



Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 8

Raising Lazarus

The Gospel of John / John 11:1-6, 11-44

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PRAY



SO THAT YOU MIGHT **BELIEVE**

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Raising Lazarus

John 11:1-6 11-44



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **the Gospel of John**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact hello@stbartskids.org

TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- Coloured Pencils / Crayons
- Clipboard if needed
- Printout of colouring sheet related to Raising Lazarus (We found one from Free Bible Worksheets)
- Printouts of images from Worksheet #1
- Small tent
- Paper plates
- White wool
- Large googly eyes
- Black marker
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Glue
- Hula Hoops
- 3 Paper cups
- Scissors
- Peg + small piece of cloth (peg doll)
- Big Picture Bible
- Printouts of images from Worksheet #1
- Scissors
- Book: Goodbye to Goodbyes by Lauren Chandler or Ereading of the book (here is one version)
- Scrabble Tiles
- Rolls of Toilet Paper

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the eighth in a twelve week series based on the Gospel of John.

SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES

The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

WEEK

8

OVERVIEW

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus shows that he has power over death by bringing his friend Lazarus back to life. This sign points to Jesus' own resurrection and how Jesus brings life.

SERIES OVERVIEW

The Gospel of John is unique in the New Testament. Where the Gospel of Mark begins with Jesus' launch into ministry, Luke opens with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth, and Matthew commences with a summary of Jesus' genealogy, John transports us much further back: to the very beginning! In the beginning was the Word!

Right from the opening words of John, he not only shows us the supremacy and glory of Jesus, but he calls us to recognise and respond to Jesus. John's intent is not only to provide a faithful account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, but so that this news would cause a change in us. That we would believe that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God. The purpose of John's Gospel—as Don Carson put it—is to make us believers.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Jesus Raised Lazarus from Death \(God's Story\)](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [The Book of John in Song for Kids](#)
2. [God's Story: John](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Christ Arose](#)
2. [I Sing the Mighty Power of God](#)
3. [God's Love is Big](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [Christ Arose](#)
2. [I Sing the Mighty Power of God](#)
3. [Be Strong and Courageous](#)



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The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

TEACHING TIME

Raising Lazarus to Life

Lazarus, Mary and Martha lived in Bethany, and they were close friends of Jesus. So when Lazarus became very sick, his sisters sent a message to Jesus, who was 2 days' walk away.

It must have seemed strange to the disciples that Jesus decided to wait 2 more days before setting off for Bethany. But he knew people would see God's glory in what would happen.

By the time Jesus and the disciples arrived, Lazarus had died. Imagine the sadness that his sisters felt! Lots of people had come to comfort them - but when Martha heard that Jesus was nearly there, she went to meet him. And her first words were: *Lord, if you'd been here, Lazarus would not have died.* Jesus was too late.

Then Jesus did another thing that must have seemed strange. He told Martha: *Lazarus will rise from the dead.*

Now Martha believed one day in the future God will raise all from the dead. But Jesus was saying something more than this. He said: *Martha: I am the resurrection and the Life. Do you believe that?*

Martha replied: *I know that you are the Son of God.* Perhaps she is just starting to wonder what Jesus might do!

Martha brought Mary to Jesus - along with the people who had come to comfort them. Everyone was crying - including Jesus. He loved the whole family, and he was very too. As soon as they arrived at the grave (which was like a cave with a stone across the entrance), Jesus said: *Take the stone away!* Martha was worried: *But there will be a very bad smell!*

And then Jesus said something that he had known when he first received Martha's message: *you will see the glory of God!* And they did! After Jesus prays, Lazarus comes out of his tomb - alive. The impossible has happened: Jesus has raised Lazarus after he had been dead for 4 days!

Jesus DID care and he was NOT late. He has demonstrated the power of God and Lazarus has rejoined his family.

And not long after this, Jesus will give up his life - for us! And God will raise him from the dead. Forever. So that one day, we can live with him forever.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

Jesus is our friend and he is God. How does that make you feel?

2. Lower Primary

Jesus is God AND our friend. How does that make you feel?

3. Middle Primary

Jesus is God AND your friend who is with you every day. How does that make a difference to you?

4. Upper Primary

What does it mean to you to know that Jesus is alive now - and is a friend who is also God?

