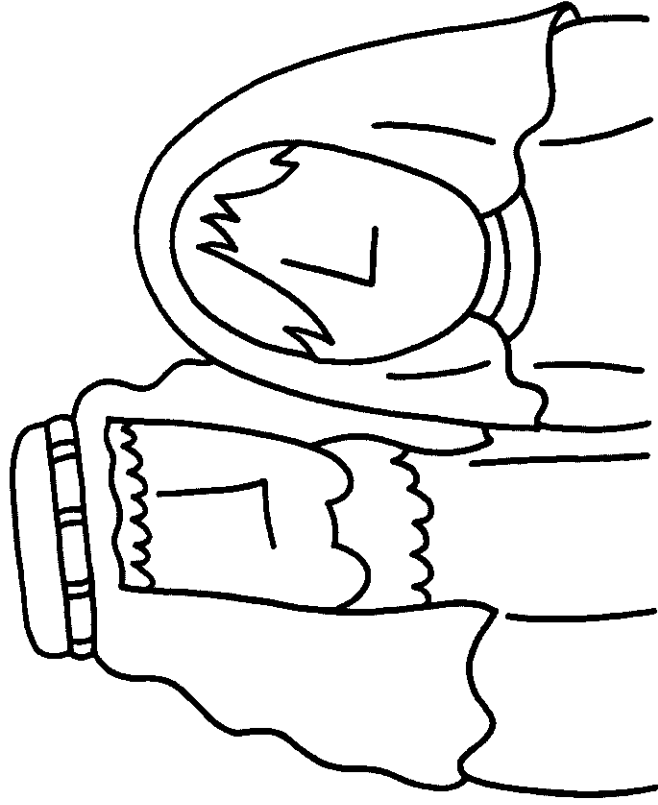


Jesus brought the  
little girl back to life!  
Everyone was overjoyed!

Give her mother and father happy faces

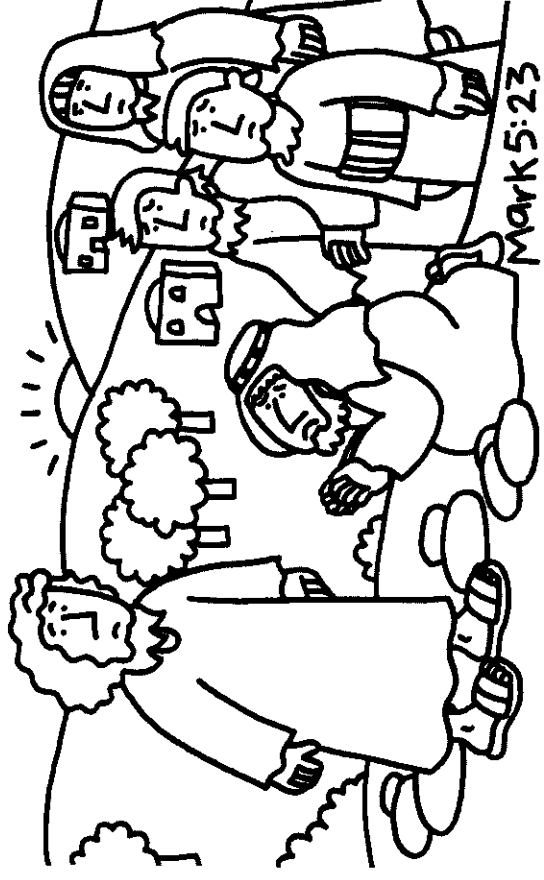


Jesus gives  
new life!

MARK 5:21-43

A man asked Jesus to save his little girl.

Color the picture



A woman in the  
crowd believed that Jesus  
could make her well!

Color the letters with a • to find out what she had

BEHEMOTH



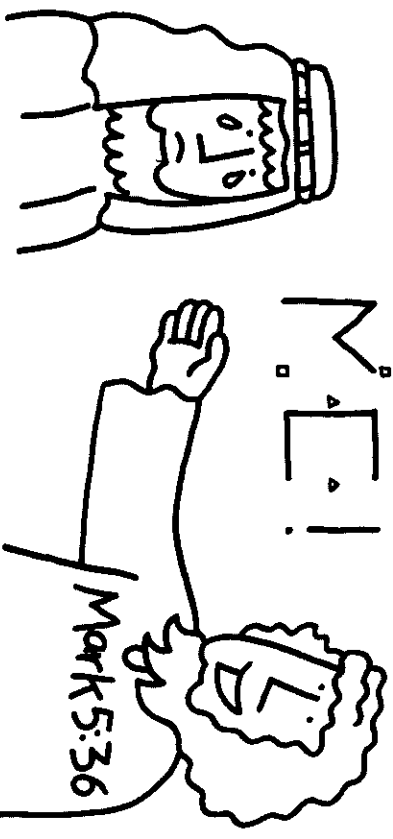
The little girl died.  
What did Jesus  
say to her sad father?

