



PRIMARY ♦ 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.* 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 love to a young girl and a sick woman by making them well;
2. IDENTIFY ways to be kind and patient;
3. ASK God to help him or her show kindness and patience;
4. PRAY to become a member of God's family, as the Holy Spirit leads.

## 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.



# 1. Set the Story (5-10 minutes)

If you only have 25 minutes for this center, omit Set the Story.

## Materials Checklist

For each pair of students—

- ♦ 7 or 8 seashells in various shapes, including some that are somewhat flat

## OPTION A: SWELL SHELLS

**PROCEDURE:** Help students form pairs. Give each pair of students seven or eight shells. Partners work together to experiment with different ways of stacking shells into towers.

**KEY CONVERSATION:** What was hard about stacking the shells? Is a game like this more fun alone or with a friend? When you were adding a shell to the tower, how did you and your friend help each other? Would you have wanted your

friends to yell at you and tell you to hurry or encourage you and tell you to take your time? We're glad when our friends are kind and patient with us. Today we'll discover that God's love is kind and patient. What does it mean to be patient? (To wait without complaining.) God is kind and patient with us, and we show God's love by being kind and patient with others.



## OPTION B: PINEAPPLE PICK

**PREPARATION:** For each team, photocopy a set of Pineapple Cards. Cut apart and tape each one onto a separate yellow plate. Place yellow plates and plates of other colors in bag to fill it. Place bags several feet apart in playing area. Use masking tape to make a starting line about 6 feet (1.8 m) from bags.

**PROCEDURE:** Students divide into teams of three or four members and line up behind starting line. Hold up a plate. **Let's pretend these plates are tropical fruits. Somewhere in each bag are some yellow pineapples. On each pineapple is part of an important message—but you'll have to put the pineapples in order to discover the message!** At your signal, first player on each team runs to team's bag and searches for a yellow plate. Then player brings the plate back to his or her team, and next player on team runs to bag. When the team has collected all four plates, team members place plates in verse order, using numbers on cards or, if able, by reading words. When teams are finished, lead students to read verse aloud.

**KEY CONVERSATION:** Being patient means waiting without complaining. When might it be hard to be patient? When might it be hard to be kind? When we are kind and patient, we're doing what our verse tells us to do. Treating others with kindness and patience are great ways to show God's love!



### Materials Checklist

◆ Pineapple Cards (p. 43)

◆ scissors or paper cutter

◆ masking tape

For each team of 3 or 4 students—

◆ Bible

◆ small paper plates in a variety of colors, including 4 yellow plates

◆ large bag



## 2. Tell the Story (10 minutes)

### Materials Checklist

- ♦ Bibles
- ♦ Session 2 Bible Story Poster from Elementary Teaching Resources
- ♦ small Post-it Notes

**PREPARATION:** Display Session 2 Bible Story Poster. Use Post-it Notes to mark Matthew 9 in Bibles before class.

## JESUS HELPS A YOUNG GIRL AND A SICK WOMAN

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### Introduction

**When have you ever been in a big crowd of people?** Volunteers respond.  
**What happened when you tried to walk through the crowd? Listen to what happened when two people tried to walk through a big crowd.**

**Our Bible story today is from the New Testament book of Matthew.** Students find Matthew 9 in their Bibles. Ask a volunteer to point to Jesus' name in verse 21.

### Jairus Finds Jesus

One day a large crowd of people watched as a boat came across the Sea of Galilee. The crowd got more and more excited as the boat came closer. Someone famous was coming! When the boat arrived at the shore, Jesus and His helpers, called disciples, got out of the boat and stepped onto the shore. The crowd pushed in eagerly around Jesus. They all wanted to see Him. **What do you think they hoped to see?**

There was an important man in the crowd. His name was Jairus (Ji-ruhs), and he was a leader in the synagogue. (A synagogue is a place where some people go to worship and learn about God.) Jairus squeezed through the crowd to get to Jesus. When he reached Jesus, he bowed down.

Jairus begged, "Jesus, my little girl is dying. Please come quickly to my house. I know if You put Your hand on her, she will live."

Jesus immediately began to go with Jairus to his house. But it wasn't easy! Everyone in the crowd was still trying to get as close as possible to Jesus. Jesus and His friends had to push their way through the crowd of people.

### A Woman Touches Jesus' Robe

In this crowd, there was a woman who had been sick for 12 years! She believed that if she could just get close enough to Jesus to touch His robe, she would get well. She had to push through the crowd, too. That's not easy when you're sick! At last she got close enough to Jesus to reach out and touch His robe. Instantly, she was completely well!

