



Miracles are amazing events in the life of Jesus that teach Christians a little bit about who he was and what he was like.

#### Discussion

- What part of the video did you like best?
- Why?



#### Reading

When Jesus got back to the other side of the lake, a crowd welcomed him. Everyone was waiting for him. A man named Jairus came to Jesus. Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue. He bowed down at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house. Jairus had only one daughter. She was 12 years old, and she was dying. While Jesus was on his way to Jairus' house, the people were

crowding all around him....

...While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of the synagogue ruler and said to the ruler, "Your daughter has died! Don't bother the teacher now."

When Jesus heard this, he said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just believe, and your daughter will be well."

Jesus went to the house. He let only Peter, John, James, and the girl's father and mother go inside with him. All the people were crying and feeling sad because the girl was dead. But Jesus said, "Don't cry. She is not dead; she is only sleeping."

The people laughed at Jesus because they knew that the girl was dead. But Jesus took her by the hand and called to her, "My child, stand up!" Her spirit came back into her, and she stood up immediately. Jesus said, "Give her something to eat." The girl's parents were amazed. Jesus told them not to tell anyone about what happened.





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| 8. Jesus heals the little girl - and she comes back to life again! |   |   |  |  |
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| Write down some things that make you sad                           |   | Write down some things that make you happy! |  |  |
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| Now draw tiny pictures to go with each part (like a comic strip).  |  |
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His feelings & emotions must have been jumbled up and mixed up and all over the place!

Below are some words to describe how he must have felt - but the letters have become jumbled up!
Can you untangle the letters of these emotions or feelings and draw a line to the unscrambled words?



Then write them in the correct box - to describe when Jairus has had either good news or bad news.

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## Miracles & Parables Resources Jairus' Daughter



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| ROKBNE-HEATRED  |                                   |  |  |  |
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| Imagine   |                                   |  |  |  |
| Imagine that you were Jairus and your daughter had been sick. How would you feel if she got well again? Write a few lines about what it would have been like seeing Jesus heal your daughter. How might you feel? (Continue on a separate page if you'd like to). |                                   |  |  |  |
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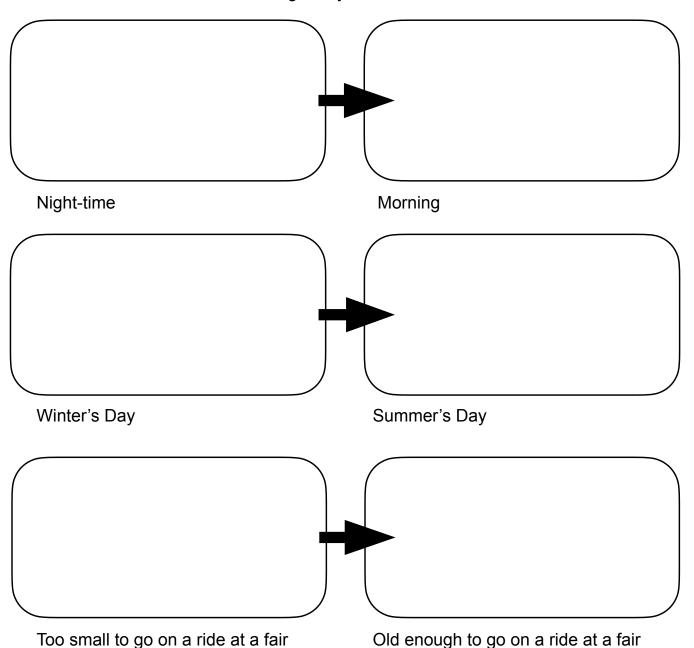


### Hope and change

Jairus has hope... He believes that Jesus can save his daughter, even when things appear to have gone terribly wrong.

Hope is about believing that things can change: that even though a situation might look bleak at the moment, one day it will be better...

Here's some situations that change for you to draw and colour.







#### **Choices**

The opposite of hope is believing that things can never change, and that they will always stay the same. It's like standing in front of a big wall, and we can't see what might be on the other side...



So we have to choose; to look only at the things that are in the way, or to imagine what might lie beyond them...

#### **Drama Exercise**

Half of the class make a straight line down one side of the room. The other remaining half of the class make another straight line opposite them, on the other side of the room. Now choose a volunteer to stand in the middle of the two lines and walk up and down. Whilst they're doing that ask one side to



chant... "It'll turn out good!" Ask the other side to chant... "It'll turn out bad!"

