

A Death in the Family

Matthew 10; 14:1-12; Mark 5:38-6:29

EXPLORE

Read *The Action Bible* story on pages 574–576 or the Action Bible New Testament on pages 64–66. Read this true Bible story found in Matthew 10; 14:1–12, Mark 5:38–6:29.

Here is what the story is about:

When Jesus and His disciples returned to Galilee, a religious leader named Jairus asked Jesus to heal his daughter. When they arrived at Jairus' house, they learned that the girl had already died. Jesus then asked everyone to leave the room except for three of His disciples. He took the girl by the hand and told her to get up. She immediately stood up and walked around! Everyone was surprised.

One day, King Herod's stepdaughter danced for him at a special dinner. Herod was pleased with her performance and promised to give her anything she wanted. The stepdaughter chose the death of John the Baptist as her reward. Herod agreed and had John beheaded.

REMEMBER

Answer each question with information you learned from the story:

- › **Why were Jairus and his family so upset?** Jairus' daughter had died, and the family was grieving her death.
- › **What miracle did Jesus perform at Jairus' house?** He brought Jairus' daughter back to life.
- › **What did Jesus tell the disciples to do to spread His message?** Jesus asked His disciples to go out in pairs to preach the gospel and heal the sick.
- › **Why did Herod kill John the Baptist?** After King Herod's stepdaughter danced for him, Herod promised to give her anything she wanted. Encouraged by her mother, who disliked John the Baptist, the stepdaughter asked for John to be killed, and Herod felt he had to agree.

DISCUSS

- › How did Jesus show His power in the story of Jairus' daughter?
- › What does this miracle tell us Jesus' care for us in difficult times?

After healing Jairus' daughter, Jesus sent His disciples out in pairs to share the gospel. They shared about God's love and healed many people.

- › Have you ever felt that God gave you the right words to say in a difficult situation? How did it feel?
- › How does the Holy Spirit help us when we tell others about Jesus?

We can trust the Holy Spirit to guide us. When we ask Him for His help in prayer and are open to His direction, He will help us to share Jesus' love with others. To prepare ourselves, we can read the Bible regularly, pray for understanding, and listen carefully to the Holy Spirit's guidance in our hearts.

PRAY

Read the prayer below aloud or pray your own prayer based on Matthew 28:19.

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us. Help us share the Good News of Jesus with everyone we meet, just as You have commanded us. Give us the courage and wisdom to make disciples and tell others about Your love. Amen.

ACT

Have you ever been afraid to share the gospel with those who do not know Jesus? Often it is easier to share our faith when we have other believers to do it with us. Jesus asked His disciples to share the gospel in pairs. Are there people in your community who need to hear the Good News of Jesus? How can you share the Good News with them together, such as inviting them to a meal or to a church gathering? Make a plan to share the gospel with someone in your community together.