



**BEAR
HUG 16**

Jesus Loves Two Daughters

Make It Stick: I John 5:11: ... *God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.* (Short version is in bold.)

The Big Buzz: Jesus loves all people. He healed the sick woman and made Jairus' daughter come alive again. Because Jesus is God, He has the power to heal, raise the dead and give us eternal life when we trust Him as Savior.

HONEY FROM THE COMB

Read: Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56; Revelation 21:1-4

Memorize: I John 5:11

This week's lesson features two daughters who both desperately needed the Savior's healing.

We meet the first daughter through her father, Jairus. Imagine the gripping fear that Jairus must have felt. His plea to Christ is desperate. He knew his little girl was running out of time and that this mysterious Teacher was her only hope.

The second daughter was a mysterious woman, known only by her illness. She too was eager for healing from a constant discharge of blood (likely menstrual bleeding) that not only brought discomfort, but it also made her a religious and social outcast. She could not enter the temple section reserved for women. If anyone touched her or any furniture she used, they would be ceremonially unclean until evening (Leviticus 15:19-33). By joining this crowd, she risked making everyone, including Jesus, unclean. Instead, Jesus healed her and made her clean. He called her "Daughter" and commended her faith in Him.

On that day, both of these daughters learned that Christ was their only hope. He is our only hope today as well. While Christ may not heal each of our physical ailments here on earth, we have the secure promise of ultimate healing when we meet our Savior face to face (Revelation 21:4).

Sensitively address any fears your Cubbies express about death. Some may have already faced the death of a beloved family member or pet. Gently remind them that Jesus died so we could have eternal life. That means someday those who trust Christ get to be alive forever with Him in heaven!

TASTE AND SEE!

Cubbies need to taste and see that the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)! Pray that the Holy Spirit would work through this lesson so Cubbies:

1. Remember that Jesus loves all people. He showed His love through healing the sick, forgiving sin and giving us eternal life.
2. Recognize Jesus' power to heal people and raise them from the dead. He is God!
3. Learn that if they trust Jesus as Savior, they are promised eternal life and do not have to fear death.
4. Understand that eternal life is life with the Lord Jesus, both now and forever.
5. _____

(Add a goal the Holy Spirit brings to your mind and heart as you pray for Cubbies.)



COMING IN

(10-15 minutes before club officially starts)

IDEA I: Touch and Feel Collage or Bag

What You Need

- Construction Paper
- Glue sticks
- Scraps of varied textures for the collage (e.g., felt, sand paper, foil, burlap, bubble wrap, leaves, cotton balls, fabric)
- Several bags
- Variety of items for the bags (e.g., small ball, crayon, toy car, Lego block, spoon, cotton ball, sock, rock)

To make a touch-and-feel collage, Cubbies glue various scraps on a paper. Ask the Cubbies to rub their fingers over each scrap. Talk about how the items feel. If you are making touch-and-feel bags, place a few items in each bag. Let Cubbies take turns reaching into the bags to choose an item. Using only their sense of touch, they must guess the item before pulling it out of the bag. After either activity, ask Cubbies, “What do you like to touch with your hands? Why do you think God made our hands to feel things? In our Bible story today, we will hear about a woman who touched part of Jesus’ clothes, and an amazing thing happened!”

IDEA 2: Jairus’ Daughter Craft

What You Need

- Copy of the room scene for each Cubbie (resource CD)
- Precut daughter upper body for each Cubbie (resource CD)
- Crayons • Scissors
- Brads (paper fasteners)

Give each Cubbie a room scene and daughter body to color. Leaders will help Cubbies attach the daughter body on the bed with a brad. (Line up the holes and insert the brad through the holes.) As Cubbies move the girl to make her lie down in the bed and sit up, review the biblical account of Jesus raising Jairus’ daughter from the dead.