FOCUS

Jesus shows that he has power over death by bringing his friend Lazarus back to life. This sign points to Jesus' own resurrection and how Jesus brings life.

WARM-UPS

- *Who are the people you love spending time with apart from your own family?*
- *How would you feel if one of them was sick or injured? What would you do?*

Early Childhood

Raising Lazarus



Jesus' friend Lazarus became very sick. So his sisters, Mary and Martha, sent a message to Jesus: "Lord the one you love is sick. Please come quickly."



When Jesus heard the news, he told his disciples, "Lazarus will die but come alive again. So people can see how great God is."



Later Jesus said, "I know our friend Lazarus has now died. But I'm going to raise him up. I'm glad I wasn't there so that you may come to believe."

Early Childhood



When Jesus arrived, Martha came to meet him.



Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live. Do you believe this?”

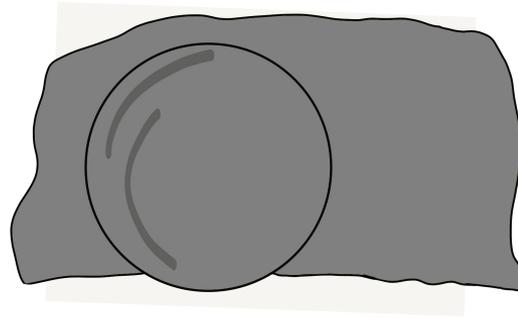


“Yes, Lord,” Martha replied. “I believe that you are the Son of God.”

Early Childhood



Then Jesus said, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?”



Jesus went to the tomb where Lazarus was and called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”



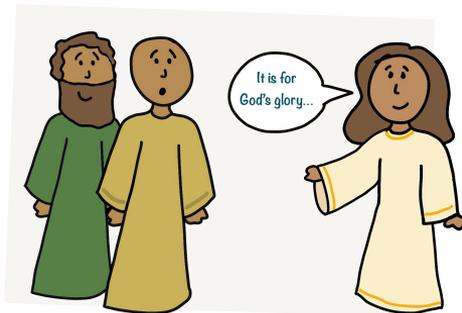
Lazarus came out! His hands and feet and face were wrapped with cloth. Jesus told them to take off the cloth and let him go.

Lower Primary

Raising Lazarus



1-3 Jesus' friend Lazarus became very sick. So his sisters, Mary and Martha, sent a message to Jesus: "Lord the one you love is sick. Please come as quickly as you can!"



4 When Jesus heard this, he said to his disciples, "Lazarus will die but come alive again. So that God will be glorified."

Lower Primary



11-15 After a while Jesus said to them. “I know our friend Lazarus has now died. But I’m going to raise him up. I’m glad I wasn’t there so that you may come to believe.”



25-26 When Jesus arrived at the tomb he said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if they die. Do you believe this?”

Lower Primary



I believe!

27 “Yes, Lord,” she replied. “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. I believe that you are the one who is to come into the world.”



40-44 Then Jesus said, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” Then he called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” And he did! His hands and feet and face were wrapped with cloth. Jesus told them to take off the cloth and let Lazarus go.

Middle Primary

Raising Lazarus



Ch11 vs1-2 Jesus' friend Lazarus (who lived with his sisters, Mary and Martha), had become very sick. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus saying, "Lord, the one you love is sick."



4 When Jesus heard this, he said to his disciples, "this sickness will not end in death. It's for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."



5-7 So after he heard about Lazarus being sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. Then he told his disciples that they would go back to Lazarus' family.

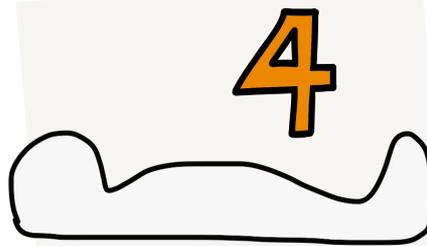
Middle Primary



11-15 After a while, Jesus said to the disciples, “I know our friend Lazarus has now died. But I am going there to raise him up...

Believe

For your benefit, I’m glad I wasn’t there so that you may come to believe. But let’s go to him.”



17 When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already been dead for four days.

Middle Primary



19-20 Many of the sisters' friends had come to comfort them. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him. But Mary stayed at home.

