



## SESSION TWO

# Jesus Helps a Young Girl and a Sick Woman

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

### BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.* 1 Corinthians 13:4

### LESSON FOCUS

God's love is kind and patient.

### BIBLE AIMS

During this session, each student may

1. DISCOVER that Jesus showed God's love by healing a young girl and a sick woman;
2. IDENTIFY kind and patient actions that show concern for others and their problems;
3. ASK God to help him or her show kind and patient actions in specific situations;
4. PRAY to become a member of God's family, as the Holy Spirit leads.

### BIBLE STORY RECAP

A large crowd gathered to see Jesus. Jairus pushed his way through the crowd and asked Jesus for help. Jairus's daughter was very sick. Jesus agreed to help, and they began walking toward Jairus's house. Then Jesus felt something. Someone had grabbed His robe! When Jesus asked who had touched Him, a woman fearfully came forward. She told Jesus that she had been sick for 12 years, but she knew if she could just touch Him, she'd be made well. Again, Jesus was loving and kind and healed the woman.

As they neared Jairus's house, several men told them Jairus's daughter had already died. Jesus told Jairus to believe and kept walking to the house. The little girl was lying in her bed. Jesus told her to get up, and she did! Everyone was amazed and happy. Jesus showed God's love by healing a young girl and a sick woman.

### TEACHER'S DEVOTIONAL

Late-afternoon checkout lines at grocery stores can reveal a lot about human character. Amid beeping machines and wailing toddlers, you might hear "That doesn't look like fewer than 10 items!" or "Why do I always get behind someone with coupons?" or "Why doesn't she make that child hush?" Even if we consider ourselves too kind to actually say such things aloud, we often think them, or maybe we throw a dirty look or two—filled with rising irritation at the thoughtlessness of others!

In contrast, love in action is patient and kind. It behaves with humility and doesn't focus exclusively on personal agendas or achievements. Love expressed through patience is not so much about waiting as about being fully present where we are, in the present moment. Living expectantly in the here and now reminds us that God has placed us in situations He has designed for us. Ephesians 2:10 tells us, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Trusting God's design for every moment of our lives means that we can practice love in every difficult situation. We can pray for those who tax our patience, trusting that God's love and kindness can prevail in every circumstance. As you work with God's children this week, find ways to share the treasure of God's love, even in the most difficult moments.

