

- Q. What's a banana skin's favourite shoe? A. Slippers  
Q. How does the man in the moon cut his hair? A. Eclipse it!  
Q. Why did the dinosaur cross the road? A. Because chickens didn't exist yet!  
Q. What do you call a duck that loves making jokes? A. A wise quacker

As you know we have five senses: sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch. Each of these senses is very important to us. The sense of touch is very important. We can often tell what an object is by its size, shape, and texture -- all of which can be learned by using our sense of touch. In the Bible, Jesus showed His power through touch. In the following story we hear how about two ways He used touch to help people.

**A**s he got out of the boat, a large crowd gathered around Jesus. Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, \* was there and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet and begged him, 'My daughter is about to die. Please come and lay your hands on her so that she will live.' So Jesus went with him and the crowd followed.

Among them was a woman who lived alone and had no friends. She had been very ill for many years and had spent all her money on doctors. But she had got worse and no one would go near her. She had heard about Jesus and believed that if she could just touch his clothes, she would get well. She came up behind him and touched his cloak. Immediately her sickness stopped,



and she knew that she was healed.

Jesus realised instantly that some power had left him, so he turned and asked the crowd, 'Who touched my clothes?' The disciples said, 'How can you ask that? There are hundreds of people here, all jostling you!' Jesus looked around him, and the frightened woman fell at his feet and told him the truth. 'Daughter,' he said to her, 'your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your illness.' \*

Suddenly news came that the young girl had died. Jesus said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid. Keep believing.' Jesus went to his house and found many people weeping and wailing. 'Why are you crying?' he asked them. 'The child isn't dead. She is sleeping.' They laughed at him.

So he sent them outside and went in to see the little girl. Jesus took her hand and said, 'Little girl! Get up!' The 12-year-old girl immediately got up and began to walk about. Everyone was amazed, but Jesus urged them not to tell anyone.

Mark 5:21-43

\* See *Share the Word*.

- A synagogue was a Jewish place of worship.
- By calling her 'daughter', Jesus does not just heal her physically but also gives her a place within society.

Here is the activity sheet

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22517/27-june-activity-sheet.pdf>

## Talk to God: Help-me/Help-you hands

Ask Jesus for help and to find ways to help others

**You will need:** pens/pencils, paper, scissors, lolly sticks, sticky tape, glue.

- Draw around both hands onto paper and cut them out.
- On one hand write 'Help me', and on the other, 'Help you'.
- Attach a straw or lolly stick to the back of one of the hands and then glue the other hand over the top.
- Hold up your hand with 'Help me' facing up and write on it anything you would like God's help with. Flip the hand over so 'Help you' is facing up, and write ways that you can help others on it.

## Crossing a barrier game

Reach across to work as a team - This is a game for two or more people

**You will need:** eggs (boiled/plastic), spoons, tape/rope.

- Divide into teams, with half of each team at opposite ends of the room. In the middle of the room, create a 'barrier' - two lines of tape/rope about a metre apart.
- Give each team an egg and two spoons. The first person runs with the egg on a spoon to the barrier. At the same time, a teammate from the other side of the room runs to the barrier with their spoon.
- Individuals should reach across the barrier to pass the egg. Both team members then race back and pass the spoons/egg to the next person. Continue until everyone has had a turn. The skill is in transferring the egg from one to the other without touching it.