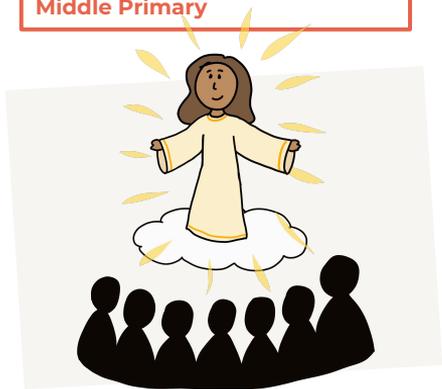


21-22 Martha spoke to Jesus. "I wish you had been here. Then my brother wouldn't have died! But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask for."

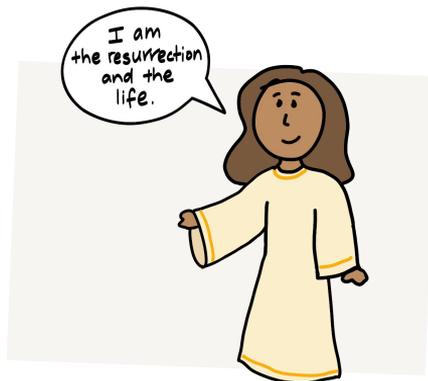


23 Jesus said to her, "Martha, your brother will rise again."

Middle Primary



24 She answered, “I know he will rise again when people are raised from the dead on the last day.”



25-26 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if they die. Do you believe this?”



27 “Yes Lord! I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God. I believe that you are the one who is come into the world.”

Middle Primary



38-39 Jesus came to the tomb and felt very sad. Jesus told them to move the stone from the entrance. But Martha warned him that it would be very stinky because Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days.



40-42 Jesus said, “Didn’t I tell you would see God’s glory?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and thanked God for listening and asked that what he was about to do would help people believe.



43-44 Then Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” And he did! His hands and feet and face were wrapped with cloth. Jesus told them to take off the cloth and let him go.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook John 11:32-36

- 1. What usually happens when someone in your family is not feeling well?** Talk about how we can visit a doctor, a pharmacy or a hospital. Point out that there were fewer services in Jesus' time.
- 2. Why did Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus?** Their brother Lazarus was sick and Jesus was their good friend. Perhaps he might heal Lazarus.
- 3. Jesus told his disciples that he would go later. What did he know already?** He knew that Lazarus died- and he would come alive again. And that would mean that people will see God's glory, and many will believe.
- 4. When Jesus meets Martha, who does he say he is? 'I am,,,,,,',,,,, the Resurrection and the Life. If you believe in me, you will live after you die.**
- 5. Does Martha believe him?** Yes she believes!
- 6. What 3 words does Jesus say just before Lazarus comes alive?** "Lazarus. Come out".
- 7. How would you have felt if you'd seen Lazarus walk out of the Tomb?** Scared, amazed,, in awe...?
- 8. Jesus is powerful AND our friend. How does that make you feel?**

Then Jesus called in a loud voice. He said, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of linen." John 11:43-44

FOCUS

Jesus shows that he has power over death by bringing his friend Lazarus back to life. This sign points to Jesus' own resurrection and how Jesus brings life.

Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
 THANK YOU for sending your son, Jesus, to bring hope and life to the world.
 THANK YOU that Jesus loves his friends and cares about us.
 THANK YOU that Jesus is powerful and has power over life and death.
 HELP US to trust Jesus every day.
 Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOCUS

Jesus shows that he has power over death by bringing his friend Lazarus back to life. This sign points to Jesus' own resurrection and how Jesus brings life.

Lower Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for sending your Son into this world to bring hope and life. Thank you for the story of Lazarus and all it tells us about who Jesus is - that he had friends, that he had feelings just like we do, and that he has power over death and life. Help us to understand this fully and to look forward to the day when we will all be resurrected into eternal life with you.

Amen.

Read John 11:11-44 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. What usually happens when someone in your family is not feeling well? Talk about how we can visit a doctor, a pharmacy or a hospital. Point out that there were fewer services in Jesus' time.

2. What do we know about Lazarus?

He was a friend of Jesus and had become very sick.

3. Why do you think Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus?

They would have wanted Jesus to know because they probably thought he would come to heal him

4. Jesus has already told his disciples why he would be arrive late. What are his reasons v, 411-15?

He knows that Lazarus has died before he arrives. But he also knows that he will come alive again. And that this will mean that people see God's glory and power, and many will believe.

