Stowmarket Baptist Church

Thursday Bible Club

30 April 2020

We hope that you enjoy this week's Bible story.
We are praying that you are all kept safe that that we can all meet up again on a Thursday soon.

Hello and welcome to this weeks Bible Club story. Last week you read about the first miracle of Jesus, when he turned water into wine at a wedding. His disciples realised that Jesus was very special. Jesus did many more miracles while he was on earth.

Today's miracle can be found in the Bible in Luke chapter 8 verses 43-48, which says:

[43] And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. [44] She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.
[45] "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.
When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

[46] But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."
[47] Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. [48] Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

We start with a woman who was very sad. She had been very ill for 12 years and no-one was able to make her better. She had spent all her money going to see doctors she just got worse, because she kept bleeding.
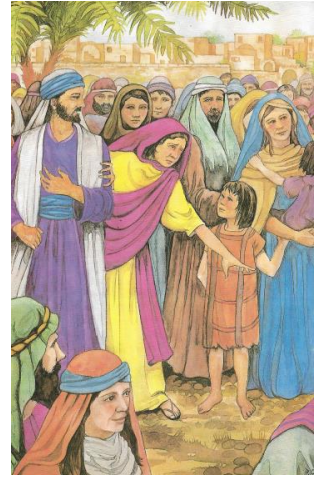
This woman had heard about Jesus, and she felt sure that if only she could see Jesus, he would be able to make her well again.

When she got to where Jesus was, a very large crowd of people had gathered all around him. She thought to herself, "If only I could touch his clock, I would be made well." So, she made her way through all the people until she was right behind Jesus. Then she reached out her hand and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately, she was better. The bleeding had stopped, and she felt well again. It was a miracle.

The woman thought no-once had noticed her touching Jesus' cloak, but she was wrong!

Jesus had felt is power healing the woman. He turned round to the crowd behind and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

The woman was very nervous and knelt down before Jesus, admitting that she was the one who had touched him. Then she told Jesus her whole story! How she had been ill for 12 years and no-one could help her. But she was sure that Jesus could help, and now she was well again.

Jesus was <u>not</u> angry with her, in fact he was very pleased. Jesus spoke very kindly to her and said that because she had faith, and trusted in him, she was made well, with no more suffering.

At the beginning of this story, the woman was very sad but by the end, she as very happy. Her life had changed because she met Jesus and he made her well.

We might not be ill like the woman, but the Bible tells us that we all suffer from the wrong things we think, and say, and do. Only Jesus is able to help us get better by forgiving us. He wants us to have faith, to believe and trust Jesus, just like the woman in our story. We can ask the Lord to help us.

Dear Lord, you are a great God, so kind and loving. Help me to have faith, to believe in Jesus and trust him, just like the woman in today's story.

Amen