Jesus stopped immediately and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

One of His helpers answered, "There are so many people pushing us. Many people must have touched You!"

Jesus continued looking through the crowd to see who had touched Him. The woman who had touched Jesus was afraid she had done something wrong. But she bravely stepped forward and told Jesus that she was the one who had touched Him.

### Storytelling Tip

Know your story well enough to talk with your students rather than read to them. Make simple notes to help you remember and properly sequence the three or four most important events. When your eyes are not tied to the words of the story, you are free to focus on the faces of the children in your class. By telling rather than reading the story, you will be better able to express enthusiasm through your face and voice.



Jesus said to her kindly, "Daughter, because you believe in Me, you are well!" Jesus called the woman "daughter" to show His love for her.

### Men Bring Sad News

Meanwhile, Jairus was waiting. He must have been thinking, *Should I ask Jesus to stop talking to the woman? Should I remind Jesus that my little girl is dying?*

Jesus was still talking to the woman when some men came with sad news for Jairus. "Don't bother Jesus anymore," the men said. "Your daughter is dead."

Poor Jairus! He had tried so hard to hurry. Now it was too late! But Jesus kept walking to Jairus's house.

"Don't be afraid, Jairus. Just believe," Jesus said.

When they got to the house, many people had gathered there with the family. They were crying loudly.

Jesus called out, "Why all this crying?" **Let's read Matthew 9:24 to hear what else Jesus told the crowd.** (Read Matthew 9:24 aloud.) Jesus meant that the girl would live again. But the people laughed at Him. They thought they knew better than Jesus.

### A Girl Lives Again

Jesus told the neighbors and friends to leave the girl's bedroom. Jesus, a few of His disciples and the little girl's parents walked quietly into the girl's room. She was lying on the bed, and she was dead.

But Jesus walked to her side and took her hand. He spoke very gently to her, "Little girl, get up now."

And just like that, the girl opened her eyes! She sat up. Then she got out of bed and walked around the room. She was alive! Her mom and dad were happy and very excited! **What do you think all those people who had laughed at Jesus thought when they saw that the girl really was alive?**

Then Jesus told the girl's mom and dad to get her some food. Jesus cared about all the needs of this little girl, just as He cares about all the needs of every one of you.

### Conclusion

**Jesus showed God's kind and patient love when He made a sick woman well and brought a girl back to life. God loves us, too. We can ask God for His help to be kind and patient with others, even when we don't feel like being kind and patient. Finding out that God's love is kind and patient is one of the treasures we can discover this week at SonTreasure Island.**



**God loves each one of us and wants us to be part of His family. When you believe that God loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to live and die here on Earth, you can become a member of His family, too.** Invite children interested in knowing more about becoming members of God's family to talk with you or another teacher after class. (See "Leading a Child to Christ," p. 8.)

### Bible Storytelling Option

Before class, on differently colored sheets of construction paper, print "Oh, no!" and "Yeah!" In class, before telling the story, hold up one of the signs you prepared. **What words are on this sign? When I hold up this sign, we all will say "Oh, no!" Let's practice that together.** Repeat for the other sign. At various times during the story, hold up the appropriate sign and lead students in saying the word or words on the sign. (For example, hold up "Yeah" after saying, "Someone famous was coming!" and "Oh, no!" after saying, "Jairus begged, 'Jesus, my little girl is dying.'")

### 3. Apply the Story (10-15 minutes)

#### Materials Checklist

◆ colored markers

For each student—

◆ Session 2 Treasure Guide page

Optional—

◆ SonTreasure Gem Stickers

#### BIBLE STORY REVIEW

To review Bible story, students complete “Jesus Helps a Young Girl and a Sick Woman” activity on Session 2 page. **Today our story showed that God’s love is kind and patient. What did Jesus do to show kindness and patience to Jairus?** (He left what He was doing and went with Jairus to his home. He made Jairus’s daughter alive again.) **What did Jesus do to show His love to the sick woman?** (He made the woman well after she had been sick for 12 years!)

