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- Read at bedtime.
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**For Throughout the Day:**

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(Mark 5:41)

**A Blessing to Share:**

*May the Lord Jesus give you faith when you are afraid, and peace when you are suffering. Amen. (Mark 5:34,36)*

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- Read the story of Jesus and Jairus in Mark 5:21-24, 35-43. What different feelings do you think Jairus had as these events took place?
- How has Jesus helped you when you have felt worried, sad or afraid?

**Devotional Practices:**

This week we enter the second half of the year. Take a few minutes this week to share your “highs” and “lows” from the first half of the year, and your hopes for the next six months. Pray together for God’s blessing upon your household over the remainder of 2009.

**Service:**

The woman who touched Jesus’ cloak and was healed was an “outsider” amongst her own people: her illness meant that others saw her as “unclean” and avoided her. Discuss together: “Who are the ‘outsiders’ in our society? Who are the people that are looked down upon or left out?” Decide on one way that you, as a household, can reach out to someone who may be feeling left out in some way.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

Touch is a very important God-given way of expressing love and care for others. In fact, science has shown that as humans we need the touch of others to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. In your prayer times this week, hold hands as you pray. Talk together about how you might use other forms of healthy and positive touch in your household, e.g. hugs, “high fives”, or blessings.

**Parent Toolbox: Giving for God’s Work**

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote to them about financial giving. Christian parents have the God-given responsibility to teach their children about what it means to give financially to the work of God’s kingdom and for the wider needs of the world. Here are some suggestions to help you in this:

- Talk to your children about your own church giving. Let them see you give.
- If you give your children a regular “allowance”, help them divide it between savings, spending and giving. Have them put their personal offering onto the church collection plate.
- If your children earn money (e.g. for chores), encourage them to set aside some of this for church giving.
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