Connect the same shapes  
to spell out the answer

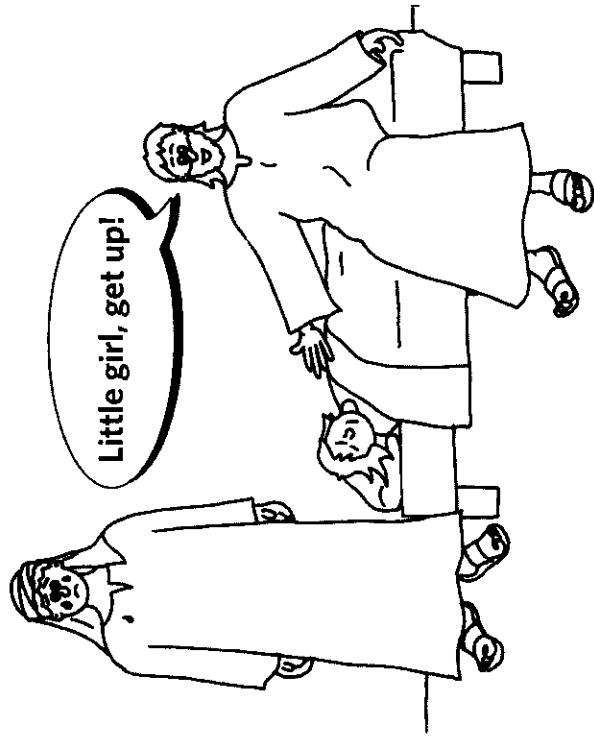
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Jesus went to the little girl...

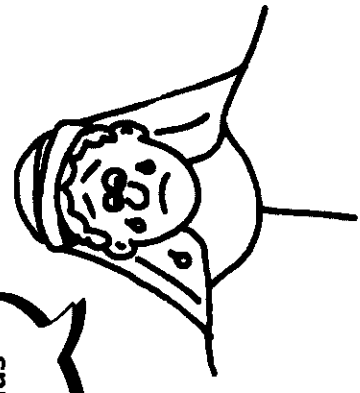


Draw a picture of what happened next!







# Jesus gives us new life!

MARK 5:21-43

A synagogue leader asked Jesus to save his daughter who was dying.



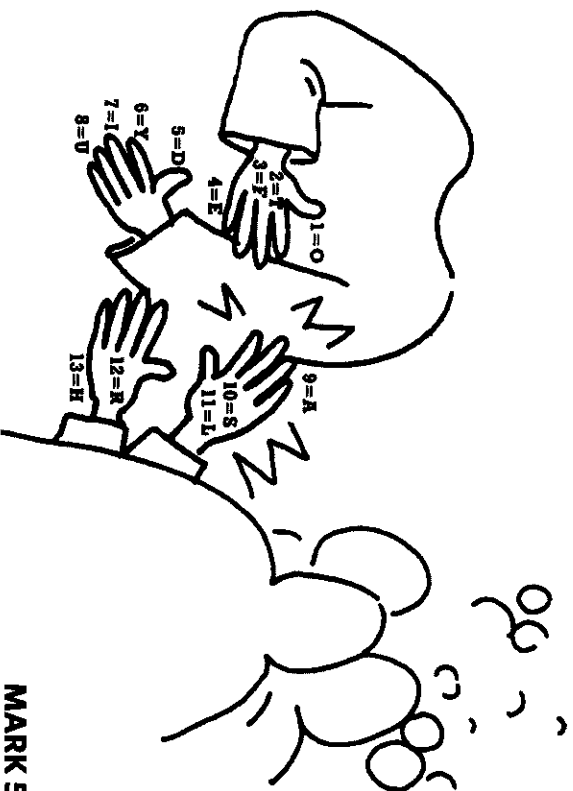
Write the first letter of each object to find out the man's name

						
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A woman in the crowd  
believed that touching Jesus  
would cure her illness!

