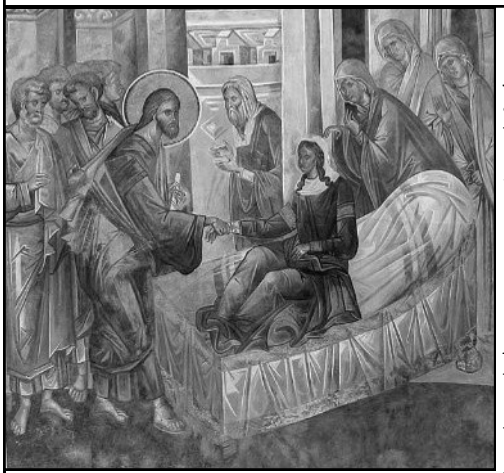
The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Laughing at God?



Has anybody ever laughed at you? Not *with* you, but *at* you? Sure! We all do things that are silly. But today in the Gospel reading, we hear about some people who laughed at our Lord, Jesus Christ! Can you imagine?

A man named Jairus rushed to find Jesus because his daughter was so sick. On the way to the man's house, Jesus told them that the girl would get better. But when Jesus got to the house, He found the family very sad. "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping," our Lord told them. Then they laughed at Jesus, because they knew that she was dead. They laughed, because they didn't believe Him! Christ healed the girl anyway, and she even got up and had dinner!

That was a very serious thing to laugh at! People might laugh at you sometimes, even when you are being serious. Maybe when you say something about your faith, or if you make the sign of Cross before a test or when you ride in a friend's car. Maybe people might laugh at you if you say no to something you know is wrong. But always remember to be strong. Know that our loving and powerful Lord is with you, just as He was with the young girl in the Gospel story today!