

Jesus Raises Lazarus

John 11:3-12:19

Story:

★ Introduction & Story:

Simple Timeline Recap: “God created the world and it was perfect. Adam and Eve sinned (sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God) and everyone after them also sinned. This separates us from God, but God has a plan to have a relationship with people. And that plan is Jesus - His Son. He sent His Son to die and offer forgiveness. When we accept this forgiveness, we can live with God forever. Today’s story is about Jesus when He lived on Earth. Last week, we talked about His friends Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus. Jesus loved these friends.

Today’s Story: Lazarus became ill and was near death. The sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him that their brother was very sick.

When Jesus heard it, he told his disciples, “This sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” He stayed two more days in the place where he was. Then after that, he said to the disciples, “Let’s go to Judea again.” He told them that Lazarus had “fallen asleep” but that he was going to Bethany to wake him up.

Then the disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well.” Jesus, however, was speaking about his death, but they thought he was speaking about natural sleep. So, Jesus told them plainly that Lazarus had died.

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. Yet even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

Then Jesus went to see Mary. When Jesus saw her crying, he was very sad for the sisters. Jesus even cried with them. John 11:35 - the Bible's shortest verse - says, "Jesus wept."

Then Jesus came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. "Remove the stone," Jesus said. So, they removed the stone. He shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unwrap him and let him go."

Some people saw this and believed Jesus was God. They put their faith in Him. Others went to the religious leaders and told them what Jesus had done. The religious leaders were upset and decided to kill Jesus.

Knowing that, Jesus stayed with His disciples and did not walk out among the Jews anymore. This was before Palm Sunday and the Last Supper.

★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:**

Littles: Jesus was human. He had friends on Earth. He loved His friends. Jesus is also God. He proves that He is God by raising Lazarus from the dead. We also learn that there is a plan to kill Jesus because He keeps showing that He is God.

Olders: Jesus could have gone immediately to Lazarus - well, actually Jesus could have healed Lazarus from where He was, without even going anywhere. But He didn't. Remember when Jesus healed the blind man? He said, "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him." (John 9:3). In the same way, Jesus waited until Lazarus had passed so that He could show God's works through the raising of Lazarus. God is so powerful even death is no barrier - and that is important to remember as we head into Easter.

Big Bible Connection

- Foreshadows Jesus' own resurrection.
- Connects to Ezekiel's valley of dry bones (Book of Ezekiel 37).

- Demonstrates victory over death – a central biblical theme.

Theological Themes

- **Resurrection & Life** – Not merely future, but present in Christ.
- **Incarnation** – “Jesus wept” shows full humanity.
- **Glory of God** – Miracles reveal divine glory.
- **Death defeated** – Anticipates the empty tomb.

Historical / Cultural Background

- Jews believed the spirit lingered near the body for three days – Lazarus being dead four days emphasizes finality.
- Burial caves with stones were typical in Judea.
- Mourning practices included professional mourners.

Follow Up:

- ★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.
- ★ **Examine:**
 - Comprehension Questions:
 - Why do you think that Jesus waited to go to Bethany until Lazarus had been dead for 4 days? (The Jews understood that only the Messiah could raise someone from the dead after 4 days. He may have wanted the people to understand that Lazarus was not just sleeping but was really dead.)
 - Why did Jesus cry? (Maybe to show the human side of who He is (He feels emotions). Maybe because of sadness for what the sisters were feeling. Perhaps because he knew Lazarus would go to heaven and that would be far better than bringing him back to life.)
 - What do you think the people watching thought when Lazarus walked out of the tomb?
 - Ask, “What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?”
 - God is bigger than death. God uses events in our lives to display His amazingness.

- Ask, “What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?”
 - Humans die. Humans feel emotions. Humans have a choice in how they respond.
- ★ **Application:** Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?”
 - Jesus is asking us to trust Him.
- ★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse Practice:

- ★ **Verse:** John 11:25 CSB - Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”
- ★ **Bonus:** John 11:35 CSB - Jesus wept.

Sticky Activities:

- ★ Worksheets & coloring pages
- ★ Crafts



- ★ **Sensory:**
 - •• Visual
 - “Come Out” Cave Scene
 - Wrapped Mummy Demo
 - 🕸 Smell
 - Spices (myrrh/cloves)
 - Fresh Air Contrast

- 🖐️ Touch
 - Wrap & Unwrap Game
 - Cool Stone Object
- 🏃 Movement
 - Mummy Wrap Race: Teams wrap a volunteer in toilet paper, then race to bring the "mummy" to the tomb
 - "Lazarus Come Out" Game: Use tape to divide a room into "inside" and "outside" the tomb, with kids jumping based on commands
 - "Come Out!" Game
 - Roll the Stone Relay
- 🗣️ Sound
 - Shout "Lazarus, Come Out!"
 - Quiet Crying → Joyful Cheer

