

# 3 Jesus loves me Jairus' daughter



## Play time



### Doll's hospital

**You will need:** toys, toys for doll's hospital, toy doctor's bag and dressing-up clothes (optional).

Have a selection of bricks, cars, puzzles and other toys laid out for when the children first arrive. Turn one corner of your room into a doll's hospital with dolls, teddies, blankets, pillows, bandages and a box of plasters. Try to ensure that all the children have the chance to visit this corner before Story time.

### Fever pitch

**You will need:** a thermometer or fever strip.

Jairus' daughter probably had a high fever. Use a thermometer or a fever strip to take the children's temperatures. Explain how the thermometer tells us when someone is too hot or too cold. It can be a good idea to practise taking temperatures when children are healthy so that they don't make a fuss when they are poorly. In this instance the activity will need close adult supervision, since many thermometers are made of glass and contain mercury. Don't put the thermometer in the children's mouths, as this might spread germs, but tuck it under their armpits.

### Traffic jam

Use a selection of toy cars and a toy ambulance to show how ambulances are able to overtake the other traffic. Line up cars to make traffic jams and 'drive' the ambulances past them. Talk about when and why people might need an ambulance. Explain that the little girl in our story was very poorly, but in those days there were no ambulances.

### Keep fit

Do some simple exercises: stretching up and out to the side, shaking arms from shoulders and wrists, bending elbows, touching toes, standing on tiptoe, bending knees, jogging on the spot, leg shaking.

Play some lively music while you exercise.

## Game time



### Feely bag

**You will need:** a toy doctor's set, pillow case.

Empty a toy doctor's bag into a pillowcase (eg stethoscope, tweezers, notepad, bandages, toy scissors). Invite individual children to come up, feel one of the items and guess what it is. Take the item out of the bag to see if the child is right and then talk about how it is used.

### Mime time

Ask an adult to mime various simple ailments for the children to guess what's wrong, eg: falling over and bumping your knee, removing a splinter, coughing and sneezing with a bad cold, limping with a blister on your foot, a bad headache. Discuss how feeling ill makes people feel miserable and let the children talk about times when they've felt ill.

## Making time



### Into bed!

**You will need:** Activity page 24 copied on to card for each child, crayons, scissors, PVA glue.



Cut out the bed and pictures of Jairus' poorly/healthy daughter. Let the children work with their carers to colour the bed and the girl. Then, glue the two sides of the girl together to make a reversible figure. Fold over the bed covers and glue down the tabs so that Jairus' daughter can be slotted into the bed.

## Story time



### Jesus helps and heals

Make a large scale example of the model from Activity page 24 as a visual aid. Begin with Jairus' daughter looking poorly; turn her over at the point in the story when Jesus heals her. Encourage the children to join in saying, 'very, very poorly' after you. Omit the section from \*\* to \*\*\* if you want a shorter story.

Jairus and his wife stood beside their little daughter's bed. She was hot and sticky and **very, very poorly**.

'Whatever can we do?' asked Jairus. 'She has been ill for days. The doctors haven't been able to help her.' They hated seeing their little girl lying there looking **very, very poorly**, not eating, drinking or speaking.

'Jesus cares about people who are **very, very poorly**,' said Jairus' wife. 'Let's ask him to come and see our daughter.'

So, Jairus rushed off to town to look for Jesus. He ran as fast as he could and when he finally found Jesus he was out of breath. 'Jesus, Jesus!' he panted. 'Please - come at once! My little daughter is **very, very poorly**. We need your help!'

Jesus said, 'Yes, I'll come right now.' \*\* But the crowds of people delayed them because they also wanted Jesus' help. 'Please, please come quickly,' said Jairus. 'My daughter really is **very, very poorly**. Please come before it's too late.'

Just then one of Jairus' servants came rushing down the street, 'Don't bother Jesus any more!' he said. 'No one can help your little girl now.' Two big tears rolled down Jairus' sad face.

'Don't worry, Jairus,' said Jesus kindly. 'Just trust me and she will get well.'

When Jairus took Jesus into his home everyone was sobbing and crying because they all loved the little girl very much. \*\*\*



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# Jesus healed Jairus' daughter.

Cut along the bold lines and fold along the dotted lines. Glue the two sides of Jairus' daughter together to make a reversible figure. Fold over and glue down the bed covers so that you can pop her into bed.