IDEA 3: Health Helpers

What You Need

- Toy doctor kit
- Dolls or stuffed animals
- Baby blankets
- Adhesive bandages and other first-aid supplies
- *Optional* — items to make cards for people who are sick, such as construction paper, crayons, stickers

Cubbies can pretend to care for sick dolls or animals. They can also pretend to be sick and care for each other. As they play, talk about any people they know who are sick. Ask Cubbies if they remember reading a Bible story in their handbooks about a woman and a girl who were both very sick. Discuss what happened in the story. If desired, help Cubbies make cards for any Cubbies who are absent due to sickness, or people who are in the hospital or on the church’s prayer list. Explain that when Jesus was on earth, he showed love to everybody, including those who were hurting or sick. We can show love to people too.

STARTING TIME (3-5 minutes)

Continue your starting routine. Include the “Cubbies Song,” Cubbies key verse and motto, unit Core Truth: Jesus Loves All People and the A and C verses, along with your favorite visuals, songs and motions.

PUPPET SHOW

(3-5 minutes)

What You Need

- Cubbie Bear puppet
- Luvie Lamb puppet
- Optional — three whistles, string, a handmade card.

(Beforehand, make a simple card that says "Get Well Soon." Sign the names of Cubbie Bear, Timothy, Luvie Lamb and Katie Collie inside the card. Place the card within reach. Use string to hang a whistle around Cubbie's neck and a whistle around Luvie's neck. Adjust the string so the whistles stay secure during the puppet show. Give the third whistle to another leader or keep it yourself.)

LEADER: Last week we learned that Cubbie and his friends are part of the special Help Club. I wonder if they have been able to help any more people on the farm? Let's call to Cubbie and see if he can tell us. Ready? One — two — three. CUBBIE!

(After children call out, bring the Cubbie puppet into view, hopping around excitedly.)

LEADER: Hi, Cubbie Bear! We were just wondering if your Help Club has been able to help more people on the farm.

CUBBIE (nodding excitedly): Yes, we have! Today Timothy and I were walking around the farm, looking for people to help. Katie Collie was busy watching the playground, and Luvie Lamb was keeping an eye on the petting zoo. We all had our whistles ready to blow in case we saw someone who needed our help!

(If Cubbie is wearing a whistle, point to it now.)

CUBBIE: Timothy and I asked if we could help a man who was painting the barn, but he was almost done. Just then, we heard a sharp whistle.

(As a fun option, ask Cubbies if they would like to hear how a whistle sounds and you or another leader will blow a whistle.)

LEADER: Who blew the whistle you heard on the farm today, Cubbie?

(Bring Luvie Lamb into view, giggling.)

LUVIE (still giggling): It was me!

LEADER: Did you see someone who needed help, Luvie?

LUVIE: I sure did. Timothy's friend Mia looked sad. She was holding her tummy.

LEADER: What was wrong with Mia?

LUVIE: Her tummy hurt and she felt sick.

CUBBIE: Timothy ran to tell his mom, and his mom came and took Mia to the first-aid room on the farm. The first aid room is the place where people try to help you feel better when you're hurt or sick.

LUVIE: Then Timothy made Mia a special card. We all signed it too!

(If you have the card prop, hold up the card, read the front out loud and read the names on the inside of the card.)

LEADER: That was really kind of Timothy. I'm so glad you were able to help Mia!

CUBBIE: Me too! *(To Luvie)* Luvie, don't you think we should be going now? I want to stop by the first-aid room and make sure Mia is feeling better.

LUVIE: You're right, Cubbie! Bye, everybody!

(Have children wave goodbye as the puppets are put away.)

SNACKS (5-10 minutes)

Snacks are optional and can be done at any time during the club meeting.

IDEA 1: Graham Cracker Bandages

What You Need

- Cinnamon graham crackers
- Vanilla frosting
- Knife for leader's use
- Optional — strawberry jelly

Break each graham cracker into four rectangles. Spread a small square of frosting in the middle of each cracker so that it resembles a bandage. If desired, and if Cubbies will be entertained, spoon a small amount of jelly on the white frosting to resemble blood. Ask Cubbies why Jesus was able to heal the sick and make dead people come alive again. Why can He do that.