5. When Jesus meets Martha, who does he say he is? 'I am,,,,,,

,,,, the Resurrection and the Life. If you believe in me, you will live after you die.

6. Does Martha believe him?

Yes she believes! And she is about to see God's glory!

7. How 3 words does Jesus say just before Lazarus comes alive?

"Come out Lazarus".

8. How would you have felt if you'd seen Lazarus walk out of the Tomb? Scared, amazed, annoyed, in awe...?

9. Jesus is powerful AND our friend. How does that make you feel?

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SERIES

The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 11:1-44 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

- 1. What usually happens when someone in your family is not feeling well?** Talk about how we can visit a doctor, a pharmacy or a hospital. Point out that there were fewer services in Jesus' time.
- 2. Why do you think Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick v1-2?**
Jesus was a friend of Lazarus. They were all friends.
- 3. Why did Jesus wait for 2 days before travelling to Bethany v4-6 AND v 11-15?** He knew that that something was about to happen that would show God's glory.
And people would believe!
- 4. But Lazarus dies! How does Martha react when Jesus finally arrives?**
She is upset that Jesus wasn't there in time to prevent Lazarus' death.
- 5. Jesus tells Martha: I am the Resurrection and the Life. What does Martha say she believes in v25-27?**
I believe you are the Son of God and that you those who believe will be raised from death.
- 6. Why does Jesus weep when he is at the tomb v35?**
He is a person who loves his friends and is sad when they're in trouble. He was very upset.
- 7. Before Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, what does he do v41-42?** He asks God that people will believe when they see God's glory shown
- 8. Jesus raises Lazarus from death with just 3 words "Lazarus, come out". What does this tell us about Jesus?** Jesus is very powerful – he has authority over all things, even death. His word is enough.
- 9. How would you have felt if you'd seen Lazarus walk out of the tomb?** Scared, amazed, annoyed, in awe...?
- 10. How is the story of raising Lazarus from the dead like the resurrection of Jesus? How is it different?**
Similarities:
Both had died, both were wrapped in cloth and laid in a tomb, both were in the tomb for a number of days, both were raised from the dead.
Differences:
Jesus was crucified but Lazarus died after being ill, Jesus is God but Lazarus was not.
Lazarus will die again when he was older. Jesus has been alive since his resurrection
- 11. What does it mean to you this week, to know that Jesus is alive now - and is a friend who is also God?**

Then Jesus called in a loud voice. He said, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of linen." John 11:43-44

FOCUS

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Middle Primary

PRAYER

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Amen.



SERIES

The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

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FOCUS

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

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Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 11:1-44 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. **How are the miracles that John has told us about 'signs' that Jesus is God?**

Each one shows the *power* of God and gives *glory* to God.

2. **Why do you think Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick v1-2?**

Jesus was a friend of Lazarus. They were all friends.

3. **Why did Jesus wait for 2 days before travelling to Bethany v4-6 AND v 11-15?** He knew that that something was about to happen that would show God's glory. And that people would believe!

4. **But Lazarus dies! What is Martha's first reaction when Jesus finally arrives v21?**

She seems upset that Jesus wasn't there in time to prevent Lazarus' death.

Mary has the same reaction a little later!

5. **Jesus tells Martha: I am the Resurrection and the Life. What does Martha say she believes in v25-27?**

I believe you are the Son of God and that you those who believe will be raised from death.

6. **How did Jesus react when he saw the grief of Lazarus' friends and family? (v33, 35)**

He was deeply moved. He is a man who loves Lazarus and his friends and is very upset that they're so sad.

7. **Before Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, what does he do v41-42?** He asks God that people will believe when they see God's glory shown.

8. **Jesus raises Lazarus from death with 3 words "Come out Lazarus'. What does this tell us about Jesus?** Jesus is in control - he has authority over all things, even death, His word is enough.

9. **How would you have felt if you'd seen Lazarus walk out of the tomb?** Scared, amazed, annoyed, in awe...?

10. **This story has lots of similarities and differences to Jesus' resurrection. Can you describe them?**

Similarities:

Both had died, both were wrapped in cloth and laid in a tomb, both were in the tomb for a number of days, both were raised from the dead.

