



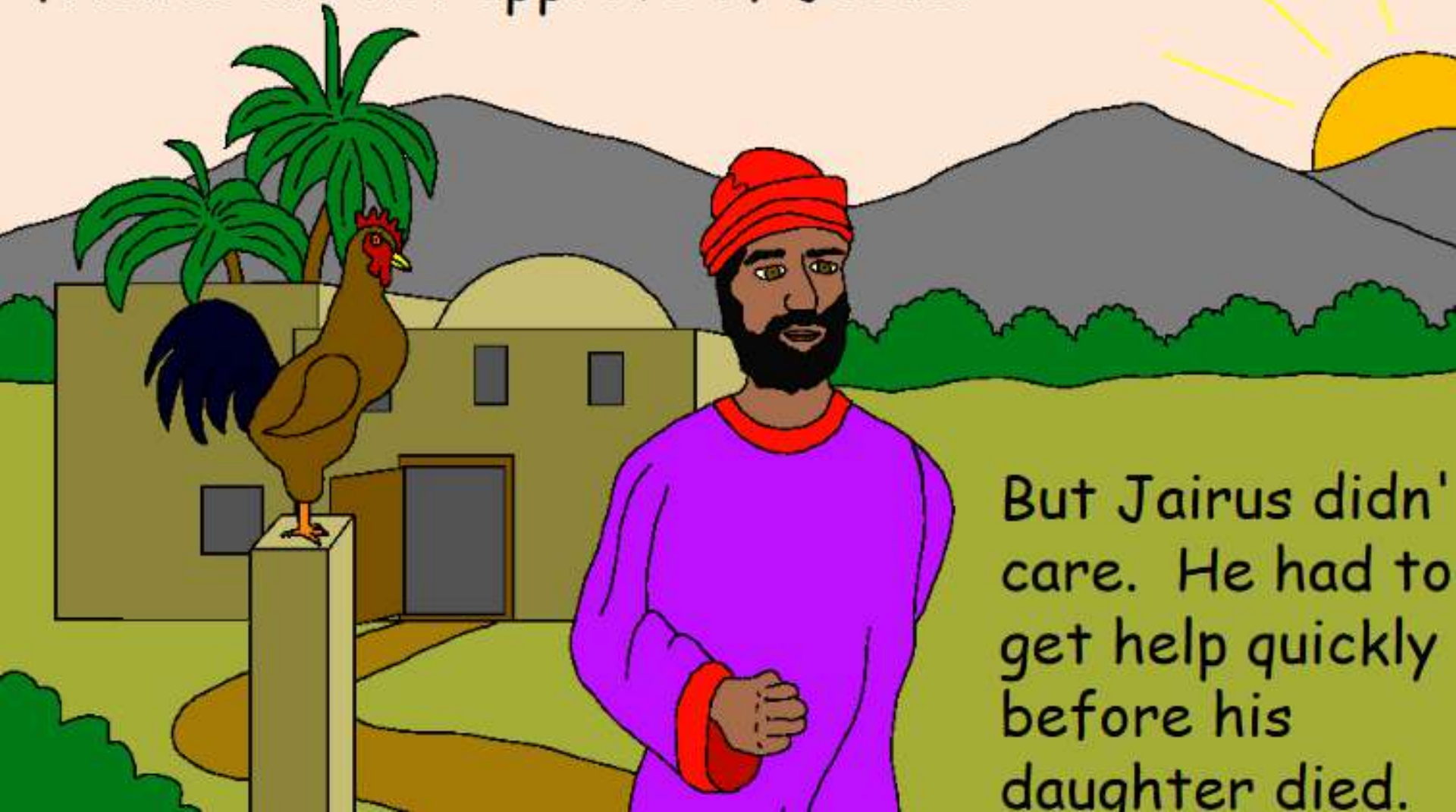
THE GIRL WHO LIVED TWICE

Jairus was a Jewish religious leader who worshiped God and taught God's Word to others. One day, terrible trouble came to Jairus. His beloved

daughter, only twelve years old, got sick. It seemed nobody could help her. It was a bad sickness. Jairus knew the girl was dying.



Only one person could help Jairus' daughter. Jairus set out to find Jesus and bring Him back to his house. Jairus probably knew his religious friends did not approve of Jesus.



But Jairus didn't care. He had to get help quickly before his daughter died.

Jairus found Jesus surrounded by people.

