

# ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 1

Jesus Christ

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# Jesus Christ



## Our Catholic Tradition

- Jesus healed people. When he did this, he showed God's love for them. (CCC, 1509)
- Jesus showed his power when he healed others, and many people believed in him. (CCC, 548)
- Jesus showed us that the most important Commandment is to love God and to love others. (CCC, 2083)
- Jesus showed us how to pray when he taught his friends the Lord's Prayer. (CCC, 2759)

How does Jesus' command to love God with all your heart lead us to pray and care for others?



# Jesus the Healer

## Let Us Pray

**Leader:** Just as Jesus healed the sick and cared for his followers, the Apostles...

“Know that the LORD works wonders for his faithful one.” **Psalm 4:4**

**All:** May we have the same faith and trust that Jesus can heal us. Amen.

## God's Word

Jesus went to every town and village. He taught in their meeting places and preached the Good News about God's Kingdom. Jesus also healed people with different kinds of disease and sickness. **Based on Matthew 9:35**

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### What Do You Wonder?

- How does your faith in Jesus help you?
- When you are sick, what makes you better?

# Share God's Love

## How did Saint Teresa love people?

As a child, Saint Teresa loved to read stories about missionaries, especially those who spread Jesus' message and cared for people in India. She became a religious sister and people called her Mother Teresa. She went to India to teach children about God's love.

Before she became a religious sister, Saint Teresa's given name was Agnes.

Mother Teresa cared for the poor and sick in India. Read about how she showed God's love.

## *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

The streets of Calcutta, India, were very crowded with people. Many people were sick. They lived on the streets.

Mother Teresa saw a sick man. His clothes were dirty. He was covered with mud and very thin. The man was dying.



She smiled at him. No one ever smiled at him. She and another religious sister took him to their hospital.

Saint Teresa had a hospital for the dying. There she and other women cared for people who were very sick. They held hands with dying people. They prayed with them and for them.



Circle one thing that Saint Teresa did for those who were sick and dying.

## God's Goodness

Saint Teresa knew that God's goodness is in all people. The people she helped could hear love in her voice. They could see love in her sweet smile. They could feel God's love in her touch.

### Share Your Faith

**Think** Circle the things you would like to do to help others who are sick.



**Share** Choose one thing and talk about it with a partner.

# Jesus Heals

## Why did Jesus heal people?

When Jesus saw sick people, he felt sad for them. He did whatever he could to help people who needed him.

### Catholic Faith Words

**faith** believing in God and all that he helps us understand about himself. Faith leads us to obey God.



Underline what Jesus said to Jairus.



### God's Word

#### Have Faith

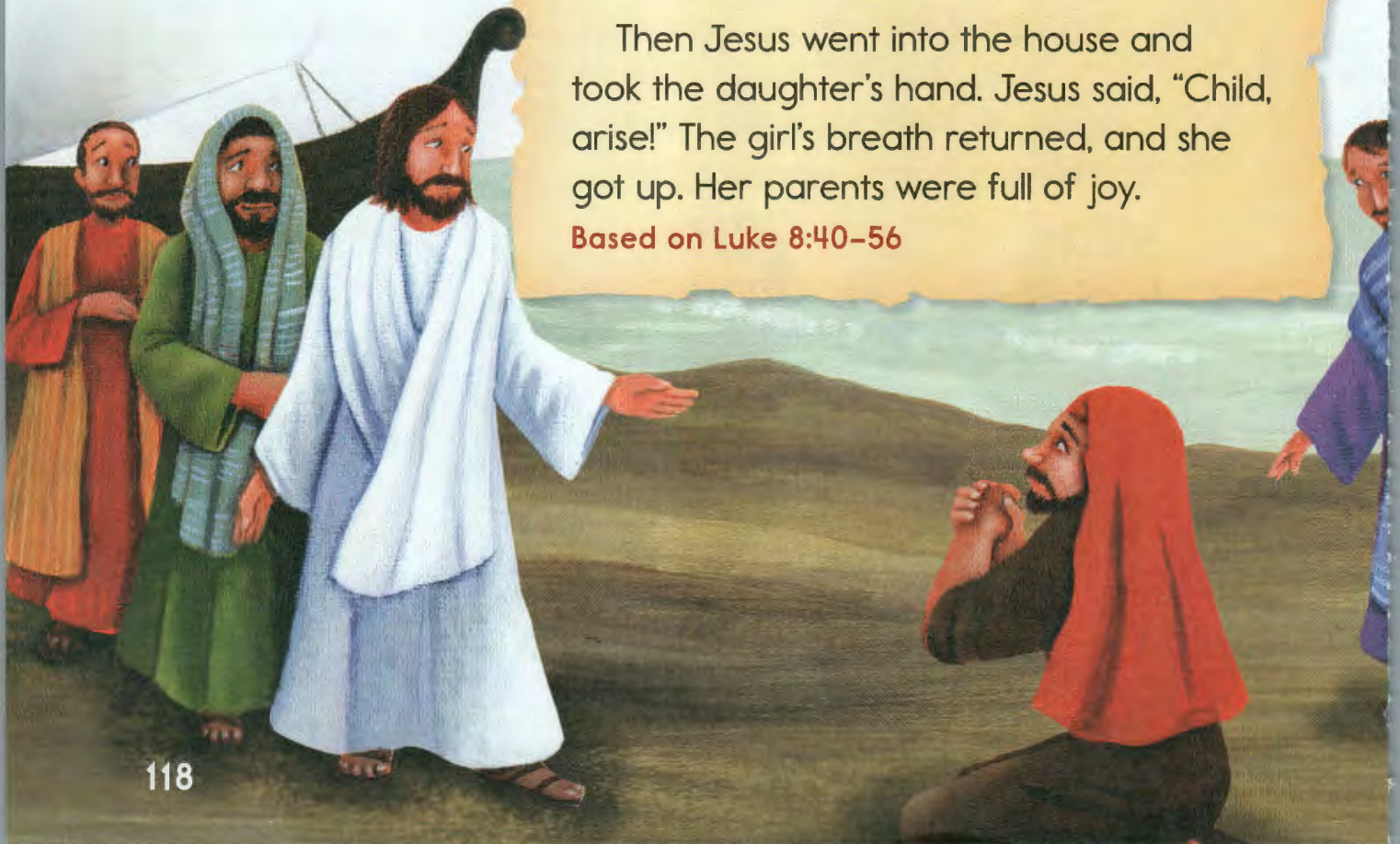
One day a man named Jairus came to Jesus. Jairus said, "My daughter is very sick. I know you can help her."

