

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

PROMISE OF PROVISION

POINT UP  AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS  SPREAD HANDS OPEN
SWING ARMS WIDE ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS. MAKE CROSS WITH ARMS

STORY: JAIRUS' DAUGHTER – MARK 5:21-43

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM MARK 5 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

Read Mark 5:21-43 as a family (you can take turns reading a few verses each). As you read, listen for: fear, faith, interruptions, and Jesus' compassion.

1. Why did Jairus run to Jesus? What was he asking Jesus to do?
2. How do you think Jairus felt while he was waiting for Jesus to come?
3. What happened on the way to Jairus' house that "interrupted" the trip?
4. When people said, "It's too late," what did Jesus say to Jairus instead?
5. What does this story teach us about Jesus and our families? How does Jesus show compassion here?

BIG IDEA: JESUS HAS COMPASSION ON FAMILIES

DID YOU KNOW...?

In this story, Jesus calls the little girl "Talitha koum," which is Aramaic—the everyday language many families spoke in Jesus' day. It means "Little girl, get up!" What makes this so special is that Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did—he remembers and records Jesus' exact words, and then he translates them for us. It's almost like Mark wants us to hear the moment the way the family did: not loud or showy, but close, gentle, and personal—Jesus speaking right to her, like a loving caregiver waking a child.

SOMETHING TO NOTE! Jesus didn't just care about the problem—He cared about the people. He took time to listen to Jairus, stay close as the fear grew, and speak hope when everyone else said it was too late. Even when the situation felt urgent, Jesus wasn't frantic or impatient—He was steady and present, walking with this dad step by step. And when He reached the girl, He treated her with such tenderness—speaking gently and even making sure she had something to eat afterward. Jesus' compassion isn't rushed or annoyed by family needs—He moves toward families with calm love, even in their hardest moments.

PROMISES

PRAYER PROMPT: Then pray... "Jesus, thank You for being compassionate and kind to families. When we are scared, worried, or hurting, help us remember that You are near and You care. Please bring comfort to our family and to anyone we know who is struggling right now. Help us trust You even when we have to wait. We love You. Amen."