



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for February 7, 2010
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"A Mother's Trust in Jesus"

Lesson Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Background Scripture: Matthew 15:21-31

Memory Verse: "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt" (Matthew 15:28).

Matthew 15:21-28

21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that Jesus welcomes anyone, whoever he may be, who comes to Him by believing.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Jesus is pleased when people, like the foreign woman, believe in Him.
2. Jesus welcomes anyone who believes in Him because His death on the cross was for all people.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Beginning the Lesson, find a picture of a Bible-time city.

For Telling the Lesson, find pictures to represent the woman seeking help, Jesus walking with His disciples, and the woman kneeling before Jesus.

For Helping to Remember, for each child take a small paper cup half filled with sand, five green half straws, five 1 ½-inch circles drawn on yellow paper, safety scissors (blunt tip), crayons, and tape.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Scramble / Word Search for each student.

TEACHER'S NOTES:

Time: A.D. 29

Place: region of Tyre and Sidon

Jesus left the Sea of Galilee area on one occasion and went northwest toward the cities of Tyre and Sidon. People even in this Gentile area had heard of Israel's miracle worker. One of them was an unnamed woman whose daughter was being harassed by a demon. She believed Jesus could heal her child, and when she learned He was in the area, she determined to ask Him.

How old was the daughter? The parallel account in Mark 7 calls her "young" (v. 25). In Matthew 2:8 Jesus was called a "young child," and "young children" were blessed by Jesus (Mark 10:13). These were different Greek words from the term used for the rich "young" ruler in Matthew 19:20. Whatever the daughter's age, she was not an infant, but neither was she a youthful adult.

What *is* clear is that she had a terrible spiritual problem, and her Gentile mother was convinced that Jesus could resolve it; so she kept asking. She had nowhere else to turn. Her faith was rewarded, and in her experience is a twofold lesson for us: Jesus is greatly pleased by faith and responds to it, and "whosoever will may come."

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Jesus was born into a Jewish family, and He wanted the Jewish people to know that God had sent Him. He did many special things, things that only God could do. Tell me some of them. (Accept responses.)

Then one day Jesus took a long walk. After a while He came close to two cities where a different kind of people lived. (Show city.)

TELLING THE LESSON:

Now even the people in those faraway places had heard about Jesus and the special things He was doing. One of them was a woman who had big trouble at her house. (Show woman.) A demon, an evil spirit from Satan, was hurting her little girl inside and out. The Bible does not say how old her girl was. But she was not a baby, and she was not a big girl, either.

When her mother heard that Jesus was not far away, she thought, Jesus *can help*. *I will go ask Him.*

She found Him with the twelve men who had traveled with Him. (Show Jesus and disciples.) She began to call to Him in a loud voice, "Son of David, please help me! An evil spirit from Satan is making my girl very sick." "Son of David" was one of the Jewish names for Jesus.

Now, you know how Jesus always seemed to help people right away, but this time He did not even answer the woman. He had a good reason for doing that. We know He is never mean.

The woman kept up her pleading and crying until finally Jesus' friends said, "Lord, please tell her to go away. All her yelling bothers us." (Show Jesus and disciples.)

Jesus did not tell the woman to go away, but He did tell His friends that He was sent by God to help Jewish people - not others like her. Even then, she came and bowed down in front of Him. "Lord, help me." (Show kneeling woman.) He answered that it was not right to take food that was meant for children and give it to pets.

The girl's mother agreed that the food is for the people first, not the puppies under the table - but the puppies get some of it. Jesus was sent to the Jewish people first, but

should other people not get help too? She still believed He could help her. (Show woman.)

Well, Jesus was pleased with the woman's strong faith. She was not one of the Jewish people, but she believed in Him, and that was the important thing. "Because you believe in Me as you do," He said, "you may have what you are asking for." When the woman got home, there was her little girl, all well and resting on the bed. What a happy ending to our lesson!

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

From all this, there is something important for us to know. Jesus did come to the Jewish people first. He was even born into a Jewish family, but it is not just the Jewish people who can get help from Him. He came for the rest of us too. He died for those here in our town and for people everywhere else.

We help others find out what Jesus has done when we tell them and when we pray for them. Which people could we especially ask God to help right now?

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Tell the class they are going to make a beautiful plant using the word "faith." Faith means believing, and our believing in Jesus is beautiful to Him. Have them print "FAITH," one letter on each circle, and make each flower shaggy by clipping its edges. Help them tape each one to the end of a half straw, then place the straws upright in the sand.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt" (Matthew 15:28).

A mother had just asked Jesus to make her little girl well. Jesus could tell she really believed He could do this, and that pleased Him. What He said means, "Because you believe so much in Me, what you want Me to do will happen." And it did.

CONCLUSION:

The woman understood that Jesus' primary mission was to Israel, but she saw herself only needing a little of Jesus compassion. Jesus saw the woman's great faith. He answered her request for healing of her daughter, and Jesus marveled because He rarely saw faith like this in Israel.

PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You that Your love and grace are available for everyone. Help us to see ourselves and others as You see them, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "[Peter's Answer](#)" and will tell how Jesus was pleased when Simon Peter said that Jesus was the Son of God. Study Matthew 16:13-27.

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WORD SCRAMBLE / WORD SEARCH
"A Mother's Trust in Jesus" (Matthew 15:21-28)

Unscramble each word from the lesson and then find each in the word search:

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| 1 SWRHPEOIDP (vs. 25) _____ | 9 RSMEAT (vs. 27) _____ |
| 2 OSDG (vs. 27) _____ | 10 ILESAR (vs. 24) _____ |
| 3 DABER (vs. 26) _____ | 11 STURT (lesson title) _____ |
| 4 SESUJ (vs. 21) _____ | 12 VLIED (vs. 22) _____ |
| 5 EHSEP (vs. 24) _____ | 13 RECID (vs. 22) _____ |
| 6 IHATF (vs. 28) _____ | 14 AHTGEDUR (vs. 22) _____ |
| 7 REHMTO (lesson title) _____ | 15 UBSCMR (vs. 27) _____ |
| 8 DLESICISP (vs. 23) _____ | 16 DERNILCH (vs. 26) _____ |

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Solution to Word Scramble / Word Search

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| 1- WORSHIPPED | 5-SHEEP | 9-MASTER | 13-CRIED |
| 2-DOGS | 6-FAITH | 10-ISRAEL | 14-DAUGHTER |
| 3-BREAD | 7-MOTHER | 11-TRUST | 15-CRUMBS |
| 4-JESUS | 8-DISCIPLES | 12-DEVIL | 16-CHILDREN |

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