Jesus agreed. On the way to Jairus's house, a servant came. "It is too late, he said to Jairus. Your daughter is dead."

Jesus told Jairus, "Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved."

Then Jesus went into the house and took the daughter's hand. Jesus said, "Child, arise!" The girl's breath returned, and she got up. Her parents were full of joy.

Based on Luke 8:40-56





## Jesus' Healing Actions

Jesus made people well. When Jesus healed people, it was a sign of God's power and love. His healing actions often changed their hearts, too. They saw God's love and power in Jesus. They came to believe in Jesus and have **faith** in him.

➔ What was Jesus' healing a sign of?

### Connect Your Faith

**Draw the Story** Draw the part of the story about Jesus' healing that you like best.

# Our Catholic Life

## How can you help people feel better?

Jesus helped people who were sick. He gave hope and friendship to people who were lonely. He did these things as signs of God's love. You can share signs of God's love, too.

### Ways to Help Others

- Write a note or make a card that says you are thinking of the person.
- Tell some jokes to cheer up the person.
- Do a chore to help the person.
- Pray for the person.
- Draw a colorful picture for the person.
- Record a song for the person.
- Help make a treat for the person to eat when he or she feels better.



Place a check mark next to things you have done to help someone feel better.





# People of Faith

## Saint Louise de Marillac, 1591–1660

Saint Louise lived in France. After her husband died, she was very sad. She met Saint Vincent de Paul and they started the Daughters of Charity, a group of religious sisters who worked in hospitals, homes, prisons, and during wars. Saint Louise wanted to share God's love by helping the poor and the sick. There are still over 25,000 Daughters of Charity who help the poor.



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**Discuss:** How do you share God's love with others?



Learn more about Saint Louise at [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com)

## Live Your Faith

**Thank someone** who has made you feel better when you were sick. Write their name and circle the thing that they gave you to help you feel better.

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

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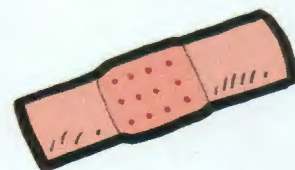
Thank you for giving me:



Food



Love



Medicine

 Let Us Pray

## Prayer for Healing

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

**Leader:** Jesus, Son of God, we pray for those who are sick. For children who are sick, we pray.

**All:** Help them be strong and well again.

**Leader:** Jesus, Son of God, we pray for those who are sick. For children who are sick, we pray.


**All:** Help them be strong and well again.

**Leader:** For all people who are sick, we pray.

**All:** Help them be strong and well again.

**Leader:** Jesus, Son of God, we pray for those who take care of the sick. For all who care for others, we pray.

**All:** Give them grace and strength.  
Amen.

 Sing "Heal Us, Lord"  
Heal us, Lord.  
We feel the power of  
your love.  
Let your Spirit  
come unto us.

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## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

*This chapter is about how Jesus healed people who were sick and cared for those who were lonely; he asks us to help others who are sick or sad.*

### God's Word



Read **Matthew 9** to learn about Jesus' teachings and the many miracles that he worked.

### Catholics Believe

- Jesus' healing actions show God's power and love.
- Faith is the gift of believing in God and doing as he asks.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #547–550 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Louise de Marillac, the founder of a religious order dedicated to the care of those who are poor and sick.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand Jesus' Healings** Illnesses and healing are still mysterious processes for many first grade children. As adults, we understand Jesus' healings as being miraculous (a sign of his power and his spiritual strength), but your child might sometimes see the healing and care that parents and doctors give as being quite similar. One difference we can point out is the immediacy of healing in Jesus' ministry. This shows that Jesus was able to heal in a way that no one else could.



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*What makes a relationship grow?*

Relationships require a commitment of time and presence. Faith is a relationship with God that begins as a gift, but like all our relationships requires time and presence. "God never forces his truth and love upon us. He reveals himself to us as free human beings, and our faith response to him is made within the context of our freedom" (*USCCA, p. 39*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child how Jesus cared for those who were sick.
- Share a time when someone made you feel better physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Saint Louise, pray for us so we can be patient when we are sick and help us be kind to those who are feeling sad. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

# Chapter 7 Review

**A Check Understanding** Trace the words to answer the questions.

1. What did Saint Teresa of Calcutta do to show God's love to sick people?

She cared

2. What did Jesus do to show God's power and love?

He healed

3. What is faith?

Believing in

God

**B Make Connections** Circle the right answer.

4. How can you help a sick person?

play

fight

pray

5. How can you help a sad person?

swim

visit them

sleep

