

Healing of Jairus' Daughter

(Based on Mark 5:21-24, 35-43,
Matthew 9:18-19 & 23-26, Luke 8:40-42 & 49-56)

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A man came and fell at Jesus' feet and worshipped him. He was one of the rulers of the synagogue. "My daughter is about to die but if you will come and put your hand on her, then she will live!"



Before they arrived at the house, a man came running saying, "Your daughter is dead! Don't bother the Master any further." Jesus said to the girl's father, "Don't be afraid. Only believe."



"Boo hoo hoo," sobbed the people. "She was such a sweet little girl, but now she's DEAD! Boo hoo hoo." "Ahhhhhhhh!" wailed many. "Why did this have to happen? She was only 12 years old".



"Why are you crying and making such a fuss?" asked Jesus. "The child is not dead but sleeping." "Sleeping!" gasped the mourners. They laughed and made fun of Jesus.



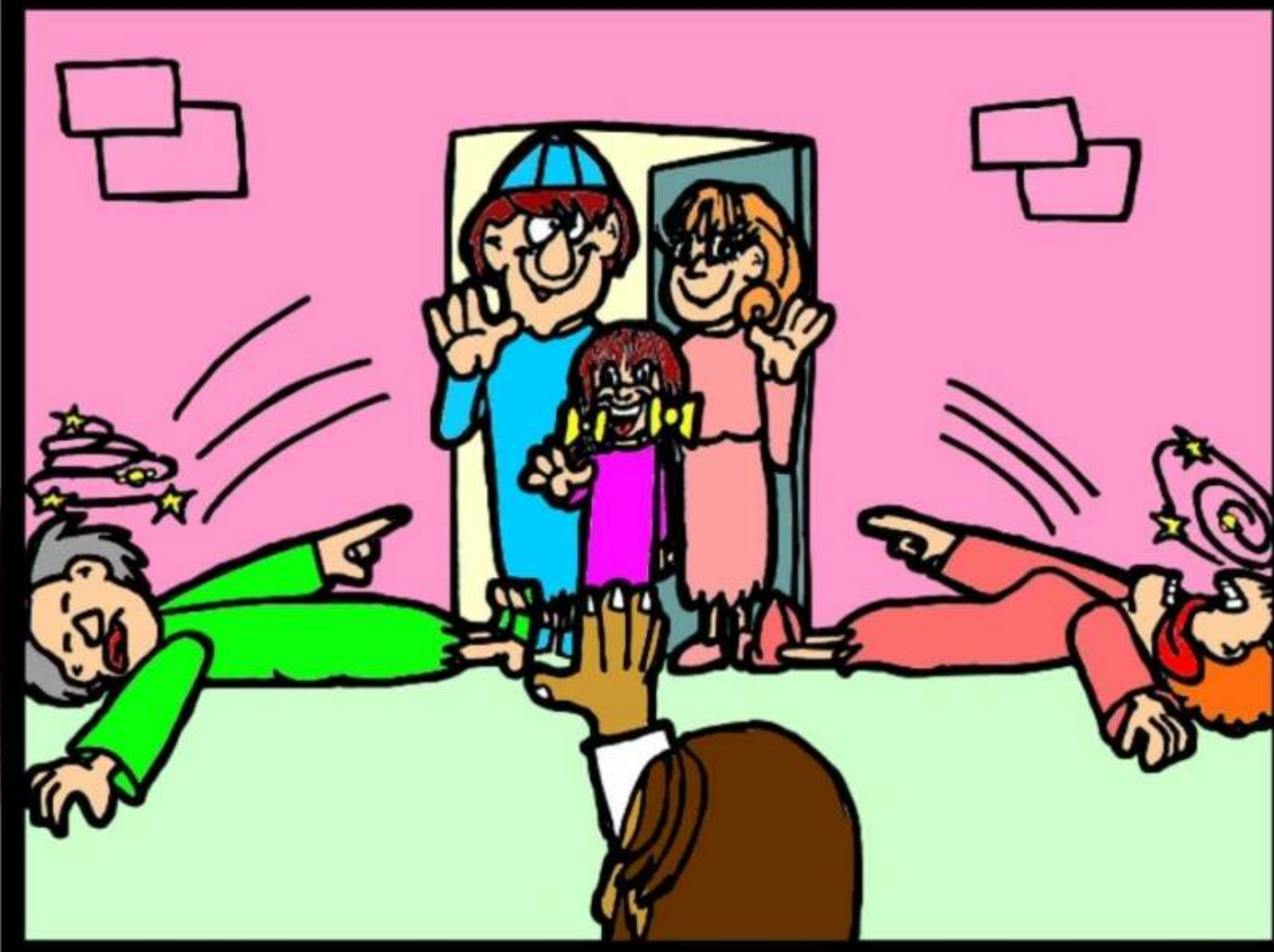
"Get out! Everybody out of the house!" ordered Jesus.



Jesus took the father and mother and went in to where the little child was. He picked up the little girl's lifeless hand and said to her "Talitha cumi," which means "Little girl, I say unto you, get up."



At that very moment the little girl's spirit returned and she rose up. While her parents stood there amazed, Jesus said to them, "Get her something to eat."



Before Jesus left he commanded them not to tell anyone what had happened. Even still, everyone in the land found out.



Lord, help me to remember to believe and not be afraid, even when it looks like things are getting worse instead of better.