## Bible Stories for Young Children

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## A GENTILE MOTHER COMES TO JESUS

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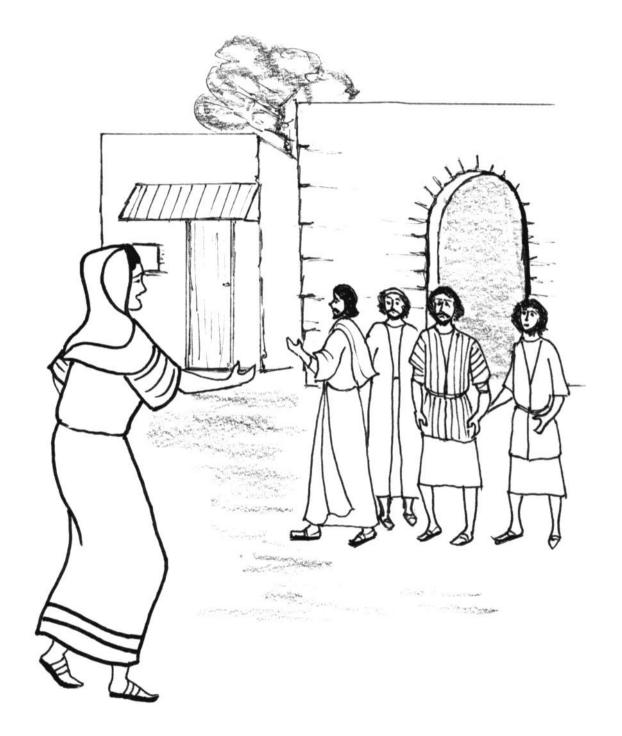
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MATTHEW 15:21–28
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Jesus arrived in the area of Tyre and Sidon.

A Canaanite lady cried out, 'Lord, Son of David, help me! My little girl has a demon and it is hurting her.'

Jesus did not answer her.



The lady kept on shouting. 'Lord, Son of David, help me!'

She kept on calling out to Jesus, annoying the disciples.

The disciples said, 'Send her away.
She keeps following us and shouting at us.'

Jesus had come to do what His Father wanted. Was this what His Father wanted?



Then Jesus said, 'God sent Me only to the people of Israel, His lost sheep.'

The lady believed that Jesus would help her.

She bowed before Him and said, 'Lord, help me!'

Jesus answered her saying, 'It is not right to take the children's food and give it to the dogs.'

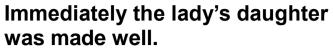


The lady believed that God's blessing was not just for Israel, but for her as well!

She answered, 'That is true, Lord, but the puppies can eat the little bits that fall from the master's table.'

Jesus said, 'You have great faith! I will do what you have asked Me to do.'





This lady received the Father's blessing, which was first given to Israel, but through Jesus, would be for all people.