Send Home Page: See attached

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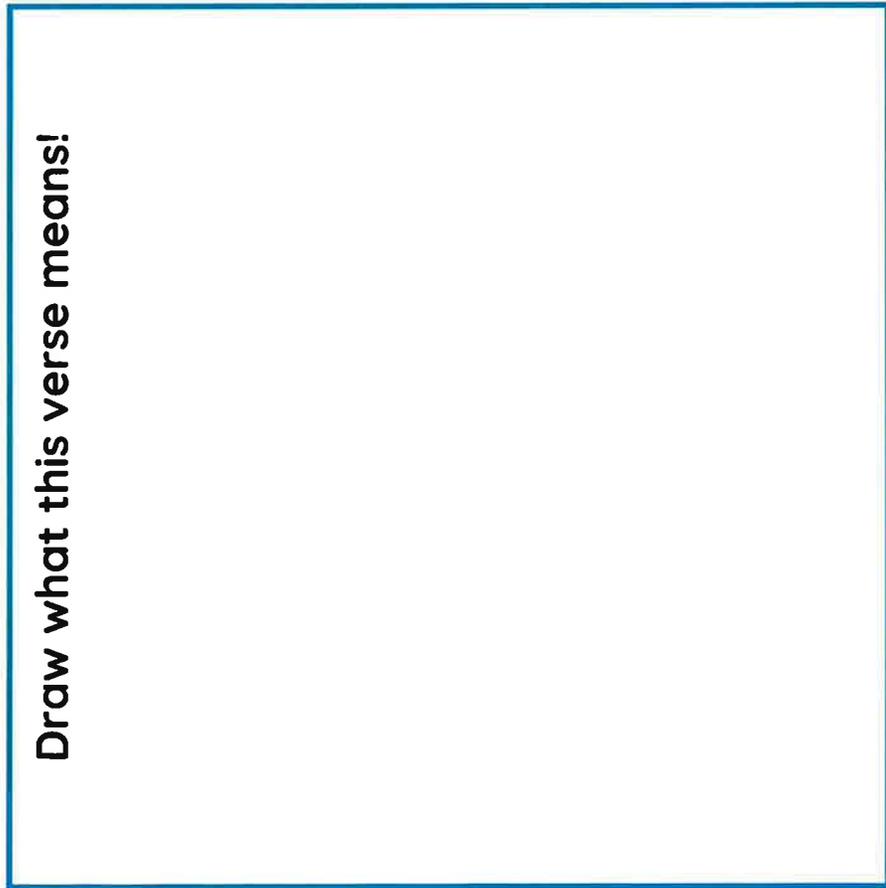
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