Have a competition to see which line is the most persuasive or the loudest. How did it make the volunteer feel listening to each side? There are often different voices or opinions we can listen to about a situation... Jairus also had to choose which kind of voice to listen to.





#### Who to listen to!

Below is a picture of the people at Jairus' house.

They are feeling sad because the doctors have told them the bad news. But Jesus has just told Jairus that everything is going to be okay.



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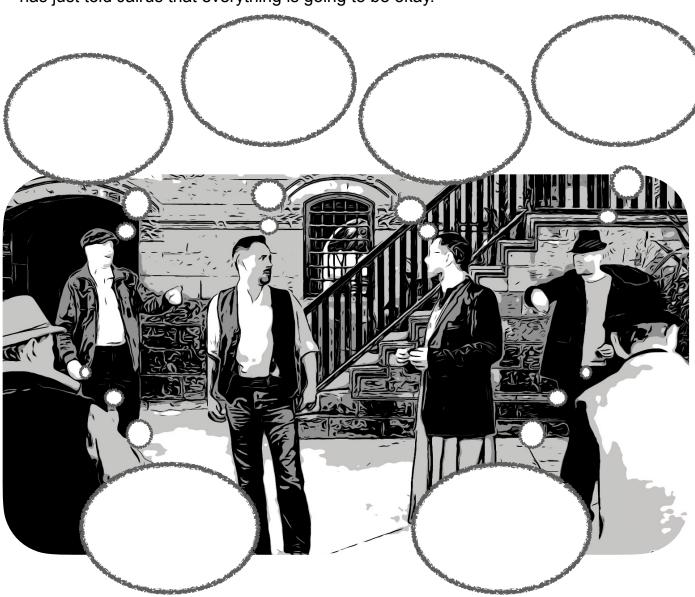




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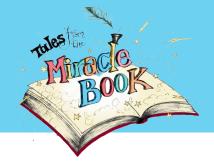
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"Don't be so silly!" "Trust me" "What is he talking about?!"

"There is no hope..." "He's mad!" "I believe in you"





### **Faith Link**

So what lessons does the healing of Jairus' daughter teach us about the Christian faith from this story?

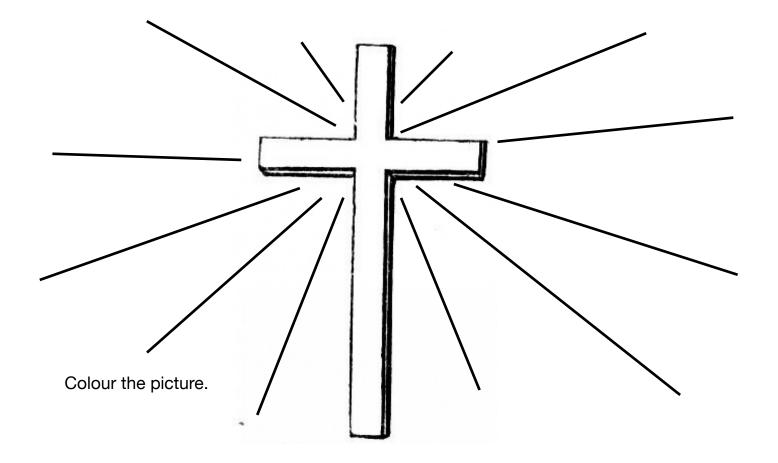




The story of Jairus' daughter is in the Bible in Luke 8:40-56 and Mark 5:21-43. Christians believe that this amazing miracle shows that Jesus has power over death, just like the story of Easter. This miracle tells his followers that there is hope and that death is not the end of the story.

This story of Jairus' daughter coming back to life reminds Christians of the Easter story. On Good Friday, when Jesus was put on the cross, it seemed as though the story was finished. There was no more hope. It seemed an impossible situation. One that couldn't be changed...

And yet on Easter Sunday, when Jesus came back to life, hope shone through once more!







### **Assessment Recording Sheet**

| I like this miracle because                              |  |
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| My favourite part of the story is                        |  |
| The message from this story is                           |  |
| This miracle tells us that Christians believe            |  |
| The story is still relevant today because                |  |
| After thinking about this story and it's teaching I will |  |
| Illustrate this story with a picture below.              |  |
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