Differences:

Jesus was crucified but Lazarus died after being ill, Jesus is God but Lazarus was not. Lazarus will die again when he was older. Jesus has been alive since his resurrection

11. **What does it mean to you to know this week, that Jesus is alive now - that you have a friend every day who is also God?**

Then Jesus called in a loud voice. He said, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of linen. John 11:43-44 24

FOCUS

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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THANK YOU that Jesus is powerful and has power over life and death.

HELP US to trust Jesus every day.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Amen.

TIPS

Thank God for the hope we have in Jesus, that we can look forward to the day when Jesus returns and all sin and death will be gone forever.

Early Childhood

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Sunday School

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Colouring
- Hide & Seek Images
- Tent Play
- Threading (*Kindy*)
- Lazarus come out (*Kindy*)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Storytime (Big Picture Bible) (*Prep*)
- "Lazarus Come Out" Cup Trick (*Prep*)
- Miracle Match (*Yrs 1-2*)
- Storytime (Goodbyes) (*Yrs 3-4*)
- Charades (*Yrs 3-4*)
- Scrabble Words (*Yrs 5-6*)

GAMES

- Love, Love, Jesus (*Kindy*)
- Toilet Paper Wrap (*Prep-Yr 6*)

Colouring

YOU'LL NEED...

- Coloured Pencils / Crayons
- Clipboard if needed
- Printout of colouring sheet related to Raising Lazarus (We found one from Free Bible Worksheets)

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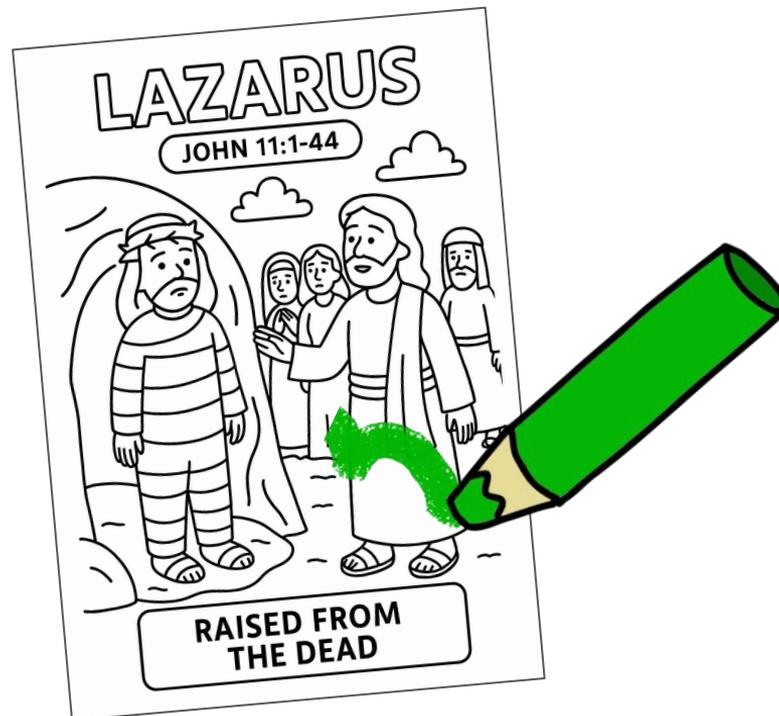
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STEPS

1. Handout the colouring page and pencils / crayons.
2. Encourage the children to colour in the picture.

Colouring source: [Free Bible Worksheets](https://www.freebibleworksheets.com/)



Link

Jesus performed another miracle by bringing Lazarus back to life.

Hide & Seek Images

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printouts of images from Worksheet #1