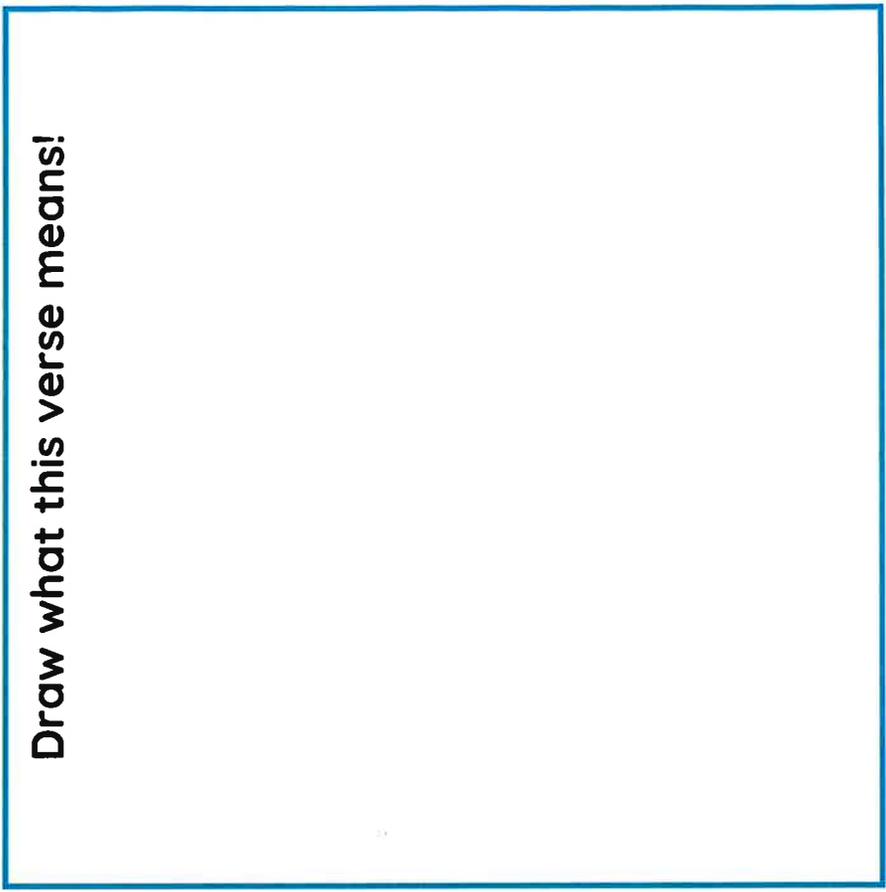
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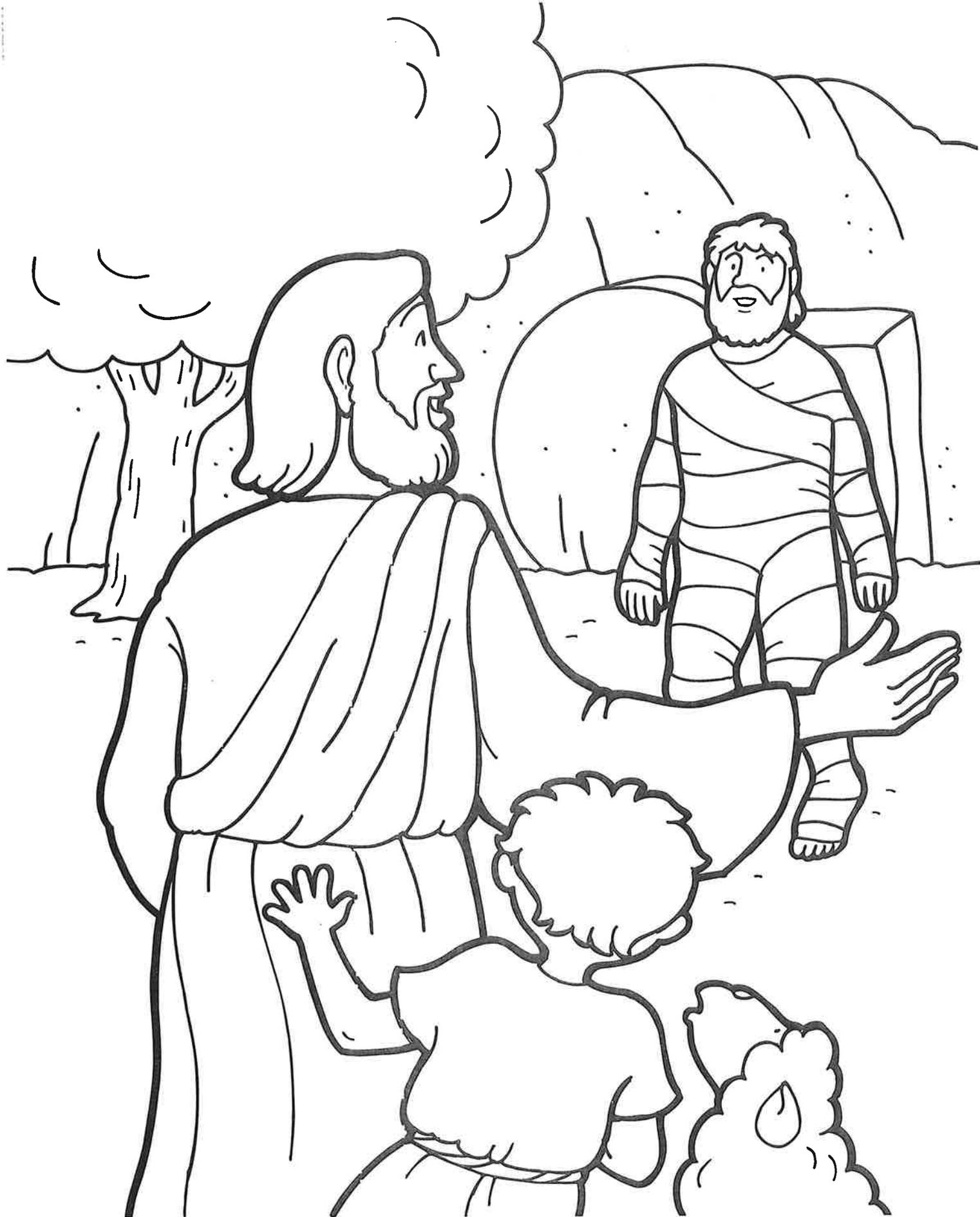


