think I'm missing?** Allow kids to shout out their ideas. Many will realize you need batteries.
- **Batteries? Aha! Maybe that's it.** Hold up the batteries and invite one kid to put them into the flashlight. (Help them as needed.)
- **OK. Here's the moment of truth!** Dramatically flip the switch to turn the flashlight on.
- **Ta-da! It works! Why do you think the flashlight works now when it didn't just a minute ago?** Allow kids to share their ideas.
- **Let's find out more!** Display the Flashlight Diagram Slide. As you talk, invite kids to pass the flashlight around, taking turns switching it on and off.
- **A flashlight uses electricity to make the light shine, but we don't plug in a flashlight—it works by using a battery. All the power needed to make the electricity is stored inside the battery, and the power is always there, whether the flashlight is turned on or not. When the flashlight is turned on, though, we can see the power in the battery at work.**
- **In today's part of God's big story, Jesus shows His awesome power when He heals two people. But similar to how electric power is always in the battery, Jesus' power is always there, whether we see it showing at the time or not. He's strong, in charge, and has the amazing ability to do things nobody else can do!**
- Today's Wonder Truth is **JESUS IS POWERFUL.**

## Word of Wonder Activity

- **In God's big story today, we witnessed Jesus' incredible power when He healed a woman and raised a girl from the dead. Let's say our Word of Wonder together as a reminder of God's amazing power!** Invite kids to read Job 36:26a several times together.
- **Let's work as a team to practice our Word of Wonder!** Invite kids to line up in order by height, from shortest to tallest. Explain that you will work together as a team to remember the whole verse. The first person in line will say the first word of the verse. The second person will say the second word, and so on. If you get to the end of the verse and there are still kids in line, repeat the verse a second time. And if you get to the end of the line before the verse is complete, go back to the first person. (If needed display the Word of Wonder Slide for kids to reference as they practice the verse. Once the group has the verse down, challenge them to turn their backs to the screen and try the activity again.)

# Responding in Worship: Powerful Jesus Loves Me!

- In God's big story today, we saw Jesus' power when He healed the woman and rose the girl from the dead. Jesus is powerful—it's true! But there's more. The powerful Jesus who can heal the sick and raise the dead loves you! Isn't that amazing? Let's take some time to think about how powerful Jesus is and that He loves us.
- Set out crayons, markers, or watercolor paint in various colors. (If using paint, also set out paintbrushes, cups of water for kids to dip their brushes in, and paper towels. Consider covering the area with disposable tablecloths.)
- **Let's practice a way of praying where we slow down to create art as we think about God.**
- Lead the kids in taking a few deep breaths together. Count slowly to three as everyone inhales. Then count slowly to three as everyone exhales. Encourage kids to keep breathing slowly as they choose one coloring utensil (a crayon, marker, or paintbrush dipped in paint).
- **I'll say something about who Jesus is. After each sentence, we'll all respond, "Jesus loves me!" As you do this, trace an outline around the heart on your sheet. As you draw, I encourage you to really think about how much Jesus loves you.** Model this for the kids by outlining the heart on your sample sheet with a crayon, marker, or paint. Then choose a different color and trace the heart just inside your previous line. Do this several times, with a different color each time, until you've drawn several concentric heart shaped lines.
- **After each time you trace your heart, you'll choose a different color to use the next time you say, "Jesus loves me!" OK, let's begin.**
- **Jesus is powerful everywhere.**
  - Kids respond: Jesus loves me! (Pause for kids to trace an outline around their hearts. Then invite them to choose a different color.)
- **Jesus is powerful all the time.**
  - Kids respond: Jesus loves me! (Pause for kids to trace an outline around their hearts just inside their previous outline. Then invite them to choose a different color.)
- **Jesus is powerful because all things were created through Him and for Him.**
  - Kids respond: Jesus loves me! (Pause for kids to trace an outline around their hearts just inside their previous outline. Then invite them to choose a different color.)
- **Jesus is powerful because He can do amazing things that nobody else can.**
  - Kids respond: Jesus loves me! (Pause for kids to trace an outline around their hearts just inside their previous outline. Then invite them to choose a different color.)
- **Jesus is powerful, and He loves us.**
  - Kids respond: Jesus loves me! (Pause for kids to trace an outline around their hearts just inside their previous outline. This will be their last outline.)
- Next, invite kids to draw (or paint) a picture inside their hearts that illustrates the truth that Jesus is powerful and loves them! It might be a picture that shows Jesus with them or a pretty design that is their way of saying, "Thank You" to Jesus for His love and power. Play music from the [Now That's a Miracle! Elementary Spotify playlist](#) during this time.

## SMALL GROUP PRAYER

Jesus is so powerful He can heal people. He even healed a woman who simply touched the edge of His clothes. Now that's amazing! Let's talk with Jesus in prayer and thank Him for His love and power!

Invite kids to join you in a circle to spend time talking to Jesus. Ask whether anyone has a question, something they would like to share with Jesus, or a prayer request. Give each kid a chance to participate, then close in prayer, remembering to thank Jesus for loving us!