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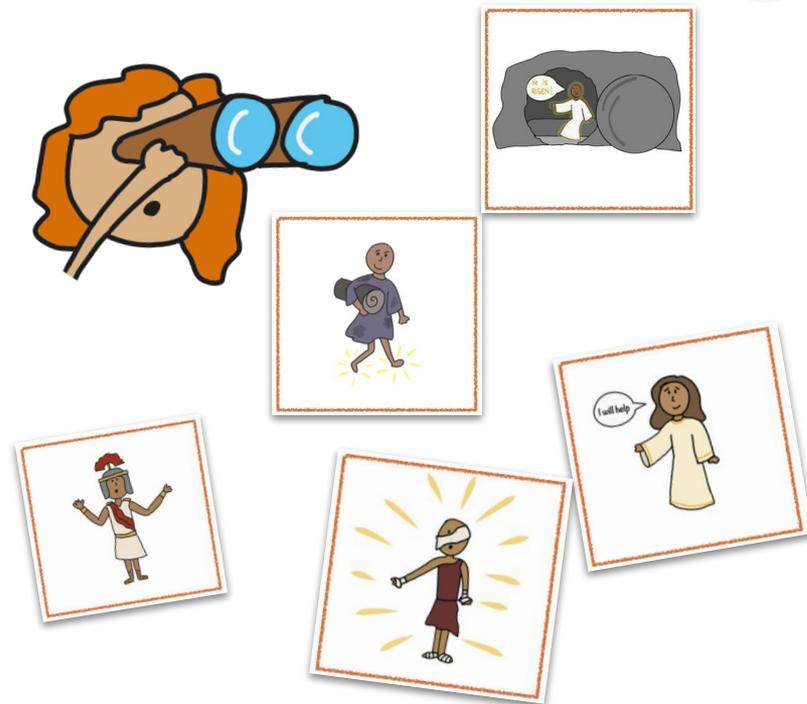
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STEPS

1. Hide the images around the space. Hide the images ahead of time or ask the children to close their eyes.
2. On go, the children are to find all of the images.
3. Once brought back, they may be collected and if time the children may hide them again.



Link

This activity uses images from this miracle story, along with others that Jesus performed.

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STEPS

1. Assemble a small tent to be used as a 'tomb'.
2. Encourage the children to play in the tent.
3. Play a game with the children. Get them to stand next to the tent.
4. When you say, "Lazarus in", the children go in the tent.
5. When you say, "Lazarus, come out", the children come out of the tent.
6. Retell the story, using the tent as a prop.



Link

Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus came out! Jesus has power over all things, including death itself.

Tent Play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Small Tent

SERIES

The Gospel of John

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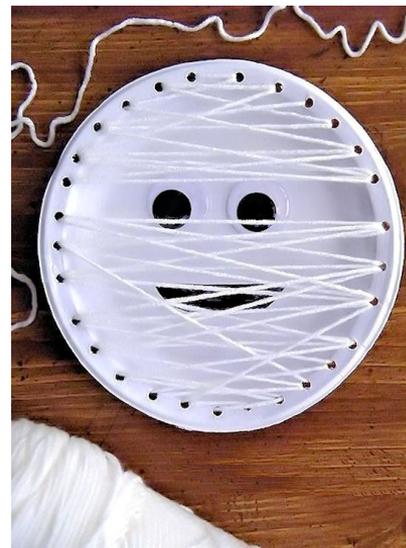
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TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

STEPS

1. Before the lesson, punch holes all around the edge of the paper plate.
2. Get the kids to glue on the googly eyes and draw a mouth.
3. Tie a piece of wool to one of the holes.
4. Encourage the children to thread the wool over the face, making it look like cloth over Lazarus' face.



Link

Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus came out! His hands and feet and face were wrapped with cloth. Jesus has power over all things, including death itself.

Threading

YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper plates
- White wool
- Large googly eyes
- Black marker
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Glue

Lazarus come out

YOU'LL NEED...

- Hula Hoops

SERIES

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STEPS

1. Put the hula hoops on the floor.
2. Get the children to stand next to one.
3. When you say, "Lazarus in", the children jump inside a hoop.
4. When you say, "Lazarus, come out", the children jump outside of the hoop.



Link

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“Lazarus Come Out!” (Cup Trick)

YOU’LL NEED...

- 3 Paper cups
- Scissors
- Peg + small piece of cloth (peg doll)

STEPS

1. Have 3 paper cups turned upside down. Draw a ‘tomb door’ on each. Wrap a peg with a small piece of cloth. This will be Lazarus. Place the peg doll under one of the cups.
2. Quickly mix up all of the cups and then ask a child to point to the cup that they think ‘Lazarus might be under. They should then say, “Lazarus, come out!”
3. Open up the ‘tomb door’ to find out if the child picked the right cup. If not, pass the turn to another child.
4. Repeat this game as many times as desired.



Link

Jesus simply used the words “Lazarus, come out!” and he raised Lazarus from the dead.

Storytime: Big Picture Bible

YOU'LL NEED...