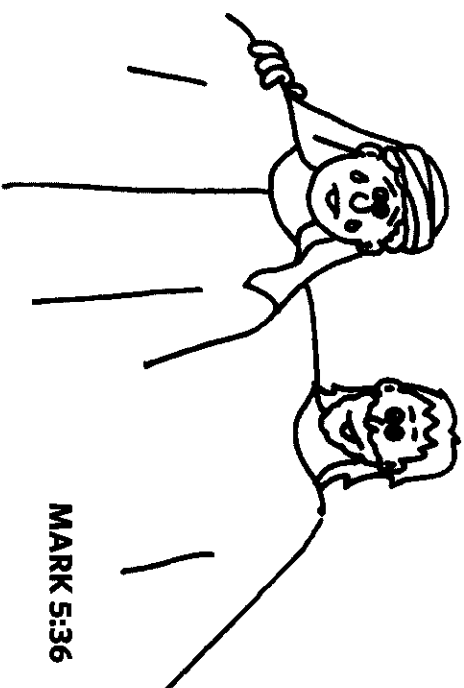
Use the numbered letters to see what Jesus said to her

“  
6 1 8 12 3 9 7 2 13  
13 9 10  
13 4 9 11 4 5 6 1 8  
!”



MARK 5:34

News came that the little girl was dead!  
What did Jesus say to her father?



MARK 5:36

Add or subtract letters to find out

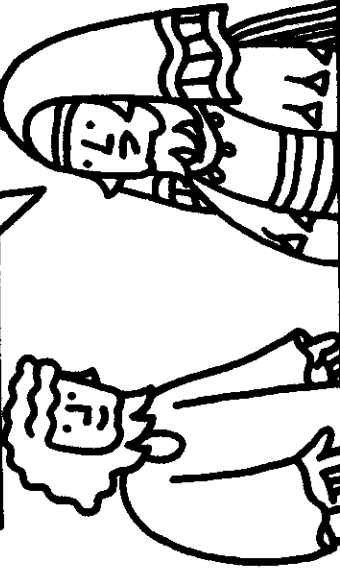
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

“D \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ ID!  
J+5 U-7 T-5 A+1 Q-6 C+3 M-12  
I-7 A+4 F+6 Z-4 K-2 H+6 Q-4  
IE E E!”

