

# Kids' Chronicle

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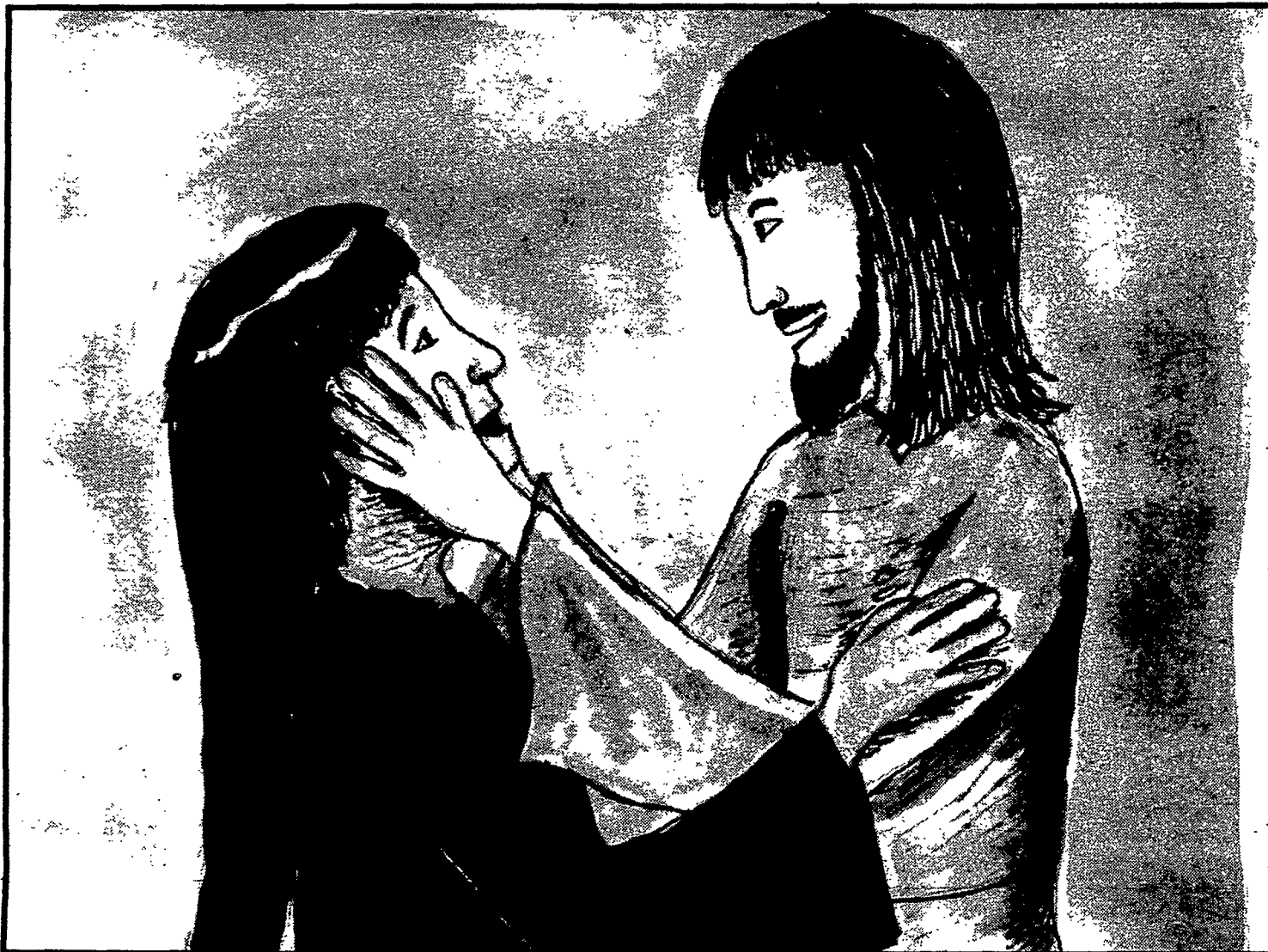


Illustration by Kathy Welsh

## Jesus seeks rest on a hot day

After spending a long, hot day preaching to the crowds that had gathered around him, Jesus was tired and wanted to find a place where he could talk privately with his disciples and be alone to pray.

John, one of the disciples, had friends who lived near Tyre, and he suggested they go there. Tyre was an important port city which was famous for the skill of its craftsmen and the quality of its shipbuilding. Solomon bought materials and hired workers from Tyre when he built his temple.

John introduced Jesus to his friends and a room was prepared for Jesus and his disciples to stay in during their visit. John's friends did not realize at first who their guest was, but when they did it was difficult for them not to tell anyone else.

A woman who had heard about Jesus

knocked on the door and asked to speak with him.

"What do you want me to do?" asked Jesus.

"My daughter is troubled by an evil spirit. I know you can heal her."

Jesus told her, "Don't you think the children should eat before the dogs are fed?"

"Yes," answered the woman, "but the dogs will eat the leftovers of the children's food."

"Your faith is very strong," Jesus said. "Go home to your daughter. She is free from her torment."

The woman hugged Jesus and cried tears of gratitude. "Thank you, thank you," she said as she hurried home.

After Jesus closed the door, he said to his disciples, "I cannot stay here any longer. Soon there will be crowds of people pounding on the door."

Jesus and his disciples left immedi-

ately. They passed by Lake Galilee and into an area known as the Ten Towns. Even there crowds followed Jesus wherever he went.

A family brought a man to Jesus who could not hear and could only speak by mumbling. Jesus took the man out of sight of the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears and spat, and touched the man's tongue. "Open your mouth," said Jesus. Instantly, the man could hear and could speak clearly.

"Please do not tell anyone what has happened here today," Jesus requested. But the man could not contain his excitement and he told anyone who would listen.

One man who heard the story remarked, "What kind of man is this who can cause a deaf man to speak and his tongue to speak?"

As a result of the added publicity, Jesus was continually surrounded by people who would go without food just to be near him, hoping to receive a miracle or be healed.

Read more about it: Mark 7

### Q&A

1. Why did Jesus want to be alone?
2. Why did Jesus take the deaf man away from the crowd?

## Bible Accent

Jesus spent a lot of his time healing sick people because he wanted everyone to be in good health. Today we have doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who are highly trained and have sophisticated equipment that makes their jobs easier and more effective.

But there is always a need for volunteers. Hospitals around the country depend on volunteers to transport patients, deliver flowers, help with clerical work and more. Ask your local hospital if you're old enough to be one of their volunteers. Even if you're not, you can always help mom or dad, your neighbors, or friends. Remember to always check with your parents first.

### Saint Ida

Saint Ida was raised in the ninth century court of Charlemagne, who arranged for her to marry Lord Egbert. However, Egbert died shortly after the wedding and Ida began to spend most of her time praying and helping the poor. She even built a chapel and established a convent.

As a symbol of her own mortality, she ordered a stone coffin to be carved and she filled it with food for the poor every day. She died of a long painful illness, but never wavered in her devotion to God. We honor her on September 4.

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### Psalm 23:1

Cross out all but the following letters in the scrambled sentence below to find David's prayer from Psalm 23:1. Answer on page 18:

D, E, H, I, L, M, O, P, R, S, T, Y

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