IDEA 2: Thumbprint Cookies

What You Need

- Thumbprint cookies (store-bought or homemade; recipes are online)

Ask Cubbies why they think these cookies got their name. Tell them a person makes the cookies by pressing their thumb into the dough. Ask, "Who used her hand to touch Jesus in our Bible story? Why did she touch Him? What did Jesus do for her?"

IDEA 3: Healthy Snacks

What You Need

- An assortment of healthy snacks (e.g., orange sections, hummus and whole grain crackers, peeled cucumbers and dip, banana rounds, raspberries, seedless watermelon slices)

As you serve the snack, explain to Cubbies that God helps us when we are sick, but He also wants us to take good care of our bodies. One way we can do that is to eat healthy snacks.

SONGS (3-5 minutes)

Songs can be done before or after Lesson Time.

SING:

- **"Jesus Loves Me"** Consider teaching kids the sign language for this song.
- **"J-E-S-U-S"** (from Bear Hug 15) Sing the first verse about the lame man and add this new verse, followed by the verse about Jesus saving us from sin. Talk about the power Jesus has because He is the Son of God.

Who can make a dead girl live?

Do you know His name?

J-E-S-U-S (*Sing 3 times.*)

Jesus is His name.

Who can save us from our sins?

Do you know His name?

J-E-S-U-S (*Sing 3 times.*)

Jesus is His name.

PRAYER (1-2 minutes)

(Use this time to intentionally model and teach Cubbies the basics of prayer.)

Cubbies, has there ever been a time when you were hurt or sick and then you felt better? Do you know someone who is sick or hurt right now? (*Pause for responses.*) We can pray for that person. God knows the best thing to do for everyone. No matter what, we can ALWAYS talk to God about what we want and need. God ALWAYS hears our prayers, and He can make us feel better, even when we're sick or hurting.

(If a Cubbie mentioned a specific request, ask that child if he or she would like to pray for that request. If not, pray for each of the requests aloud. If you have a large group, encourage Cubbies to silently pray for a sick or injured person as you pray out loud.)

LESSON TIME (15-20 minutes)

What You Need

- Teaching Cards (TC) 64-69
- Bible with bookmarks placed at Mark 5:21-43 and 1 John 5:11
- *Optional* — Bible-time costumes

(Adapt and personalize the words of this lesson so it fits you and your Cubbies. Open with prayer.)

Optional: Ask several leaders to act out the story as you tell it. For extra fun, encourage them to dress up in Bible-time costumes. If possible, enlist the help of a young teen girl to act out the part of Jairus' daughter.

I hope Mia feels better soon. It's no fun to be sick. Have you ever been sick? Who took care of you and helped you to feel better? (**Pause for children's responses.**)

(Display TC64. Point to the Core Truth.) Jesus loves all people. **(Have Cubbies repeat the Core Truth two times.)** When Jesus lived on earth, He showed His love by helping many people. He did many special things to help people understand that He is God's Son!

(Open your Bible to Mark 5:21-43.) One day while Jesus was teaching people about His Father, God, a man came up to Jesus.

(Display TC65.) His name was Jairus. He had a big problem, and he needed Jesus to help Him. Jairus knelt down at Jesus' feet. "Jesus," he begged, "will you please help my daughter? She is very sick and about to die! Please come to my house and touch her so that she may live."

Jesus loved Jairus and his little girl. Jesus was happy to help them! Jesus and His friends, the disciples, left with Jairus to go back to his home where the little girl was. A large crowd of people followed them.

(Display TC66.) Jairus was NOT the only person who needed help from Jesus that day. In the crowd of people there was also a sick woman.