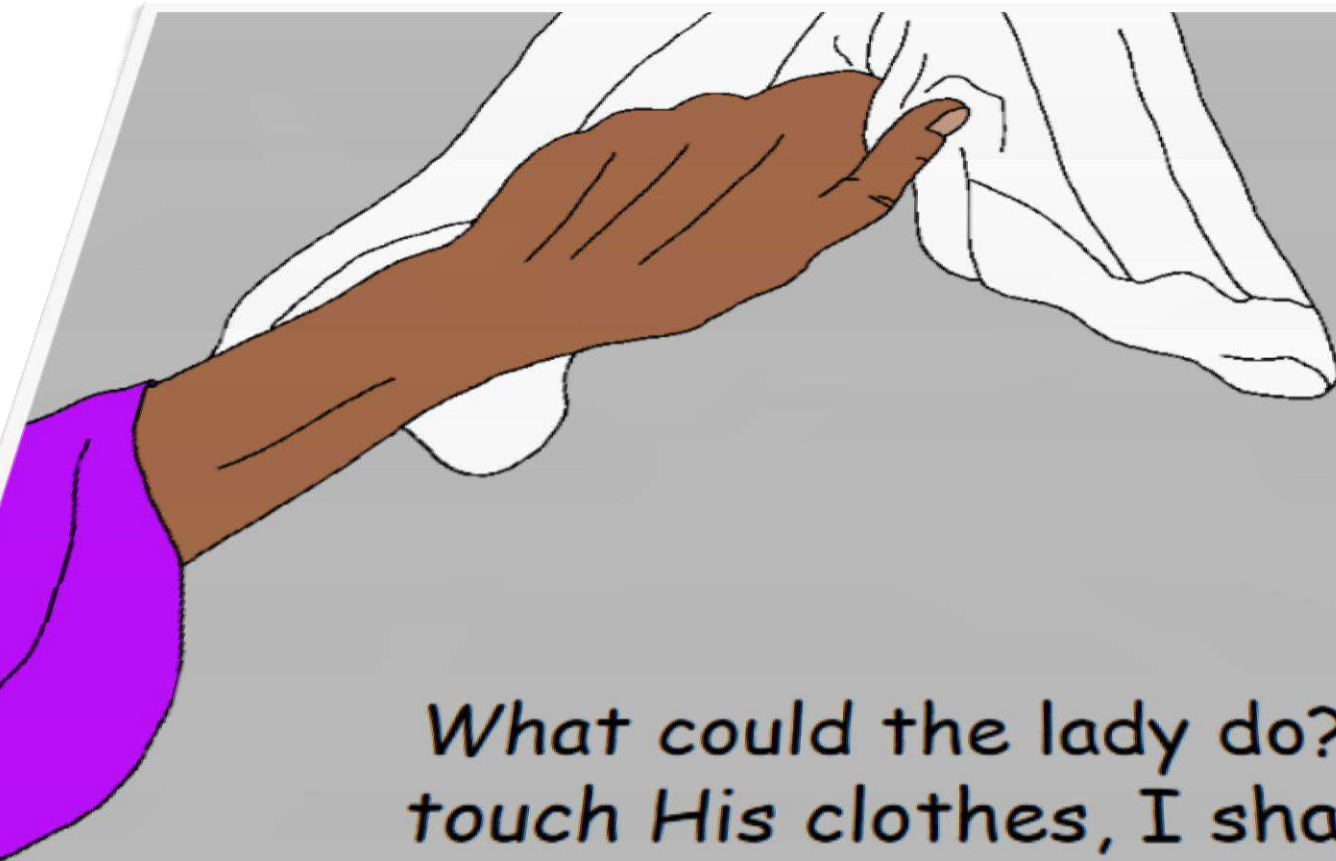


He kneeled at Jesus' feet.

"My little daughter lies at the point of death," the desperate man begged. "Come and lay your hands on her that she may be healed, and she will live."



Jesus went with Jairus. But they could not move quickly because of the huge crowd. One lady had been very sick for twelve long years. She had gone to all the doctors (and spent all her money) without getting help. Oh, how she wanted to see Jesus!