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John 11:1-44

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Some men ran to Jesus. "Your friend Lazarus is very sick. Please come and heal him." Jesus wanted to help Lazarus. But instead of going right away to see Lazarus, Jesus waited. Then Jesus told His friends, "Let's go now."

Jesus and His friends walked a long way. They finally got to the place where Lazarus lived. Lazarus's sister Martha went out to meet Jesus.

"Oh, Jesus," she said, "if You had been here, my brother would not have died!" Martha, her sister Mary, and many other people were so sad because Lazarus had died. Many of them were crying. Jesus saw all the sad people, and He started to cry too.

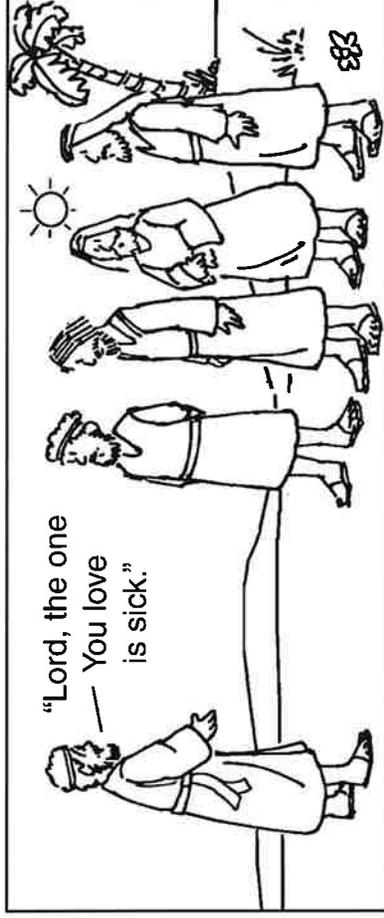
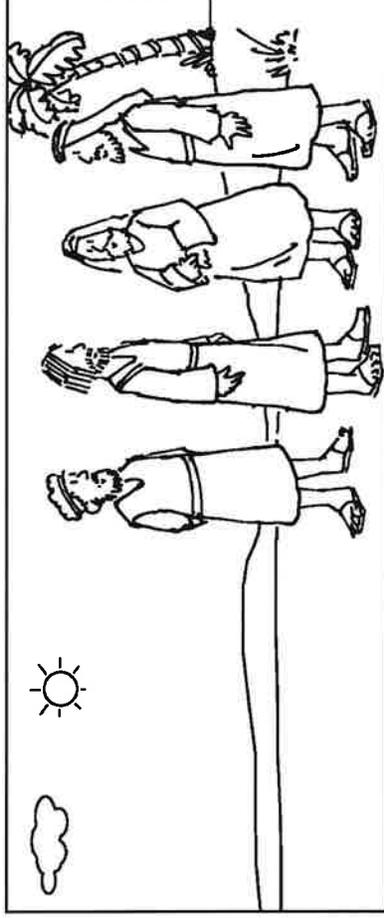
Jesus and all the people went to the tomb where Lazarus's body had been placed. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Jesus prayed. Then Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus came out of the tomb. Lazarus wasn't dead anymore! He was alive because Jesus raised him from the dead!

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus' friend Lazarus was very sick.

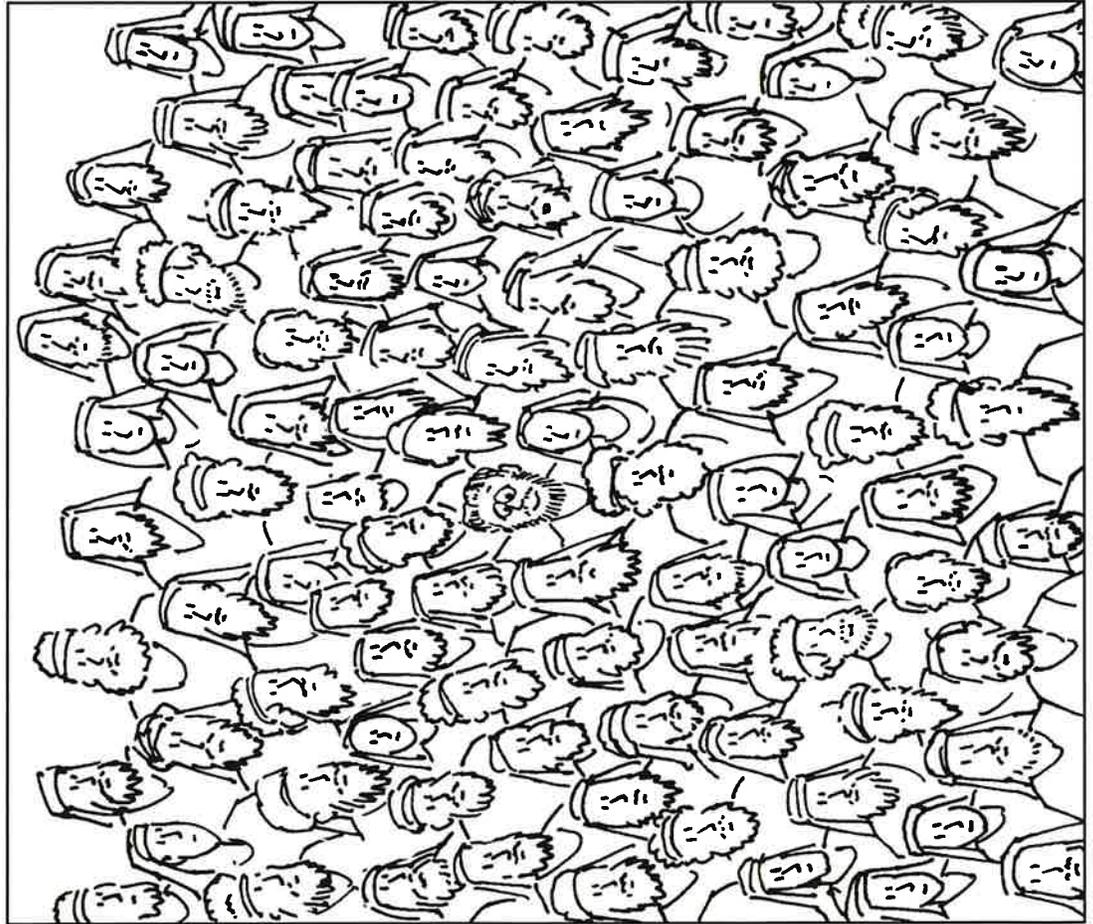
Circle 7 differences in the second picture.