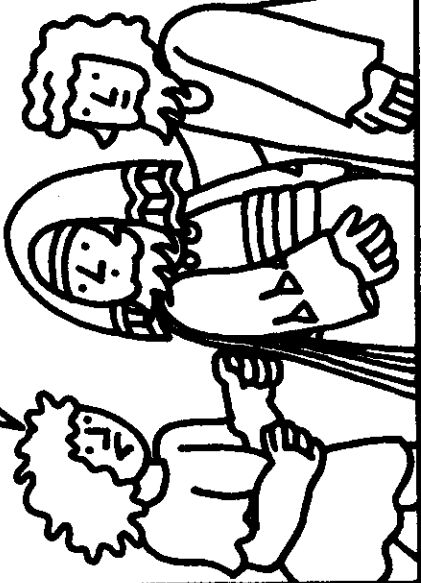


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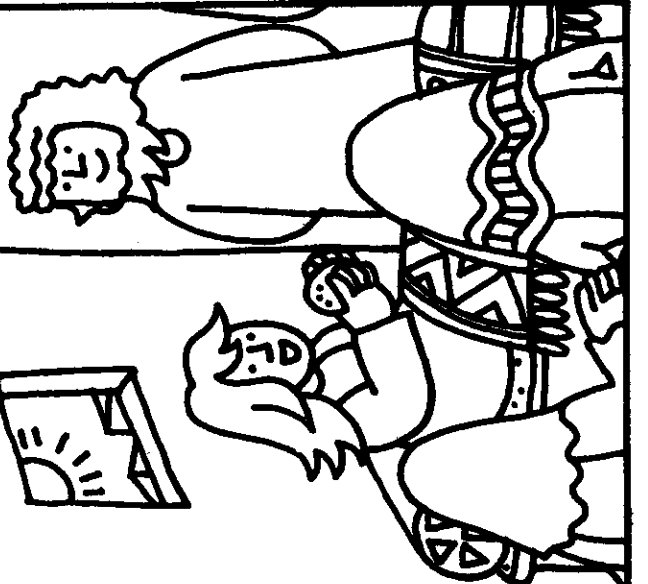
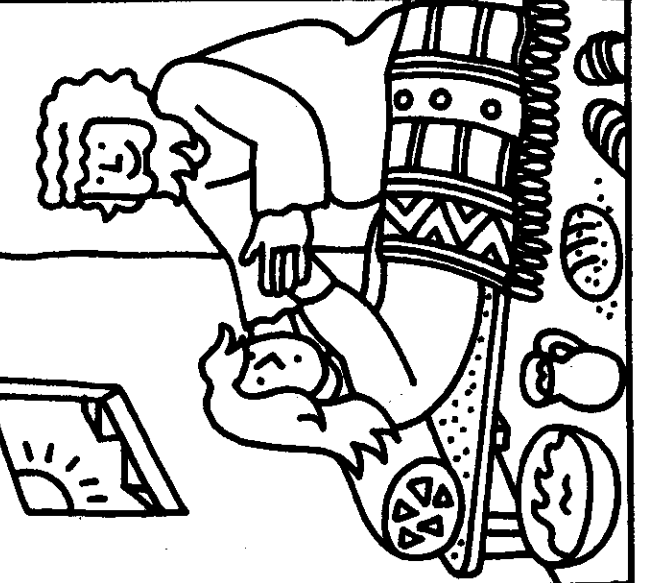
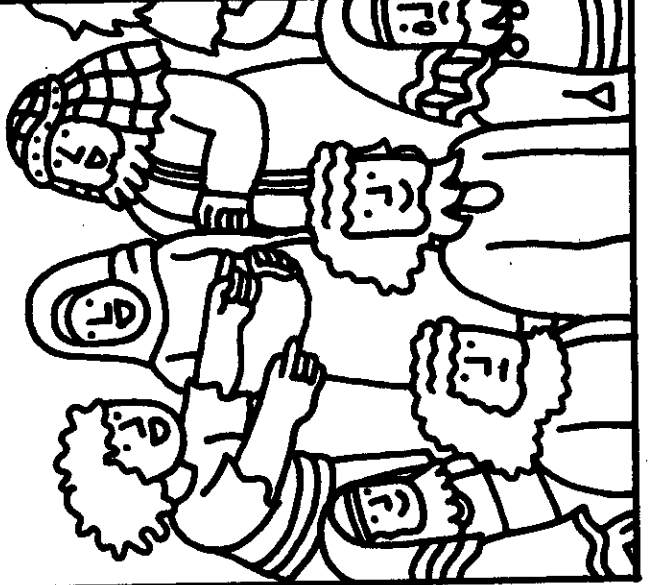
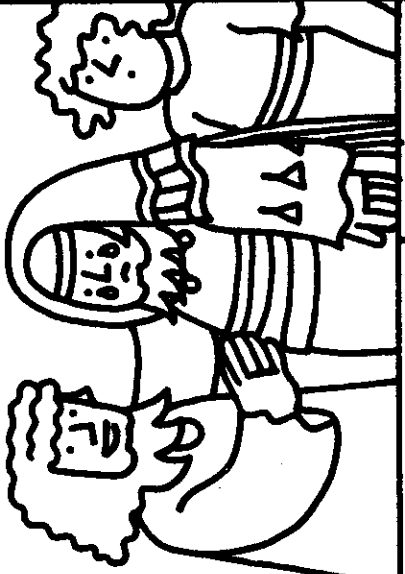
Jesus please come!  
My little girl is sick.



Master, you are too  
late, your daughter  
is dead.



Do not be afraid.  
Trust me.





Do not be afraid,



Trust me and have  
Faith.





# Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

## Focus

A Bible open at today's Gospel, together with a candle and a handprint on a piece of paper or a plate of sand (to represent the healing touch of Jesus).

## Introduction

Faith is a mystery. It is a gift from God that opens our hearts and minds to help us accept and believe the truth revealed by Jesus. It takes us where reason and common sense cannot go, and helps us to discover what lies beyond our simple understanding.

## Gloria

## Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 4.

## Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St Mark (5:21-43)  
(See page 383.)

## Reflection

*Why was Jairus so upset when he came to ask Jesus for help?*

As a father, Jairus was beside himself with worry because his little girl was dangerously ill. He had probably already tried whatever medical help there was, but they did not have the modern medicines we have today to relieve her fever and fight the disease.

*Why did he go in search of Jesus?*

Jairus was an important official at the synagogue in Capernaum, a fishing village where Jesus had spent some time preaching and healing the sick. He came to a man of whom he probably knew very little. He was ready to try anything to save his little girl, and he believed that Jesus was the only hope he had left.

*How did Jesus respond to this desperate father's cry for help?*

He set off at once without hesitation as Jairus led him to his house.

*What happened on the way there?*

A woman in the crowd that was following Jesus was desperate to be healed, and she reached out and touched him as he hurried past. At once the illness that she had suffered for twelve years was healed.