- Big Picture Bible p337

SERIES

The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

STEPS

1. Read through the story of Lazarus' resurrection in 'The Big Picture: Story Bible' by David Helm, starting at p337.



Link

This Bible includes some wonderful illustrations and allows you to share the story again with the children.

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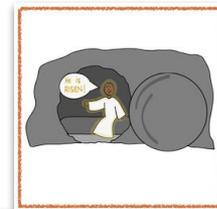
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TOPIC

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STEPS

1. Flip all of the cards upside-down, shuffle around, and then form into a grid on the floor.
2. Guide the children to take turns flipping over two cards to try and find a match.
3. When a match is found, the children are to identify the story it comes from.
4. Continue playing until all pairs have been found.



Link

This activity uses images from this miracle story, along with others that Jesus performed.

Miracle Matching

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printouts of images from Worksheet #1
- Scissors

The printouts for the MIRACLE MATCH can be found on the following pages.

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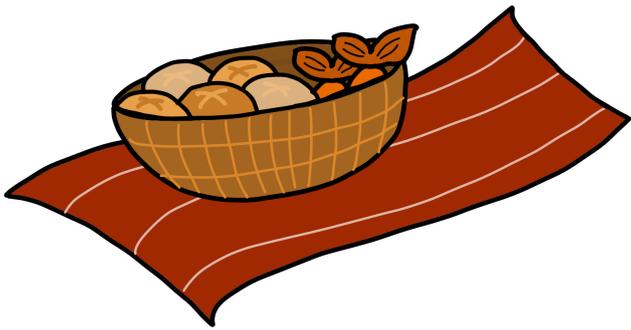
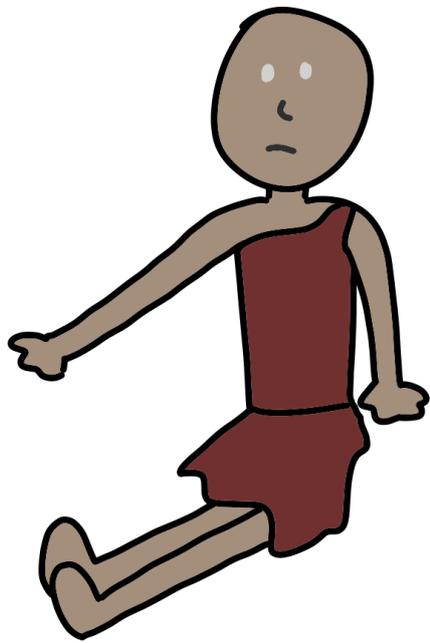


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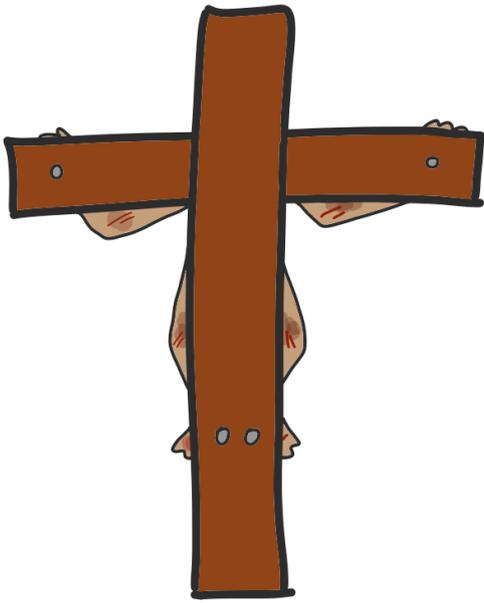
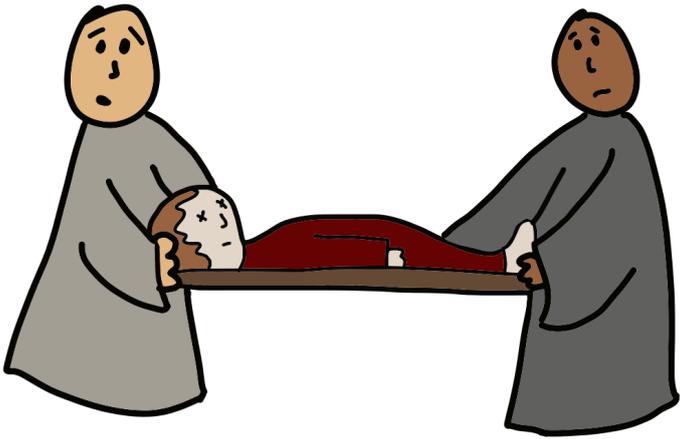
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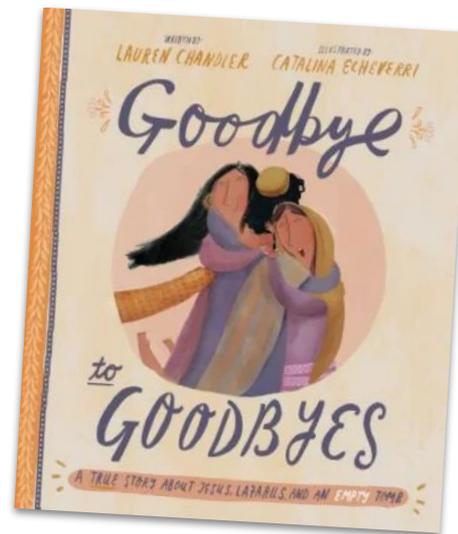
John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