Jesus called to Lazarus.
Lazarus came out of the tomb.
He was alive again!

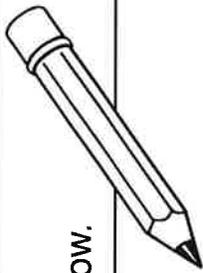


Find Lazarus in the crowd.



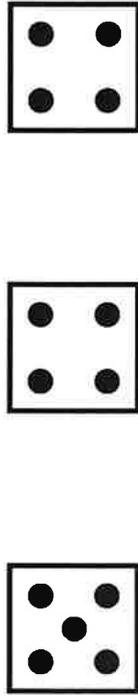
Jesus went to Lazarus, but Lazarus had died. He had been in the tomb for 4 days.

Circle the 2 items that are alike in each row.



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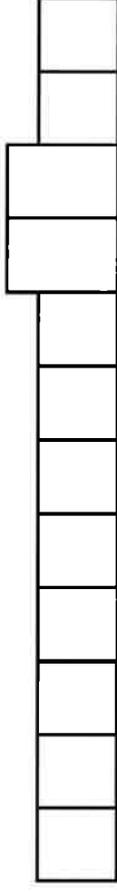


Jesus said ...

Use the word code to fill in the boxes.

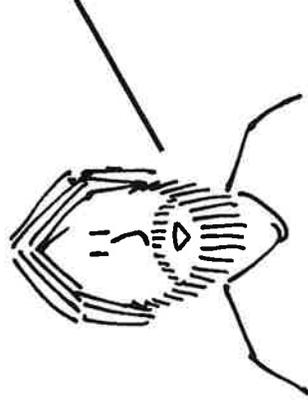
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Dead people can't hear, but what happened when Jesus spoke to Lazarus?

In the first column, cross out any letters that appear in the word in the second column. Write the remaining letters in the third column. Read the message from top to bottom.

THIEF	FIG	
DEMAND	MINT	
MANGER	GREW	
SCAMPER	SPORT	
MOUTH	HAM	



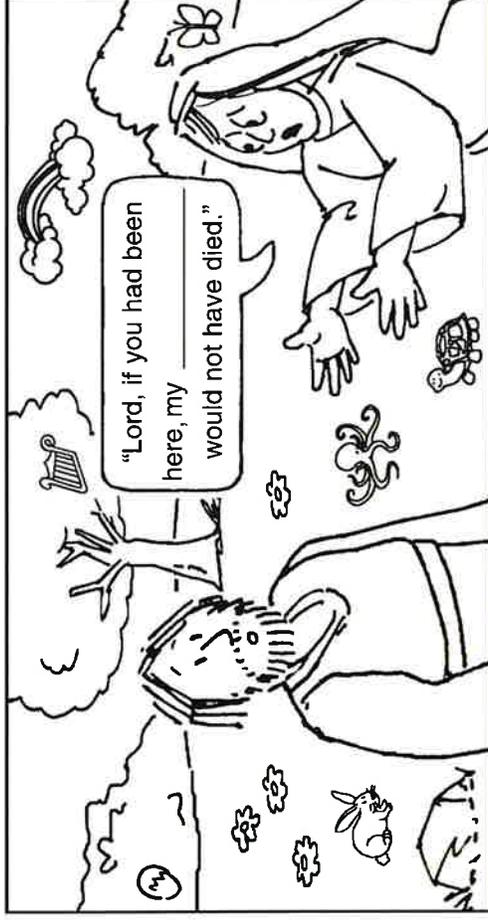
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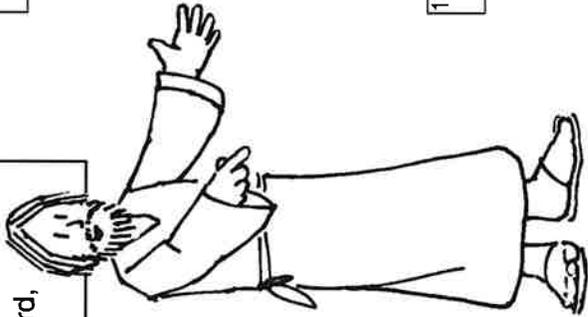
Name 7 unusual objects found in the picture of Mary and Jesus, according to the clues. Use the first letters of each word to complete what Mary said.



