

Day 7: God Comes to Earth

Let's Start

ASK: What sort of person gives each of these instructions? Why should you listen to that person?

"Brush your teeth for two minutes twice a day."

"In an emergency follow the cabin lights to the rear of the plane."

SAY: When an expert or someone in charge gives us an instruction, we need to listen to them. Their instructions show what sort of knowledge or power they have. In today's true Bible story, we have moved forward about 1,400 years. We will meet a man called Jesus, hear some instructions Jesus gave, and think about what they show us about him.

Let's Listen to God

READ: Luke 8:41-42, 49-53

41 Then a man named Jairus came. He was a synagogue leader. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged Jesus to come to his house. 42 His only daughter was dying. She was about 12 years old. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.

49 While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus. Jairus was the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," the messenger said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."

50 Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just believe. She will be healed."

51 When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let everyone go in with him. He took only Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. 52 During this time, all the people were crying and sobbing loudly over the child. "Stop crying!" Jesus said. "She is not dead. She is sleeping."

53 They laughed at him. They knew she was dead.

ASK: What instructions did Jesus give Jairus after his daughter died?

What did Jesus tell the girl's crying family and friends not to do? Why was what he said strange?

READ: Luke 8:54-56

54 But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" 55 Her spirit returned, and right away she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. 56 Her parents were amazed. But Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

ASK: What instruction did Jesus give the dead girl? What happened?

What sort of power did Jesus show he had?

Let's Learn

SAY: In this story we see that for Jesus, raising a girl from the dead was as easy as waking someone up who had fallen asleep. He spoke. She stood up. Wow!

Jesus can do that because he is God the Son, who came to live in this world as a man. Jesus knew that things were sometimes bad and sometimes sad. But Jesus had the power to be the once-and-for-all solution to the problem of sin. Raising this dead girl was one of the ways he showed he had the power to deal with the biggest problems people face, including sin and death.

Let's all think of words we can use to describe Jesus in this story and then say them during our prayer.

Let's Pray

Say: Lord Jesus, we praise you that you are... [let your child(ren) shout out their own words and then add yours]. Please give us faith to trust your words and your promises like Jairus did. Amen

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