Preschool–Grade 6

# The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Garment

Sunday School Lesson for Preteens (Ages 11–12), 45–60 minutes

**Main point:** Faith reaches out to Jesus when nothing else works, and Jesus answers it personally: He sees, He heals and He gives peace.
**Bible passage:** Mark 5:21–34. Students read it out loud themselves.
**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)* and "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." *Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)*
**You need:** a Bible for each student, paper or a notebook and a pen for each student, a whiteboard and a marker, and one take-home sheet for each student.
**Before class:** read Mark 5:21–43 and Hebrews 11:6. Write both memory verses on the board. Decide who reads which verses, or go around the room a few verses each.

## 1. Opening game: Last Resort (5–10 minutes)

Read each problem. Students call out what they would try first, second and last: 1) Your bike chain keeps falling off. 2) You can't understand your math homework. 3) A friend has stopped talking to you. 4) Someone in your family is sick. Write their answers on the board. Then ask: *Where did prayer land on the list? Why do we often try everything else first?* Say: "Today we meet a woman who had tried everything for twelve years."

## 2. Bible story: Students Read It (15 minutes)

**Read out loud: Mark 5:21–29.** Students take turns, a few verses each. Old words in this passage:

- **nigh unto the sea** (5:21): near the sea
- **ruler of the synagogue** (5:22): a leader of the synagogue, the meeting place where people heard God's Word
- **besought** (5:23): begged; **at the point of death**: about to die
- **thronged** (5:24): crowded and pressed around Him
- **issue of blood** (5:25): a sickness where she kept bleeding
- **physicians** (5:26): doctors; **nothing bettered**: not any better
- **the press** (5:27): the pushing crowd; **garment**: clothes
- **whole** (5:28): completely well; **straightway** (5:29): right away
- **fountain of her blood was dried up** (5:29): the bleeding stopped; **plague**: sickness


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**Read out loud: Mark 5:30–34.** Old words in this passage:

- **virtue** (5:30): power; **turned him about**: turned around
- **multitude** (5:31): a huge crowd
- **looked round about** (5:32): looked all around
- **fearing and trembling** (5:33): afraid and shaking; **knowing what was done in her**: knowing she had been healed
- **thy faith hath made thee whole** (5:34): your faith has made you well

**Then tell what happened next:** while Jesus was still speaking, men came from Jairus' house (5:35). The rest of that true story is in Mark 5:35–43. Point out that Jairus' daughter "was of the age of twelve years" (5:42), the same number of years the woman had been sick (5:25).

## 3. Questions to ask (15 minutes)

1. Mark 5:26 says she "suffered many things of many physicians," spent all she had and grew worse. What does twelve years of that do to a person's hope? What kept her hope alive?
2. She said, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (5:28). What did she believe about Jesus?
3. The disciples said the multitude was thronging Jesus (5:31), yet only one touch made Him turn around. What is the difference between being near Jesus and reaching out to Him in faith?
4. She could have slipped away healed. Instead she came "fearing and trembling" and told Him all the truth (5:33). Why do you think Jesus wanted to see her face to face?
5. Jesus called her "Daughter" and said "go in peace" (5:34). She got more than healing. What else did she get?
6. Hebrews 11:6 says he that cometh to God "must believe that he is." How does this woman show what faith looks like?

## 4. Memory verse (5 minutes)

Old words: **thy** means your; **whole** means completely well; **plague** means sickness. In Hebrews 11:6, **cometh** means comes, **a rewarder** means one who gives a reward, and **diligently** means with all your heart, and not giving up.
Read both verses together. Then students cover one phrase at a time and quiz a partner. Say Mark 5:34 this week; keep working on Hebrews 11:6 next week too.


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## 5. What this means for us (5–10 minutes)

Say: "The woman came to Jesus with faith, and He made her whole. Hebrews 11:6 says that he that cometh to God must believe that He is. God loves you, and 'all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23, KJV). Jesus is God manifest in the flesh, God who came as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). 'Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures' (1 Corinthians 15:3–4, KJV). We obey the gospel the way Peter preached it: '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) We **repent**, turning from sin, and our old self dies (Romans 6:6). We are buried with Jesus by baptism in His name, all the way under the water. **Remission** means our sins are washed away, and we rise to walk in newness of life, a brand-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 utterance, which means as He gives the words (Acts 2:4). Jesus called this being born of water and of the Spirit (John 3:5)."
*Pray with the students, 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: Journal (10 minutes)

Each student writes privately. No one has to share. Write these three prompts on the board:

1. What have I been trying to fix on my own, without bringing it to Jesus?
2. What would it look like for me to "reach out" to Jesus about it this week?
3. Write a short prayer, telling Jesus "all the truth," like the woman did.
   If there is time, invite a few volunteers to share one sentence.

**This week:** bring one thing you've been carrying alone to Jesus in prayer every day, and tell Him all the truth about it.

## 7. Prayer

"Dear Jesus, thank You that You saw one woman in a whole crowd and called her Daughter. Give us faith that reaches out to You first, not last. Help us tell You all the truth, and give us Your peace. In Jesus' name, amen."

**If a student asks why Jesus asked who touched Him:** the Bible does not explain His question. It says He "looked round about to see her" (Mark 5:32), and when she came, He spoke to her face to face and called her Daughter (5:33–34). Let the text speak.
**If a student asks about her sickness:** read Mark 5:25–29 as written. She had a bleeding sickness for twelve years that no doctor could heal. Keep it short and respectful.


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