(Point to the woman.) This woman felt very sad. She had been sick for 12 years, and no doctors could help her feel better. But she had heard many wonderful things about Jesus. She believed that all she had to do was touch Jesus' clothes and Jesus could make her well.

The woman moved closer to Jesus, but she didn't want anyone to see her. She wasn't supposed to be near people because she was so sick. **(Act out these next sentences as if you were the sick woman.)** She bent down and watched carefully. When Jesus walked by, she snuck up behind Him and touched a part of his clothes. As soon as she touched Jesus, her body felt better. She was healed!

(Note: The woman touched the fringe of Jesus' garment (Luke 8:44), which likely refers to the blue and white corded tassels worn by Jewish men, either on the four corners of their outer garment or on the prayer shawl. They wore these in obedience to Numbers 15:38-41 and Deuteronomy 22:12.)

Jesus turned around. "Who touched Me?" He asked. Many people were pressing up close to Jesus, but Jesus knew He had healed someone.

(Display TC67.) The woman knew she couldn't hide anymore. Shaking with fear, she fell before Jesus and told Jesus and everyone what she had done and how her body had been healed. Jesus loved her, and He was happy that the woman believed that He could heal her. He said, "Daughter, your faith has healed you."

(Point to the men speaking to Jairus.) The lady was happy, but others in the crowd were sad. Do you remember Jairus? He wanted Jesus to hurry to help his sick daughter. **(Point to Jairus in the picture.)**

Several men from Jairus' home came to him with bad news. "Jairus, your little girl has died. Do not bother Jesus anymore." Jairus was so sad, but Jesus said to him, "Do not be afraid. Just believe in Me."

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(Display TC68.) When Jesus got to Jairus' house, many people were sad and crying loudly. Other people were playing sad songs on their pipes. (*Note: People hired professional mourners and musicians at funerals in New Testament times.*) Jesus told them all to leave. Then only Jesus, the girl's father, Jairus, and the little girl's mother were there in the house. Jesus' disciples, Peter, James and John, were also there. On a bed was the 12-year-old girl who had died.

(Display TC69.) Jesus knelt beside the little girl and took her hand. He said, "Little girl, arise!" Cubbies, do you know what happened? The little girl opened her eyes! She was alive again! Jesus helped her out of bed and she started walking around. Jairus and the girl's mother were so happy and surprised! Only Jesus could make a dead person alive again, because Jesus is God.

(Open your Bible to 1 John 5:11.) Cubbies, it is sad to think about dying, but we do not have to be sad or afraid. Our memory verse, 1 John 5:11, says: ... God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (*Repeat the verse twice with Cubbies.*) This verse means that if we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we will have ETERNAL life! Eternal life is life with the Lord Jesus, both now and forever. If our bodies die, we will go right to heaven, and we will be alive forever with Jesus. And one day, when Jesus comes back, He will give us new bodies that will never, ever get sick or die.

Remember, Cubbies, Jesus gave us ETERNAL life because He loves us. I am so glad that Jesus is our powerful God. Let's praise Jesus by singing a song. (*Sing together "My God Is So Big" or "Awesome God." Add motions as desired.*)

HANDBOOK TIME

(15-30 minutes)

Give each handbook group leader a copy of Bear Hug 16 Handbook Leader Sheet from the resource CD.

Bear Hug 16 Activity Sheet

What You Need

- Copy of the Bear Hug 16 Activity Sheet for each Cubbie
- Crayons
- Optional – stickers, tissue squares or other items to glue on cross

Review the Bible story as Cubbies complete the dot-to-dot cross. If time allows, Cubbies can complete the fun options at the bottom of the page. Remind Cubbies that Jesus loved all people. He showed His love by healing the sick, forgiving sin and giving us eternal life. Recite 1 John 5:11. Explain to Cubbies that when they trust Jesus Christ as Savior, they receive eternal life. Eternal life is life with the Lord Jesus, both now and forever. Someday they will go to heaven and be alive with Jesus there forever.

