Preschool–Grade 5

Jairus' Daughter Craft

Damsel, arise · Mark 5:21–43 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



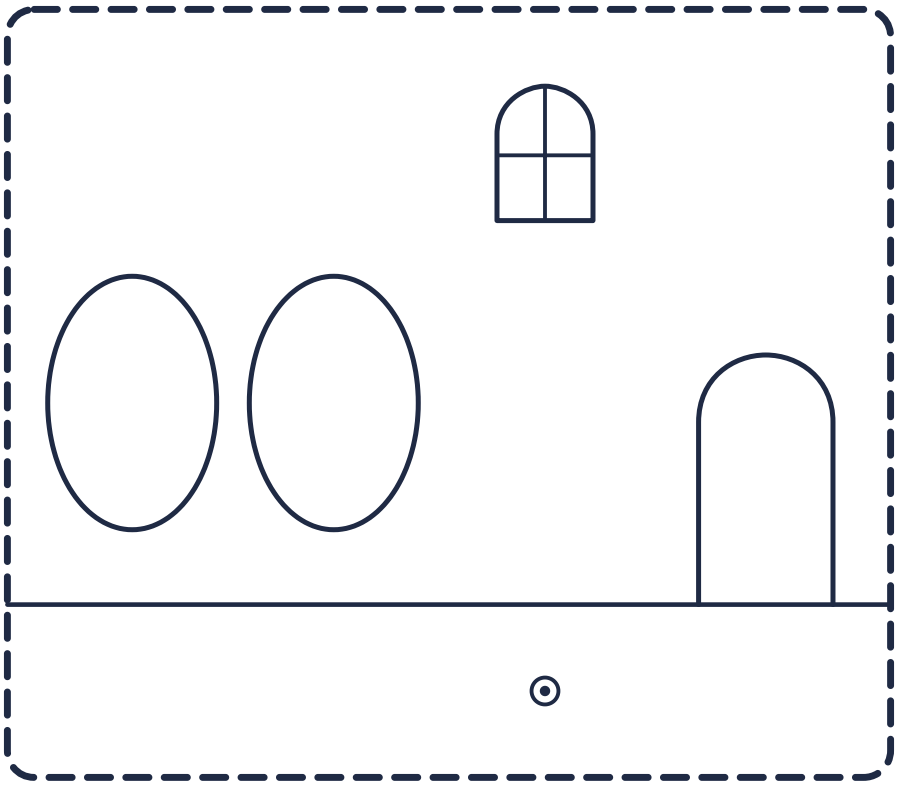
Harder

Both levels are a paper room with tan walls, a brown floor, a black doorway and a blue window. The girl, drawn on her pink damsel card, is joined to the floor with a paper fastener, so she turns from lying down to standing up, because "straightway the damsel arose, and walked" (Mark 5:42). Her father and mother are drawn in the ovals beside her (5:40). Medium (left): the room. Harder (right): the same room with two brown doors on the doorway, opened wide.

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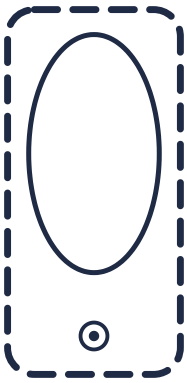
✂ Cut on the dashed lines



room: walls tan, floor brown, doorway black, window blue.

In the left oval draw her father, Jairus. In the right oval draw her mother: long hair, a long dress.

Push a paper fastener through the dot on the damsel card, then through the dot on the floor.



damsel card: draw the girl in the oval: long hair, a long dress. Color the rest of the card pink.

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

Mark 5:36 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the room

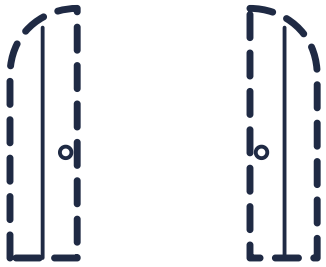
Color the pieces and draw the girl and her parents the way the labels say. Cut out the room, the damsel card and the verse strip. You also need a paper fastener and a glue stick.

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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Doors (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines.



doors: color them brown

How to add the doors

1. Make the room from page 2 first, with the damsel card, the paper fastener and the verse strip.
2. Color both doors brown. Cut them out on the dashed lines.
3. Glue the doors on the doorway of the room, the left door on the left half and the right door on the right half. Put glue only along each door's straight outer edge, beside the wall, so the doors open and shut.
4. Tell it: at the house, people wept and wailed, and they laughed at Jesus (Mark 5:38–40). Shut the doors: Jesus put them all out, and went in where the damsel was lying with only her father and mother and Peter, James and John (5:37, 5:40). Then tell the rest with the damsel card, and open the doors wide.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/jairus-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), one paper fastener (brad) per child, tan (or light brown), brown, black, blue and pink crayons or markers, crayons for drawing the girl and her parents, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: poke a small hole through both dots with a pencil tip, so the fastener goes in easily. For preschoolers, cut out the room, the damsel card and the verse strip, put the fastener in, and glue the verse strip on the back.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces, put the fastener in and glue on the verse strip. Kids color the room and draw the girl and her parents. Then they turn the girl from lying down to standing up when you say, "Arise!"
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut out and put the pieces together themselves, with help for the fastener. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the room like the medium level. Then add the two doors from page 3 on the doorway, so they open and shut (Mark 5:37, 5:40). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the walls tan, the floor brown, the doorway black and the window blue.
2. **Draw:** in the oval on the damsel card, draw the girl with long hair and a long dress, and color the rest of the card pink. In the left oval on the room, draw her father, Jairus; in the right oval, her mother, with long hair and a long dress.
3. **Cut:** cut out the room, the damsel card and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Join:** push the paper fastener through the dot on the damsel card, then through the dot on the floor. Open its legs flat on the back.
5. **Verse:** turn the room over and glue the verse strip on the back, above the fastener. Read it together.
6. **Tell it:** turn the damsel card so she lies down on the floor. Jesus took her by the hand and said, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise" (Mark 5:41): turn her up so she stands. "Straightway the damsel arose, and walked" (5:42).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Who came and fell at Jesus' feet? *(Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue, Mark 5:22)*
- What did Jairus ask Jesus to do? *(Come and lay His hands on his little daughter, 5:23)*
- Who touched Jesus' garment on the way? *(A woman who had been sick twelve years, 5:25–27)*
- What did Jesus say when the men said the girl was dead? *("Be not afraid, only believe," 5:36)*
- Who went in with Jesus where the girl was lying? *(Her father and mother, and Peter, James and John, 5:37, 5:40)*
- Turn the girl up. What did Jesus say? *("Talitha cumi," "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise," 5:41)*
- How old was she? *(Twelve years, 5:42)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **synagogue** is a meeting place to pray and hear God's Word; a **ruler of the synagogue** is one of its leaders; **besought** means begged; a **damsel** is a girl; **saith** means says; **only believe** means just trust Jesus; **straightway** means right away.
- **What the Bible says:** Jesus went in "where the damsel was lying" (Mark 5:40). The Bible doesn't name a bed or describe the room, so the craft keeps it simple: she lies on the floor of the room and stands up.
- **Gentle, not scary:** say the girl was very sick and died, and keep the focus on Jesus' words, "Be not afraid, only believe," and the girl standing up and walking.
- **People only in the ovals, and never Jesus:** each child draws the girl and her mother (long hair, long dresses) and her father. Jesus is not drawn; the child's hand turns the girl up.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Jairus' daughter lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/jairus.

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