Indicate the Daily Treasure logo on the page. **Our Daily Treasure tells us, “God’s Love Is Kind.” This treasure reminds us that we show God’s love when we are kind to others. What are some ways you can be kind at VBS, Annie?**

#### MEMORY VERSE/APPLICATION

Students turn Session 2 page over. Students follow along as you read the verse aloud. (Optional: Give each student a SonTreasure Gem Sticker to place next to the memory verse.) **Which words in the verse are blue?** (“Patient.” “Kind.” “Envy.”) **What are some kind words you like to say?** Volunteers respond. **What are some ways you can show patience?** (Waiting quietly in the store for your mom or dad. Waiting until mom is off the phone before asking a question.) **What does it mean when you envy someone?** (Being jealous or angry because you don’t have what he or she has [a nice bike, a new skateboard, better grades in spelling, etc.]). **Instead of showing envy, why is it better to be kind and patient? Our Bible verse says that love is patient and kind. Being patient and kind is a way you can show God’s love to others.**

Guide students to complete “Shell Hunt” activity. **Let’s see what we draw when we connect the dots.** Guide students to count all of the shells with “kind” written on them and write that number on the line. **Our verse says that love is kind. What is a way that you can show kindness? Draw a picture of yourself showing kindness.**

#### PRAYER

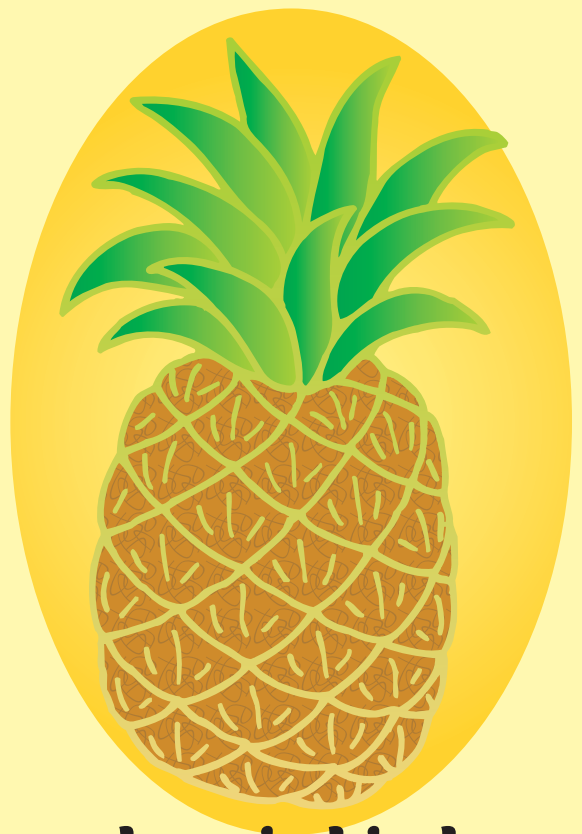
**It isn’t always easy to be kind to others, but God promises to help us. When are some times it might be hard to be kind or patient?** (When my little sister messes up my room. When my mother tells me I can’t go to my friend’s house until I do my homework.) **Let’s pray and ask God to help us show kindness and patience to others.** Invite volunteers to pray for God’s help in the circumstances that students mentioned. Close prayer time by thanking God for helping us show His love to others.

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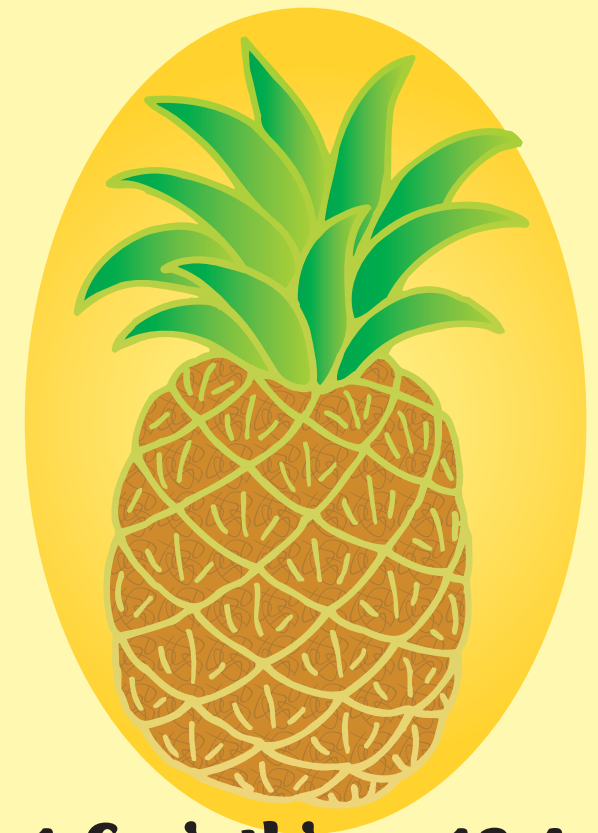
**love is kind.**

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**It does not envy.”**

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**1 Corinthians 13:4**