STEPS

1. Read through the story 'Goodbye to Goodbyes' by Lauren Chandler, which not only retells the story of Mary, Marthya, and Lazarus, but also points to Jesus' return.



Link

This storybook retells the raising of Lazarus in such a beautiful way. It also connects to the future hope we have, where Jesus will return and we will say goodbye to goodbyes, forever.

Storytime: Goodbye to Goodbyes

YOU'LL NEED...

- Book: [Goodbye to Goodbyes by Lauren Chandler](#) or
- Ereading of the book ([here is one version](#))

Charades

YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

SERIES

The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

STEPS

1. Pick one child (or work in pairs) to be the 'actor'. Whisper one of the scenes below to them.
2. Actor mimes the action and the rest of the group needs to guess the answer correctly.
3. Once guessed correctly or after a certain amount of time, pick a new actor.
4. Repeat until everyone has had a turn.

Examples of miracles performed by Jesus:

- Jesus heals the blind man
- Jesus calms the storm
- Jesus heals the paralysed man
- Jesus turns water into wine
- Jesus walks on water
- Jesus feeds the 5000
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead
- Jesus heals official's son
- Jesus dies on cross and rises again



Link

Jesus performed many signs and miracles, so that we might believe.

SERIES

The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

STEPS

1. Brainstorm some key words used in today's story.
2. Place the scrabble tiles in the centre of the group. Have them select tiles and create a keyword (i.e., Jesus). Then continue to make words, making sure they physically connect to the first word (using one of the letters).



Link

Encourage the children to use words from today's Bible passage.

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The Gospel of John

BIBLE FOCUS

John 11:1-6, 11-44

TOPIC

Raising Lazarus

STEPS

1. This game is a variation on 'Duck, Duck, Goose'.
2. Arrange the children sitting in a circle.
3. One child may volunteer to be 'it' first. The child will go around the circle tapping each child on the head in turn "love, love, love ..."
4. At random, the child will then tap another child and say "JESUS". The child sitting will stand up and chase the other child around the circle.
5. The child who was 'it' sits in the spot that was just vacated by the other child, and that child is now 'it'.
6. Continue until all children have had a turn to be 'it', or until time elapses.



Link

Jesus loved Lazarus and brought him back to life. Jesus has power over all things, including death itself.

GAME: Love, Love, Jesus

YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

GAME: Toilet Paper Wrap

YOU'LL NEED...

- Rolls of Toilet Paper

STEPS

1. Divide the group into teams (4-5 children per team).
2. Give each team a roll of toilet paper and get them to pick one child to be 'Lazarus'.
3. When the leader says "Go!" the team must wrap 'Lazarus' up in toilet paper. They must try and wrap all parts of his body (just leaving the eyes, the nose, and the mouth clear for breathing).
4. Once 'Lazarus' has been wrapped, the teams can lead him to the 'tomb' (the stage or one of the walls) – but without the toilet paper breaking!
5. The first team to the tomb wins.
6. Then have a race to see the fastest team to dismantle the wrapping and put all rubbish into the bin (place the bin in the centre of the room).



Link

Jesus loved Lazarus and brought him back to life. This game brings the story to life and reminds us that Jesus has power over all things, including death itself.