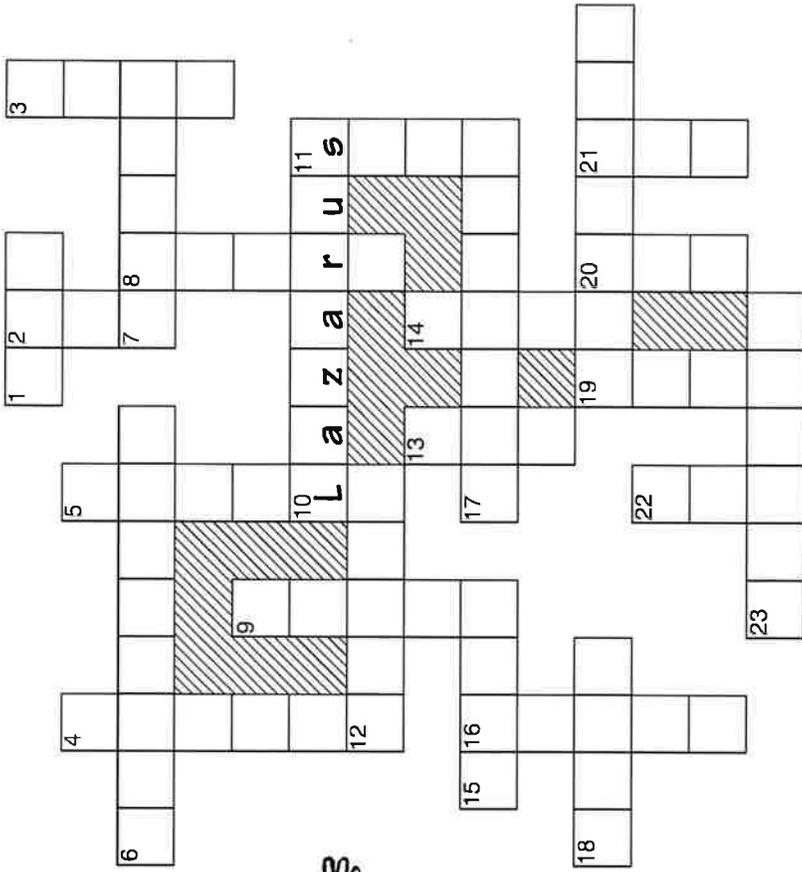
- (1) A _____ flutters.
- (2) A _____ hops.
- (3) An _____ has 8 legs.
- (4) A _____ has a shell.
- (5) A _____ makes music.
- (6) An _____ can hatch.
- (7) A _____ is a colorful arc.

Jesus replied to Mary and spoke to the other people gathered there. He even spoke to Mary's dead brother! Find what He said.

Match each clue on the left with the correct word on the right. Fit the words into the crossword, then into the sentences Jesus spoke.

