Preschool–Grade 6

The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Garment

Sunday School Lesson for 3rd to 5th Grade, 45–60 minutes

Main point: Have faith in Jesus. When nothing else could help, the woman came to Him, and He made her whole.
Bible passage: Mark 5:25–34. Read Mark 5:21–43 before class.
Memory verse: "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." *Mark 5:34 (KJV)*
You need: a Bible for each child (or one for every two children), a whiteboard or large paper, a marker, paper and pencils, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: write the memory verse on the board.

1. Opening game: Through the Crowd (5–10 minutes)

Pick one child to be "it" and put a sticky note on their sleeve. The rest of the class stands close together in a bunch, and "it" stands in the middle. One child at a time gets 15 seconds to reach the sticky note, moving gently, with no pushing or grabbing. Then ask: *How hard was it to get close? What would make you keep trying?* Say: "Today we meet a woman who pushed through a crowd to touch Jesus' clothes."

2. Bible story: Who Touched My Clothes? (15 minutes)

Kids open their Bibles to Mark 5. When you reach a **Look up** line, a child finds the verse and reads it out loud. Tell the rest in your own words.

On the way to Jairus' house. Jesus crossed the sea by ship, and much people gathered to Him (Mark 5:21). Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue (a leader of the meeting place where people heard God's Word), fell at His feet. His little daughter was at the point of death (5:22–23). Jesus went with him, and much people followed Him and **thronged** Him, which means they crowded and pressed around Him (5:24).

Twelve years. Look up Mark 5:25–26. A woman had "an issue of blood twelve years," a sickness where she kept bleeding. She had suffered many things of many **physicians** (doctors) and spent all that she had. She was "nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." She had tried everything, and her money was gone.

One touch. When she heard of Jesus, she came in the **press** (the pushing crowd) behind Him and touched His garment (5:27). **Look up Mark 5:28.** ("If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.") **Whole** means completely well. **Straightway**, which means right away, she was healed, and she felt it in her body (5:29).

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Jesus turns around. Look up Mark 5:30. Jesus knew that **virtue**, His power, had gone out of Him. He turned about in the press and said, "Who touched my clothes?" His disciples said, "Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?" (5:31). In other words, the whole crowd was pressing on Him! But Jesus looked round about to see her (5:32).

All the truth. Look up Mark 5:33. The woman was "fearing and trembling." She came, fell down before Him, and told Him all the truth. **Look up Mark 5:34.** Jesus called her "Daughter" and said her faith had made her whole. He told her to go in peace. That is our memory verse.

Meanwhile, Jairus was waiting. While Jesus was still speaking, men came from Jairus' house (5:35). The rest of that true story is in Mark 5:35–43. Jairus' daughter was twelve years old (5:42), the same number of years the woman had been sick.

3. Questions to ask (10 minutes)

Thinking questions (no single right answer; let kids talk)

1. The woman tried doctors for twelve years and spent all she had (5:26). How do you think she felt when she heard about Jesus?
2. The whole crowd was pressing around Jesus (5:31). What was different about her touch?
3. She came "fearing and trembling," but she told Jesus all the truth (5:33). Why is it good to tell Jesus the truth, even when we are afraid?
4. Jesus called her "Daughter" (5:34). What does that tell you about how Jesus felt about her?
5. What is something you can bring to Jesus in prayer this week?

Recall questions

1. How long had the woman been sick? *(Twelve years, Mark 5:25)*
2. What did Jesus say when He turned around? *("Who touched my clothes?" 5:30)*
3. What did Jesus say had made her whole? *(Her faith, 5:34)*

4. Memory verse: Erase a Word (5 minutes)

Explain the old words: **thy** means your, **hath made thee whole** means has made you completely well, and **plague** means sickness. Read the verse on the board together. Erase two words and read it again. Keep erasing two words at a time until the board is empty and the class can say it alone. Then kids say it to a partner.

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5. What this means for us (5 minutes)

Say: "The woman came to Jesus with faith, and He made her whole. We can come to Jesus too. God loves you. The Bible says: 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23, KJV). That means all of us have done wrong, and none of us is as good as God. Jesus is God manifest in the flesh, which means God came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3–4). How do we obey the gospel? 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' (Acts 2:38, KJV) To **repent** means to turn away from sin; our old self dies (Romans 6:6). We are **buried with Jesus in baptism**, all the way under the water, in Jesus' name. **Remission** means our sins are washed away, and we come up to live a new life (Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16). And God fills us with the **Holy Ghost**, and we speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives the words (Acts 2:4). The Bible calls this being born again (John 3:5)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.
This week: pray every day for one person who is sick or having a hard time, and trust Jesus with it.

6. Activity: Bible Look-Up Race (10–15 minutes)

Kids work in pairs with one Bible. Read a reference and a question. The first pair to find the verse and read the answer out loud wins the point.

1. Mark 5:21: Where was Jesus when much people gathered to Him? *(Nigh unto the sea, which means near the sea)*
2. Mark 5:22: What was the name of the ruler of the synagogue? *(Jairus)*
3. Mark 5:26: Who could not make the woman better? *(Many physicians)*
4. Mark 5:27: Where in the crowd did she come? *(In the press behind Jesus)*
5. Mark 5:29: When was she healed? *(Straightway, right away)*
6. Mark 5:30: What did Jesus know had gone out of Him? *(Virtue, His power)*
7. Mark 5:33: What did the woman tell Jesus? *(All the truth)*
8. Mark 5:34: What did Jesus tell her to go in? *(Peace)*

For more, use the **word search, crossword, maze or worksheet** (vbshq.com/bible-stories/woman-healed-by-faith).

7. Prayer

"Dear Jesus, thank You that no one is lost in the crowd to You. Thank You that You saw the woman, made her whole and called her Daughter. Help us to come to You with faith and to tell You all the truth. In Jesus' name, amen."

If a child asks about her sickness: the Bible calls it "an issue of blood" (Mark 5:25) and "that plague" (Mark 5:29): she kept bleeding. Keep it short; the story is about her faith and Jesus' power.

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