Preschool–Grade 6

The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Garment

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: I can trust Jesus. He can make us well.
Bible passage: Mark 5. Read Mark 5:21–34 yourself before class.
Memory verse: "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole" *Mark 5:34 (KJV)*. **Thy** means your, and **whole** means all better.
You need: a Bible, a jacket or a scarf, a few toy bandages or stickers, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Mark 5. Put on the jacket, or drape the scarf over your shoulders.

1. Opening game: Gentle Touch (5 minutes)

Walk slowly around the room wearing the jacket or scarf. The kids follow you close behind like a crowd. When you say "Touch!" one child gently touches your sleeve. Turn around and say, "Who touched me?" That child waves. Play until everyone has had a turn. Say: "Today we will hear a true story about a lady who touched Jesus' clothes."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Mark 5. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Lots of people came to see Jesus (Mark 5:21). *(Spread your arms wide.)*
They crowded close all around Him (5:24). *(Squeeze your arms in tight.)*
A lady was very sick. She was sick a long, long time (5:25). *(Make a sad face.)*
The doctors could not make her better (5:26). *(Shake your head no.)*
She heard about Jesus (5:27). *(Cup your hand to your ear.)*
She said if she could just touch His clothes, she would be well (5:28). *(Reach out one hand.)*
She touched Jesus' clothes (5:27). *(Touch your sleeve.)*
Right away she was well (5:29)! *(Jump up and smile.)*
Say it with me: "Jesus made her well!"
Jesus said, "Who touched my clothes?" (5:30). *(Look all around.)*
The lady came and told Him the truth (5:33). *(Kneel down.)*
Jesus called her "Daughter" and said her faith had made her well (5:34). *(Give yourself a hug.)*
Say it with me: "I can trust Jesus!"

3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. What did the lady touch? *(Jesus' clothes, Mark 5:27)*
2. Who made her well? *(Jesus, 5:29, 5:34)*
3. What did Jesus call her? *("Daughter," 5:34)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "Jesus said, 'Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole.' That means, 'Your faith has made you all better.'" Teach the motion: reach one hand out, as if you are touching Jesus' clothes, then hug yourself on "whole." Say the verse with the motion three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Mark 5:34" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
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.

6. Activity: All Better (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw the lady reaching out to touch Jesus' clothes, or draw someone they love who needs Jesus' help. Let them put a toy bandage or a sticker on the page. While they color, ask: "Who made the lady well? Who can you pray for?" Kids who finish early can play Gentle Touch again.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, Jesus, for making the lady well.
I trust You. Please help the people I love. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: let every child touch your sleeve in the game, and keep the story happy and short. Say "sick" and "well"; little ones don't need more. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

If a child asks what was wrong with her: say, "She was very sick for a long time, and Jesus made her well."

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