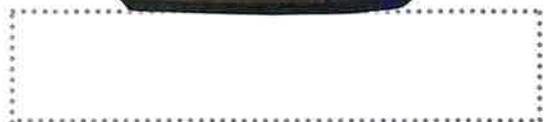
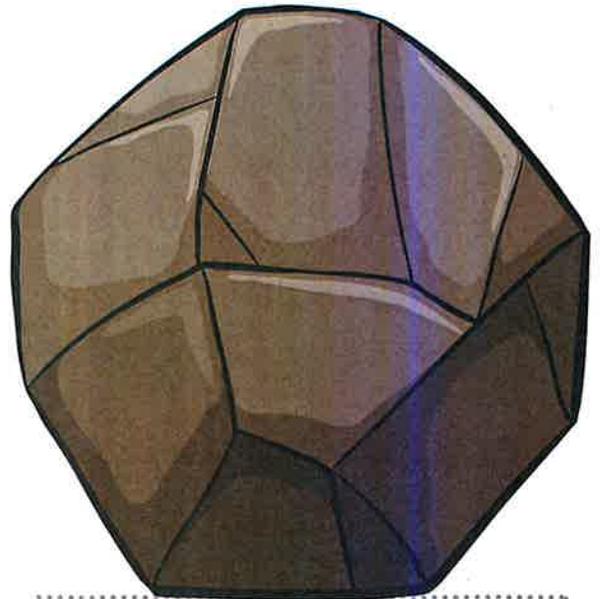
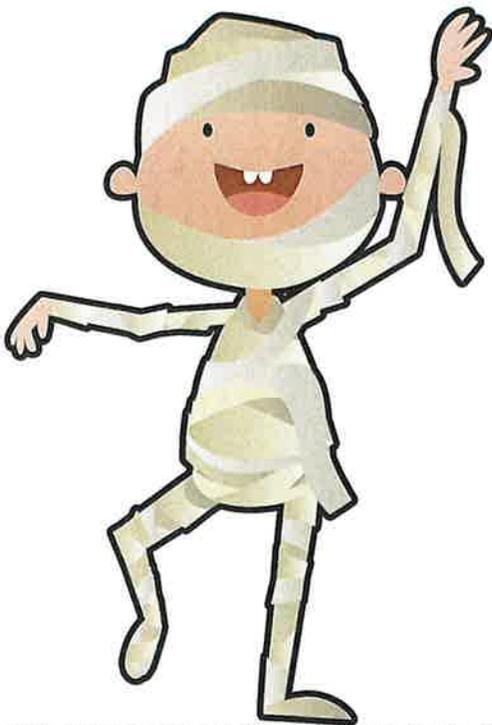
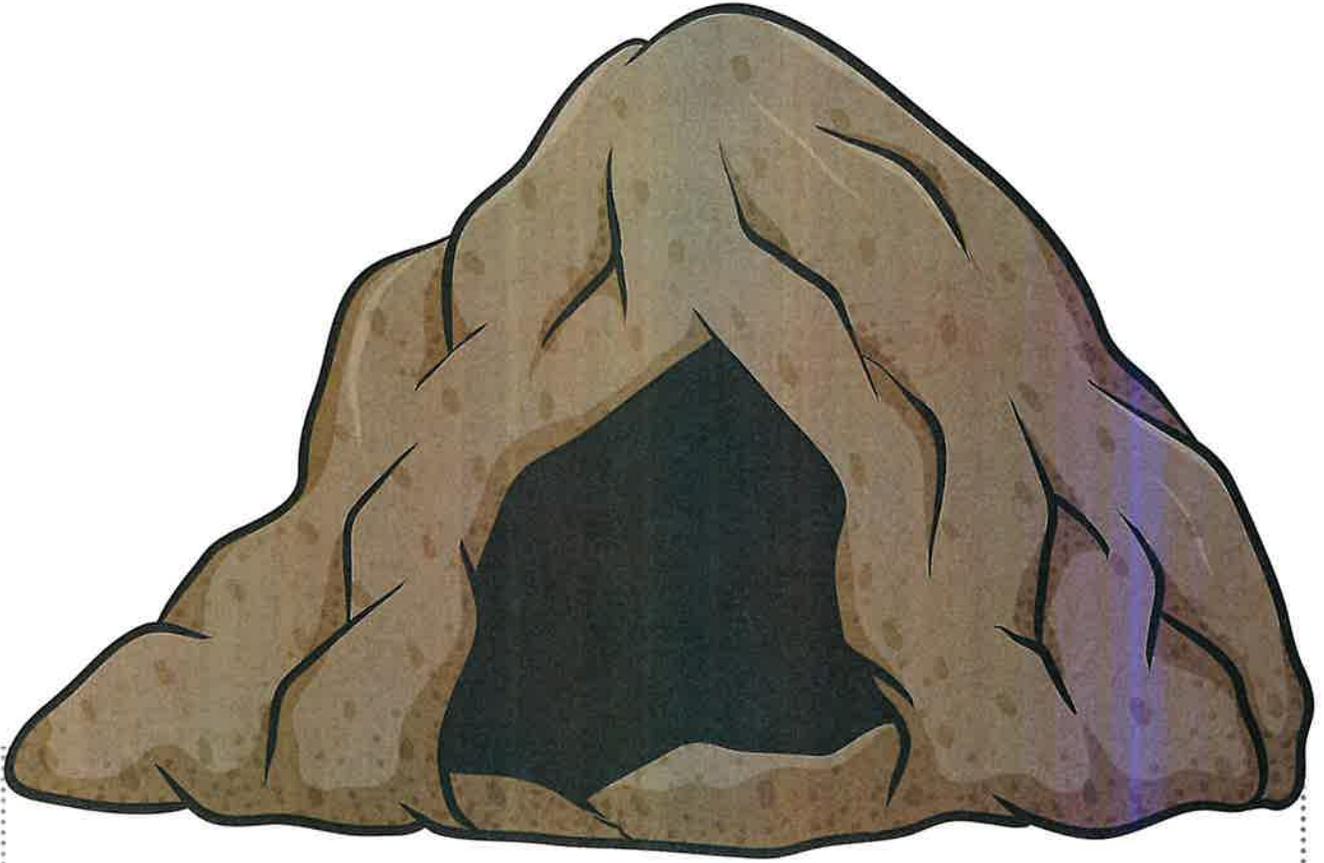


