

REFERENCES: MARK 5:21-32; LUKE 8:40-48; THE DESIRE OF AGES, PP. 342-348.

Healed at Last!

Have you ever been sick for a whole day? Have you ever been sick for two or three days? You probably wanted to get well! The woman in our story today had been sick for a long, long time. She had been sick for 12 years!

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esus and His disciples came across the Sea of Galilee in a boat. A big crowd was waiting. Jairus waited with the crowd. His

little girl was very sick, and he came to ask Jesus to heal her.

But Jairus wasn't the only

Memory Verse

"Give praise
to the Lord."
1 CHRONICLES 16:8,

The Message
We praise God
for taking good
care of us.

only
person
who
wanted
Jesus'

Jesus' attention.

Everyone wanted to be near Jesus. They crowded so closely around Him that He could hardly move.

One woman wanted to see Jesus more than anyone else. She had been sick for a very long time. For 12 years she had visited

doctor after doctor, but no one could help her. Then she had heard that Jesus could heal people. She just had to see Him. She knew He could make her well.

Now there He was, in the middle of the big crowd.

But she was too small, and the crowd was too big. Jesus was passing by. This was her last chance! She reached out and touched just the tiniest bit of the back of His robe.

Instantly she knew she had been healed! For the first time in 12 years she felt healthy and well.

But then Jesus stopped. "Who touched Me?" He asked.

One of Jesus' special friends, Peter, thought it was a strange question. "So many people have been bumping into You in this big crowd," said Peter.

But Jesus knew that someone special had touched Him. "I know that healing power went out of Me," He said.

The crowd became very quiet. They looked around.

Then the trembling woman fell at Jesus' feet. She told Jesus why she had touched Him, and that she had been healed. Then she thanked Jesus for making her well.

Jesus smiled a great big smile at her. "I'm so glad!" He said. "You are well because you believed that I could make you well. Go in peace."

Then the woman knew that she was healed because she believed in Jesus.

Can you imagine how happy she must have been? She worshipped Jesus because He cared for her and healed her. She felt a great love for Jesus. He really did love her! He really was her friend.

Jesus wants to be our friend too.

Do and Say

SABBATH

Share the hands or feet made in Sabbath School and tell how you can use them to worship Jesus.

Use the following actions to review the memory verse this week:

"Give Move right hand from right chest, palm facing

left, forward in large arc.

praise Put fingertips to your

lips (with hand flat); move hand away from your

mouth.

to the Lord.".. Move right hand, palm facing left, from above

head downward in front of face in an inward arc.

1 Chronicles . . Put palms together, then

16:8. open.

SUNDAY

Talk about ways to use hands to worship Jesus today; then do so together. Ask: How does what we did show worship? Do we worship God only on Sabbath? Use your hands to say the memory verse together. Sing a helping-hands song.

MONDAY

Help your child "read" the memory verse from the Bible. Talk about things your child is thankful for and help your child say a simple prayer of thanks.

TUESDAY

Review the lesson story. Ask: Where did the woman touch Jesus? Talk about the kind of robe Jesus wore. Together, feel different fabrics.

Let your child try to touch your clothing while you walk away. Remind your child that though we can't touch His robe, we reach Jesus when we pray.

WEDNESDAY

With your child, count ways that Jesus cares for your family. Thank Jesus for caring. Say the memory verse together.

THURSDAY

Help your child use his or her feet to worship God today. Ask: "How does what you did show

worship? Do we worship God only on Sabbath?" Sing "Little Feet, Be Careful" (Little Voices Praise Him, no. 307).

FRIDAY

At family worship, act out the story. Let your child be the sick woman or Jesus while others act as the crowd. End with a family celebration of thanks for God's care.