NOTE: Additional Handbook Time idea is on the Bear Hug 16 Leader Sheet.

PLAY TIME (15-20 minutes)

Play the Cubbies' favorite game from Bear Hug 15 as a review.

IDEA 1: Touch Tag

What You Need

- Pool noodle(s) cut in half (or soft balls)

Give pool noodles to a few Cubbies. The rest of the Cubbies will scatter around the play area and try to avoid being touched by leaders. Once they are touched, they must sit on the floor and wait for a Cubbie to come by and touch them with a pool noodle. Once touched, they may get up and resume play. Periodically let Cubbies switch roles, so everyone gets a chance to hold the pool noodles. Talk about what happened when the sick woman touched Jesus and when Jesus touched the hand of the dead girl. Emphasize the power Jesus has because He is God.

IDEA 2: Touch Relay

What You Need

For each relay group:

- Basket or box
- Supply of items of different textures

Divide Cubbies into groups. Fill each group's basket with textured items and set the baskets at one end of the game area, while groups stand in line at the opposite end. The first person in each group will listen for the leader's instruction. The leader may say, "Go find something bumpy." Cubbies will run to their team basket, search for something bumpy (using only their sense of touch) and bring it back to their group. Then the next Cubbie in each group will take a turn. The game leader can ask Cubbies to look for items that are hard, soft, smooth, squishy, etc. Continue until each group member has a chance to run to the basket.

IDEA 3: Who Touched Me?

What You Need

- Blindfold

Cubbies stand in a circle around one blindfolded Cubbie. Cubbies are very quiet as the game

leader points to a Cubbie who sneaks up, touches the blindfolded Cubbie and runs back to his place in the circle. The game leader tells the Cubbie in the middle to remove her blindfold and guess who touched her. If she guesses correctly, she switches spots with that Cubbie and the game is repeated. Ask the Cubbies if anyone asked "Who touched Me?" in the Bible story. After Jesus asked this question, what happened? Remind Cubbies of what the sick woman did and what Jesus said to her and did for her.

IDEA 4: Jesus Loves, YOU!

What You Need

- Nothing

Play this game just like Duck, Duck, Goose. Cubbies sit in a circle. One person walks around the outside of the circle, tapping people on the head while he says, "Jesus loves ..." When he reaches the person he wants to tag, he shouts "YOU!" Whoever is tapped on "YOU," gets up and chases the tagger around the circle, trying to tag him before he sits down in the vacated spot. The tapped person then begins tapping people on the head. Remind Cubbies that Jesus knows and loves us all.