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| 4. opposite of never | — | benefit |
| 5. men and women | — | clothes |
| 6. trusted to be | — | come |
| 7. express gratitude | — | Father |
| 8. listened to | — | glory |
| 9. radiant splendor | — | God |
| 10. Mary's brother | — | heard |
| 11. delivered somewhere | — | him |
| 12. rock | — | knew |
| 13. observe | 10 | Lazarus |
| 14. inform | — | let |
| 15. from here | — | off |
| 16. in what place | — | out |
| 17. help | — | people |
| 18. was sure | — | see |
| 19-A. garments | — | sent |
| 19-D. opposite of go | — | stone |
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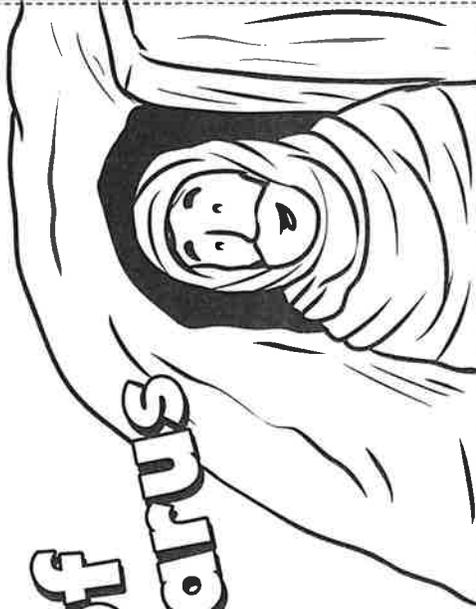
Jesus said ...

- “(16) _____ have you laid (21) _____? Take (15) _____ the (12) _____ . Did I not (14) _____ you that if you (6) _____, you would (13) _____ the (9) _____ of (1) _____? (23) _____, I (7) _____ You that You have (8) _____ Me. I (18) _____ that You (4) _____ hear Me, but I said this for the (17) _____ of the (5) _____ standing here, that they may believe that You (11) _____ Me. (10) _____ Lazarus _____, (19-D) _____! (3) _____ (20) _____ the grave (19-A) _____ and (22) _____ (21) _____ go.”



The Resurrection of Lazarus

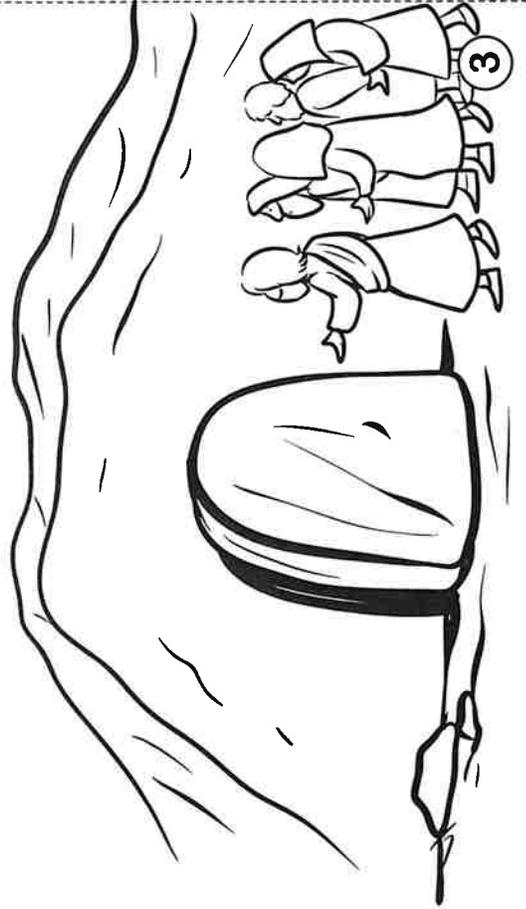
10 MINUTES OF QUALITY TIME



Jesus' friend Lazarus was sick and Lazarus' sisters had asked Jesus to come to help.



When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead for 4 days and was in his grave.



Jesus went to the grave and told Lazarus to come out. He did; he was alive again!



