



One day a man named Jairus came and knelt before Jesus. Jairus was sad and worried. “My young girl is sick—so sick that she is dying. Please, Jesus,” he prayed, “come to my house and put your hands on her so that she will get well. Then she will not die.”

So Jesus went with Jairus. While they were on their way, some men came from Jairus’ house. They said, “Your daughter has died. Do not bother Jesus anymore.”

When Jesus heard what they said, he told Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe, and your daughter will be healed.”

When they came to Jairus’ house, they found many people crying loudly because the girl had died. Jesus said to them, “Why are you crying and making so much noise? The girl is not dead. She is sleeping.” Jesus was talking about death in a special way.

But some people laughed at Jesus. “How can he say she is sleeping?” they thought. “We know she is dead.” They did not understand what Jesus meant.

After Jesus sent those people outside, he went into the room where the dead girl was lying. He also took along Jairus, the girl’s mother, and three disciples: Peter, James, and John. Jesus took the girl’s hand and said, “Little girl, I tell you, get up!”

Right away the girl stood up and walked around. Her parents were surprised and happy to see her alive again.

“Give your daughter something to eat,” Jesus told Jairus and his wife. Jesus had used his almighty power to make the girl alive again. What a wonderful miracle Jesus had done!



Jesus used his almighty power to raise Jairus' young daughter from the dead. We do not fear what will happen when we die, because we know that Jesus will give us life in heaven.

**1.** Sing the following words to the tune of "Happy Birthday to You."

Because Jesus lives,  
Because Jesus lives,  
I also will live,  
Because Jesus lives.

Who came back to life and gives us the promise of life in heaven? Trace the letters below to spell his name.

JESUS

**2.** Have a family member pretend to be one of the following people and tell the Bible story from that person's perspective: a mourner, Jairus, Jairus' wife, or one of the three disciples. Encourage that person to speak about his or her feelings and actions before Jesus raised the young girl, as well as his or her reactions at seeing the girl alive again. The rest of the family could ask questions to help the speaker tell the story. After the speaker has finished, take turns telling how you might have felt or reacted if you had been there when Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead.

### Pray Together

Dear Jesus, thank you for doing everything necessary to take away our sins and to earn life in heaven for us. Keep us from fearing what will happen when we die. Instead, keep us focused on you and your promise of eternal life. We praise and thank you, our dear Savior! Amen.



**John 14:19**