*When Jesus stopped and spoke to her what did he say?*

He told her that her remarkable faith had made her well. Because she truly believed that Jesus could help her, with a simple touch, that's exactly what happened.

*What sad news did Jairus receive before he reached home?*

A servant came to tell him that he was too late because his daughter was already dead.

*How did Jairus react when Jesus asked him to have trust and faith in him?*

Having received news that his daughter was already dead, Jairus might have chosen to think that all was lost, but he didn't. He had just witnessed the power of faith in allowing Jesus to heal. He knew that Jesus could heal those who believed in him, so was it possible that he could restore life too? He had asked Jesus for his help because he believed that he could save his daughter. He faithfully led Jesus back to his home and the room where his little girl lay.

*What did Jesus do next?*

He reached out and gently touched the little girl's hand, before commanding her to get up. Jairus had faithfully asked Jesus to help, and his response revealed the love and power of God as the little girl opened her eyes and sat up.

*What can these stories teach us?*

If we have faith and believe in God's ability to work in the world, then no situation or suffering is beyond his healing touch. Just as Jesus responded to the needs of Jairus and the sick woman, so he will respond to our needs if we but ask and are ready to trust and believe in the depth and power of his love.

## Activity

Cut out large letters which together spell out the words 'Do not be afraid, trust me and have faith.' Let the children colour the letters and help them to arrange them on a colourful banner around the central picture of Jesus curing the little girl.

## Intercessions

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:

We pray for an end to the suffering of those who are poor and exploited.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to hatred, fear and prejudice in our world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who teach and share the Christian faith.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and all who struggle with pain.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of our hearts let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

*Silence*

Loving Father,  
increase our faith and change the lives of all who believe and trust in your saving love. We make these and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



Year B

## Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

Jesus gives new life

### INTRODUCTION

Jesus knew how precious life is: to be able to enjoy the sun and rain, to be able to love each other, and to be part of our world. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus used his power to raise a dead little girl back to life again.

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

### LIGHT THE CANDLES

Sing the Candle Song.

### SORRY

Before we sing our song together, let us close our eyes and for few moments, tell God how much we love him, and ask for his forgiveness if we have done wrong. Sing Sorry Song 1.

### GLORIA

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

To welcome today's Gospel sing Acclamation 5.

### GOSPEL (MARK 5:21-24, 35-43)

A large crowd had gathered around Jesus, when a man called Jairus came to him and pleaded, "Master, my little girl is dying! Please come and take her in your arms, so she will be well again."

Jesus set off with Jairus, but on the way a servant came and told them that the little girl was already dead. Jesus turned to Jairus and said, "Do not be afraid, just trust me." At the house everyone was crying and feeling very sad, but Jesus told them, "Don't cry, the little girl is not dead, only sleeping."

They then made fun of Jesus! They knew the difference between someone who was sleeping and someone who was dead. Sending everyone else away, Jesus took Jairus and his wife, and the disciples James, John, and Peter, up to the room where the little girl lay. Gently taking her hand, Jesus said quietly, "Little girl, get up!"

The little girl got up and walked around the room. They were all so amazed that they didn't

know what to say or do next, until Jesus said, "Give her something to eat, she must be hungry."

### DISCUSSION

Jairus had come to ask that Jesus help his little girl, who was very ill. When someone asked for help, Jesus never turned them down. He left what he was doing and went off with Jairus at once.

While on their way, Jesus and Jairus were told that they were too late, and the little girl was already dead. Jesus asked Jairus to trust him and to believe in his power. Jesus knew that death was not the end of everything.

Why did the people laugh at Jesus and make fun of him? They saw that the little girl was dead: she had stopped breathing and her heart was no longer beating. When Jesus said that she was only sleeping, they thought he was being foolish and silly.

Jairus had trusted Jesus and believed in him, and yet he was amazed and filled with wonder by the miracle before his eyes. Jesus had brought his daughter back to life when she was already dead. At that moment, Jairus and everyone else in the room had seen the power of God at work changing death into life!

When do we hope to be raised to life again? We believe that one day, at the end of time, the dead will be raised up by the power of God to live a new and everlasting life in Heaven.

### ACTIVITY

Copy the pictures which tell today's Gospel story for the children to color. Cut them out and help the children to assemble them in book form.

### CREED

### CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Jesus, today we pray for people  
who are sick in mind or body.

In your compassion and love,  
reach out and touch them  
with your healing power.

*(Invite the children to pray for any sick friends or relatives they know.)*

We pray that you will heal all our friends and relatives, especially those that we have mentioned in our thoughts and words.