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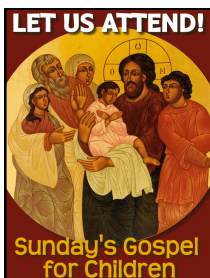
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Materials:

- copy of the song, "He Heals"
- icon coloring page



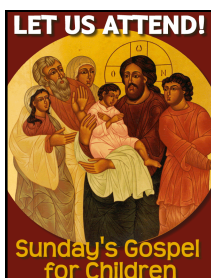
Procedure:

1. After reading the gospel story to your child, take time to review the discussion questions following the story.
2. Introduce your child to the song, "He Heals". Sing the first verse to your child. Repeat the verse, inviting your child to join in singing with you.
3. Sing the second verse to your child. Repeat the verse, inviting your child to join in singing with you.
4. Sing the third verse to your child. Repeat the verse, inviting your child to join in singing with you.
5. Repeat the entire song, singing all three verses together.
6. Discuss with your child how the family must have felt to witness this wonderful miracle. Because they believed, Jesus knew their faith was great and he healed their daughter.
7. Go to your family icon corner and pray for a family member or friend who is sick. Remind your child to pray for those who are sick and need healing.
8. Print out the icon coloring page and allow your child to color.

Song:

He Heals, to the tune of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"

1. A man set out to find Jesus
to heal, to heal
His daughter was dying, he asked Jesus
to heal, to heal
The man fell down at Jesus' feet
He was sad and begged for help,
He had great faith that Jesus could heal the girl.
2. Jesus walked to Jairus' house
to heal, to heal
When a woman touched his clothes
he healed, he healed
She had been sick for 12 long years,
But she believed and had great faith
So Jesus told her, "Go in peace, because you're healed."
3. As they walked on, a man told them
no need to heal
Jairus' daughter now is dead
no need to heal
But Jesus said, "Do not be afraid,
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A miracle happened and Jesus healed the girl.



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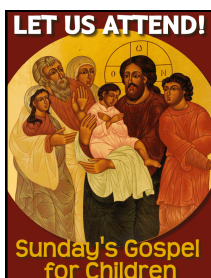
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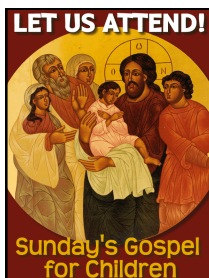
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What do Jairus and the woman with the flow of blood have in common? How are their situations different?
2. What are the two miracles in this Gospel reading?
3. In Orthodox writing, Jesus is referred to as the Divine Physician. He is the healer of our "soul and body." Where do you hear this in the Divine Liturgy?
4. Jesus told the woman to "Go in peace." Have you experienced the kind of peace that Jesus was speaking of? How might you?
5. Do you need to be healed? What can you learn from Jairus and the woman?



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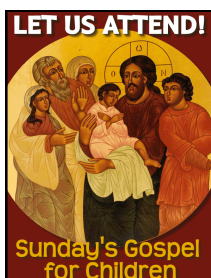
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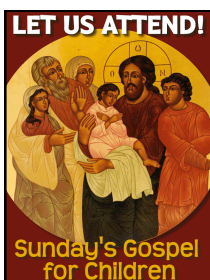
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2. If you were in need of healing, would you have acted as the woman did in the first episode?
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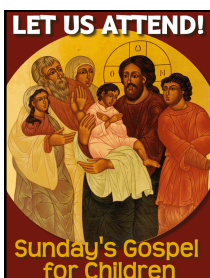


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