Preschool–Grade 6

The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Garment

Sunday School Lesson for Kindergarten to 2nd Grade, 45 minutes

Main point: Have faith in Jesus. He can make us whole.
Bible passage: Mark 5:25–34. Read Mark 5:21–34 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, a jacket or a bedsheet, 6 paper strips, a marker, tape, paper hearts cut into 4 pieces (one heart for each child), glue sticks, paper, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: write the memory verse on the 6 paper strips (see part 4). Cut out the paper hearts and cut each one into 4 pieces. Put a bookmark in your Bible at Mark 5:28.

1. Opening game: Who Touched Me? (5 minutes)

One child sits on a chair with eyes closed. Point to another child, who tiptoes up and gently taps the sitter's sleeve, then tiptoes back. Everyone says, "Who touched you?" The sitter opens their eyes and gets three guesses. Then the toucher takes the chair. Say: "Today Jesus asks, 'Who touched my clothes?' Let's find out who it was, and why."

2. Bible story: She Touched His Garment (10 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Mark 5, so the kids can see the story comes from God's Word. Tell it in your own words:

Jesus came across the sea in a ship, and lots and lots of people gathered around Him (Mark 5:21). A man named **Jairus** came and fell at Jesus' feet. His little daughter was very sick, and he begged Jesus to come and lay His hands on her (5:22–23). So Jesus went with him, and a big crowd followed. They **thronged** Him, which means they crowded all around Him and pushed close (5:24).

In that crowd was a woman who had been sick for **twelve years** (5:25). Count to twelve with me! *(Count together on your fingers.)* She had gone to many **physicians**. A physician is a doctor. They could not help her. She had spent all the money she had, and she was not better. She was getting worse (5:26).

Then she heard about Jesus (5:27). She came up behind Him in the **press**, which means the pushing crowd, and she touched His garment, His clothes (5:27). **Read Mark 5:28 from your Bible:** "For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." Say: "**Whole** means all better, well and healed. She believed Jesus could make her well!"

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The story continues: Right away she was healed! She could feel in her body that she was well (5:29). Jesus knew that **virtue**, His power, had gone out of Him. He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" (5:30).

His disciples said that the whole crowd was pressing around Him, so how could He ask who touched Him? (5:31). But Jesus looked all around to see her (5:32). The woman was afraid and shaking. She came and fell down in front of Jesus, and she told Him all the truth (5:33).

Jesus said to her, "**Daughter**, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace" (5:34). **Faith** means believing and trusting God. Jesus called her "Daughter," and He told her to go in peace.

3. Questions to ask (5 minutes)

1. How long had the woman been sick? *(Twelve years, Mark 5:25)*
2. Could the doctors make her better? *(No. She spent all she had and grew worse, 5:26)*
3. What did she touch? *(Jesus' garment, His clothes, 5:27)*
4. What did Jesus ask? *("Who touched my clothes?" 5:30)*
5. What did Jesus call her? *("Daughter," 5:34)*

4. Memory verse: Touch the Garment (5 minutes)

Hang the jacket or bedsheet over a chair, and tape the 6 strips on it in order: *And he said unto her, / Daughter, / thy faith hath made thee whole; / go in peace, / and be whole / of thy plague. Mark 5:34.* Explain the old words: **thy** means your, **hath made thee whole** means has made you well, and **plague** means sickness. Read the verse together. Then each child touches one strip and says that part, and everyone reads to the end. Take one strip away each round until the kids can say the whole verse by themselves.

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5. What this means for us (5 minutes)

Say: "The woman came to Jesus with faith, and Jesus made her whole. Jesus loves you too, and you can come to Him. God loves you very much. But everyone has done wrong things. The Bible calls that sin: 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23, KJV). That means none of us is as good as God. Jesus is God who came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us how to obey the gospel, the good news about Jesus: '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 we are sorry for our sin and we turn away from it. We are **baptized**, buried all the way under the water, in Jesus' name, so our sins are washed away (Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16). **Remission** means God takes our sins away. And God fills us with the **Holy Ghost**, His own Spirit, and we speak in other tongues, words God gives us, just like the believers did in the Bible (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.
This week: when you or someone you love is sick or sad, pray and tell Jesus about it. Trust Him like the woman did.

6. Activity (10–15 minutes)

Choose one: the **word search** for this story (vbshq.com/puzzles/woman-healed-by-faith-word-search), the crossword, maze or worksheet, the craft (vbshq.com/crafts/woman-healed-by-faith-craft), or **Make It Whole:** give each child the 4 pieces of a paper heart. They fit the pieces together and glue the whole heart on a sheet of paper. Under it they draw the woman coming to Jesus in the crowd. Say: "She was sick, but Jesus made her whole!"

7. Prayer

"Dear Jesus, thank You that You saw the woman in the crowd and made her whole. Thank You that You see us too. Help us to have faith in You and to come to You with everything. In Jesus' name, amen."

If a child asks what was wrong with her: keep it simple. The Bible says she had "an issue of blood" (Mark 5:25), a sickness where she kept bleeding, for twelve years. Say: "She was very sick for a long time, and Jesus made her well."
If a child asks about Jairus' daughter: Jesus was on His way to Jairus' house (Mark 5:22–24). The rest of that true story is in Mark 5:35–43, and you can read it together next time.

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