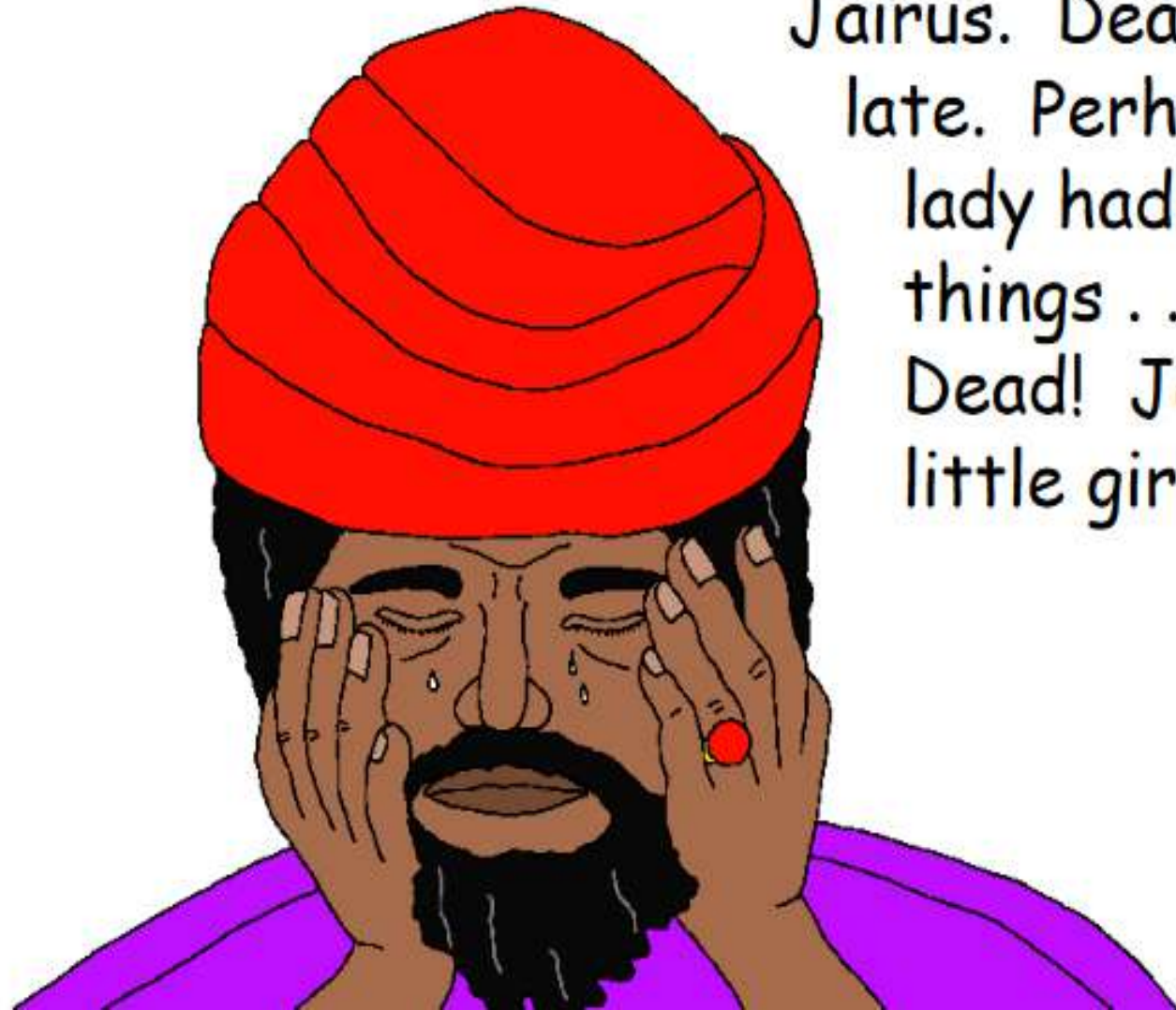


What could the lady do? "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well," the lady muttered. She inched her way toward Jesus. Then, stretching out



The lady was healed.
Immediately! Completely!
She knew she was well and
strong and whole. But then
a voice spoke. "Who
touched Me?" Jesus asked.
Crowds had touched Him.
But the lady who was healed
knew He wanted her to tell
Him about it. Timidly, she
told Him her whole story.

Just then, servants came from Jairus' house. Their faces probably told the sad story before they spoke. "Your daughter is dead!" they told Jairus. Dead! It was too late. Perhaps, if that lady hadn't delayed things . . . perhaps, if . . . Dead! Jairus' precious little girl was gone.



When Jesus heard it, He answered, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

How difficult it must have been for Jairus to really believe Jesus. His daughter was dead.



At the house, everybody wept and mourned for the girl. "She is not dead, but sleeping," Jesus told them. They laughed at Him. They knew the girl was dead.



Jesus put them all out, took the girl by the hand and said, "Little girl, arise."



Jairus was there. His wife was there. Three of Jesus' disciples were there. They all heard Jesus words. Would the little dead girl hear them, too?



The dead girl
heard Jesus'
command! Her
spirit returned,
and she arose
immediately.
Jesus had
raised her
from the
dead.



The girl's parents were astonished. Jesus told them to give the girl something to eat. How happy they must have felt; how grateful to Jesus. His wonderful love and power brought their daughter back from death.