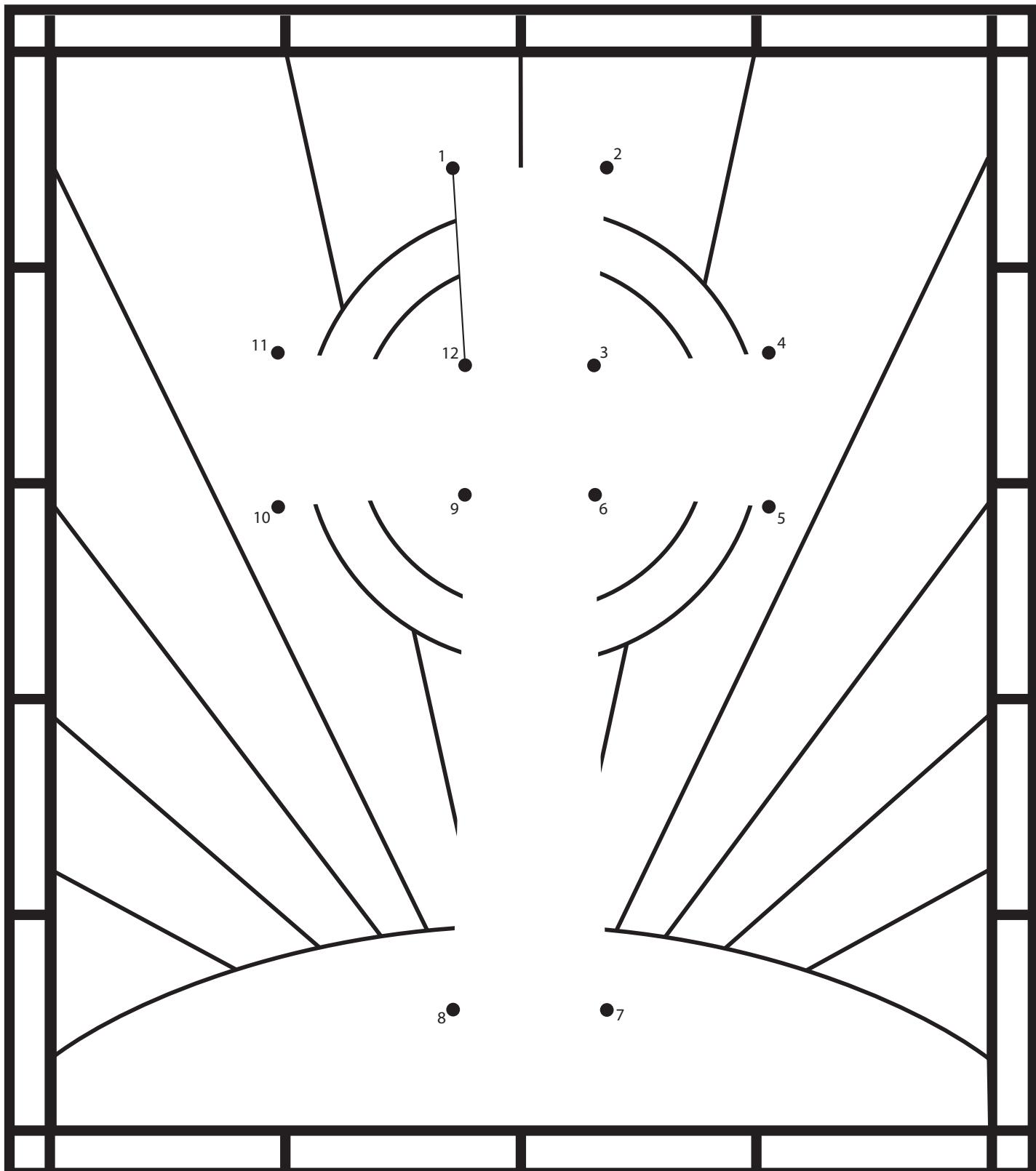
GOING HOME (5-10 minutes)

This lesson was about the power of touch — Jesus' touch. Touch is also powerful in the life of your Cubbies. Be sure that your physical touch is safe, appropriate and nurturing. Follow your church's child protection policy.

You can also make a point of touching each child visually, verbally, emotionally and mentally each week. Touch a child visually by looking at her and smiling! To add a verbal touch, call the child by name and say you are glad she is at Cubbies. Be alert to Cubbies' feelings so you can touch them emotionally and show your concern. Of course, throughout the meeting, you will be touching them mentally through all the Total Time Teaching activities. All your various touches should aim to reflect the great love of the Lord Jesus for each Cubbie.

**... God has given us eternal life, and
this life is in His Son. (I John 5:11)**

NAME: _____



Basic Instructions: Starting at number 1, connect all 12 dots to complete the picture. Leaders should help any Cubbies who are too young to recognize numbers.

Even More Fun: Color the picture. Add stickers, tissue paper or other embellishments you have to the cross.

Ultimate Fun: Tell your parent (guardian) or leader what Jesus did for us on the cross. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and came alive again. All those who trust in Jesus will have eternal life. Eternal life is life with the Lord Jesus, both now and forever (in heaven).