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Bible Story: Jesus Raises Lazarus • John 11:1-44

Teaching Focus: Jesus makes us alive in Him

Weekly Verse: *"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."* • Romans 10:9 NLT

1. Opening & Prayer

"Today we're going to learn about a man named Lazarus and something amazing Jesus did. As you watch the video, pay attention to what the story shows us about Jesus and the new life He gives."

Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Help us listen carefully and learn how Jesus gives us life and hope. Help us believe in Him and follow Him. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

2. Video Lesson on Jellyfin

3. Discussion

"Let's talk about what we learned in today's Bible Story. Lazarus had died, and Jesus came to the tomb where Lazarus's family and friends were grieving."

- "What did Jesus say at the tomb, and what happened next?"
(Jesus called, 'Lazarus, come out!' Lazarus came out alive. Jesus showed that He has power over death and can give life.)
- "Our Weekly Verse from Romans 10:9 NLT says, 'If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.' What does this verse tell us to believe about Jesus?"
(We believe that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us and gives us new life with Him.)
"Jesus made Lazarus alive again, showing that He has power over death. Jesus also died and rose again. Because Jesus is alive, everyone who believes in Him can be saved and have new life with Him. Remember our **[Teaching Focus] Jesus makes us alive in Him.**"

4. Lazarus Wrap Craft

What You Need:

- ☐ Empty toilet paper rolls, one per child
- ☐ Wiggly eyes, two per child
- ☐ White crepe paper streamers, pre-cut into 3-foot strips, one or two per child
- ☐ Glue dots (optional)
- ☐ Glue sticks

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Collect enough clean, dry toilet paper rolls for each child and make one completed sample.



- Cut the white crepe paper into approximately 3-foot strips. Prepare one or two strips per child and set out a few extras in case the paper tears.
- Place wiggly eyes, glue dots, glue sticks, and crepe paper within easy reach of the children.

During the Activity:

- Give each child one toilet paper roll and two wiggly eyes. Help the children use glue dots or glue sticks to attach the eyes near the upper third of the roll.
- Give each child a strip of white crepe paper. Have them glue one end to the back of the roll near the top.
- Show the children how to wrap the crepe paper around the roll, overlapping it slightly and leaving the eyes visible.
- When they reach the bottom, have the children glue the loose end in place. Add another strip if more wrapping is needed.
- Set the finished Lazarus crafts upright while the children help return the supplies and paper scraps.

After the Activity:

- Invite the children to hold up their crafts and say, “Lazarus, come out!” as they retell what Jesus did.

What You Say:

Before the Activity:

“In today’s Bible Story, Lazarus was Jesus’ friend. Lazarus died, and his body was wrapped in cloth and placed in a tomb. Jesus went to the tomb and called, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. We’re going to make a wrapped Lazarus to remember that Jesus has power over death and gives new life.”

During the Activity:

“As you wrap the white paper around your Lazarus, remember that Lazarus came out of the tomb still wrapped in burial cloths. Jesus told the people, ‘Unwrap him and let him go!’ Jesus brought Lazarus back to life! Jesus also died and rose again. Our Weekly Verse says, ‘If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’”

After the Activity:

“Hold up your Lazarus. On three, let’s say, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ One, two, three! (Pause.) Jesus made Lazarus alive again. Jesus’ resurrection means He is alive, and everyone who believes in Him can have new life. Remember our **[Teaching Focus] Jesus makes us alive in Him.**”

EveryChild Pro-Tips

- Pre-attach the wiggly eyes or peel the backing from glue dots for children who need fine-motor support.
- Let a child hold and turn the roll while a leader or buddy helps guide the crepe paper around it.
- Keep the crepe paper on the craft. Remind children not to wrap it around themselves or one another.

5. Roll Away the Stone Relay (Optional, if time allows)

What You Need:

- ☐ Two or more beach balls or lightweight balls, one per team
- ☐ Painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Use painter's tape to create one start line and one finish line for each team.
- Explain that the start line represents the entrance to Lazarus's tomb. The children will pretend the ball is the stone being rolled away from Lazarus' tomb.
- Divide the children into teams of approximately four to six. Create additional teams when needed so children do not wait too long between turns.
- Have each team form a line behind its starting line and place one ball in front of the first child.
- Explain that children must roll the ball without throwing or kicking it.

During the Activity:

- When the leader calls, "Roll away the stone!" the first child on each team rolls the ball from the start line toward the finish line and then roll the ball back to the start line.
- When the child returns to the start line, he/she will hand the ball to the next child.
- Continue until every child has rolled the ball. The first team to complete the relay wins the round, but allow every team to finish.
- If a ball rolls into another team's area, pause that lane while the child walks to retrieve it. Help the child return to the lane and continue without a penalty.
- Play two or three short rounds, changing the rolling challenge for each round.

Round Options:

- Round One: Roll with both hands.
- Round Two: Roll with one hand.
- Round Three: Move the finish lines slightly farther away.

After the Activity:

- Gather the children and ask: "What was covering the entrance to Lazarus's tomb? Who told the people to move the stone? What happened when Jesus called Lazarus?"
- Remind the children that the people moved the stone, but Jesus was the One who made Lazarus alive.

What You Say:

"You worked together to roll your pretend stones away! In our Bible Story, a stone covered the entrance to Lazarus's tomb. Jesus told the people to take away the stone. Then Jesus called, 'Lazarus, come out!' Lazarus came out of the tomb alive. The people moved the stone, but Jesus was the One who made Lazarus alive. That reminds us of our **[Teaching Focus] Jesus makes us alive in Him. Let's say it together: Jesus makes us alive in Him.**"

EveryChild Pro-Tips

- Shorten the rolling distance for children who need a closer target.

- Allow a child to roll the ball from a seated position or begin closer to the finish line.
- Let a child roll the ball with a partner or leader.
- Demonstrate the complete relay before beginning the first round.
- Keep every child involved. Do not eliminate children if their ball leaves the lane or does not cross the finish line on the first try.