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LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus Raises Lazarus

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about one of the coolest miracles Jesus performed. Jesus did some pretty cool things while he walked the Earth. He fed 5000 people with just a few loaves and fishes. He healed many people from terrible sicknesses and even helped lame people walk again. But, this miracle is even more amazing than those, and it involves his friend Lazarus. Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha, loved Jesus and believed that he was God. So, when Lazarus got really sick, they knew that Jesus could heal him. So, they sent word to Jesus to come and heal their brother. Well, Jesus took a few days to get there, and when he arrived, Lazarus had died. Mary and Martha were so sad and confused and they wondered why Jesus hadn't come in time to heal him. Well, Jesus had a plan and his timing was not a mistake. Jesus ended up bringing Lazarus back to life! He wanted to show just how powerful he was that he can even bring someone back from death. Everyone rejoiced and thanked Jesus for his awesome power.

Big Idea

Jesus has the power to do anything he wants

Key Question

Why is Jesus so powerful?

Memory Verse

John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: What do you do to build stronger muscles? If you were the strongest person in the world, what would you do?** (Tip: We can do lots of cool things with big muscles. But, we can never be as strong as Jesus. He is the strongest and most powerful.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because Jesus is God.** (This can be confusing to understand because the Bible seems to talk like God and Jesus are separate. But, that's not the case. Jesus is God. In order for us to know him, God came down to walk among us through Jesus. That's why Jesus could perform all these cool miracles and why he could die for our sins to save us- because he is God.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why is Jesus so powerful? Why did Jesus come to walk among us? **4-5th:** Why does it matter that Jesus is God?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Ephesians 3:14-17. Describe God's power from this passage. How does God's love make us strong?** (Answer: God created everything; the air we breathe, gravity, apples and us! He is the most powerful and the smartest. His resources are unlimited which means nothing is more powerful and nothing will happen that God can't handle. And, when we trust in Jesus, he gives us the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts and gives us the power to live for him.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: JESUS RAISES LAZARUS TO LIFE CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a paper plate that's been cut in half. Give each kid a Lazarus template (page 5).
- Have kids color the plate grey to look like a rock as well as the circle. Have them color Lazarus. Then, have the kids glue Lazarus at the bottom of the straight edge (cut edge) of the plate.
- Then, give each kid a brad. Have them place the circle on top of Lazarus and then have them poke the brad through the circle and plate so it can swing open to look like the rock is rolled away to show Lazarus.
- As they work, read the story of Lazarus from [John 11:1-44](#).

Supplies needed: Paper plates (cut in half, 1 half per kid), Lazarus template (pg. 5, precut, 1 set per kid), Crayons, Glue, Brads (1 per kid)

OPTION 2: TOILET PAPER WRAP GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into teams of 4. Have kids choose 1 kid to be Lazarus. Give each team a roll of toilet paper.
- When you say, "Go!", have teams wrap Lazarus with the toilet paper for 1 minute. The team that covers their Lazarus the best wins the round. Continue playing if you have time. Have teams switch out who gets to be Lazarus each time.

Supplies needed: Toilet paper

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Jesus is so strong that he can do anything he wants whenever he wants.

Key Points:

- Jesus' friend _____ got really sick.
- _____ didn't go heal him right away.
- Jesus _____ Lazarus from the dead.
- Jesus has the _____ to do anything he wants!

Memory Verse:

John 11:25 I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What do you do to build stronger muscles? If you were the strongest person in the world, what would you do?*
3. *What happened to Lazarus? Why were Lazarus' sisters mad at Jesus?*
4. *What did Jesus end up doing for Lazarus?*
5. *Read Ephesians 3:14-17. Describe God's power from this passage. How does God's love make us strong?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

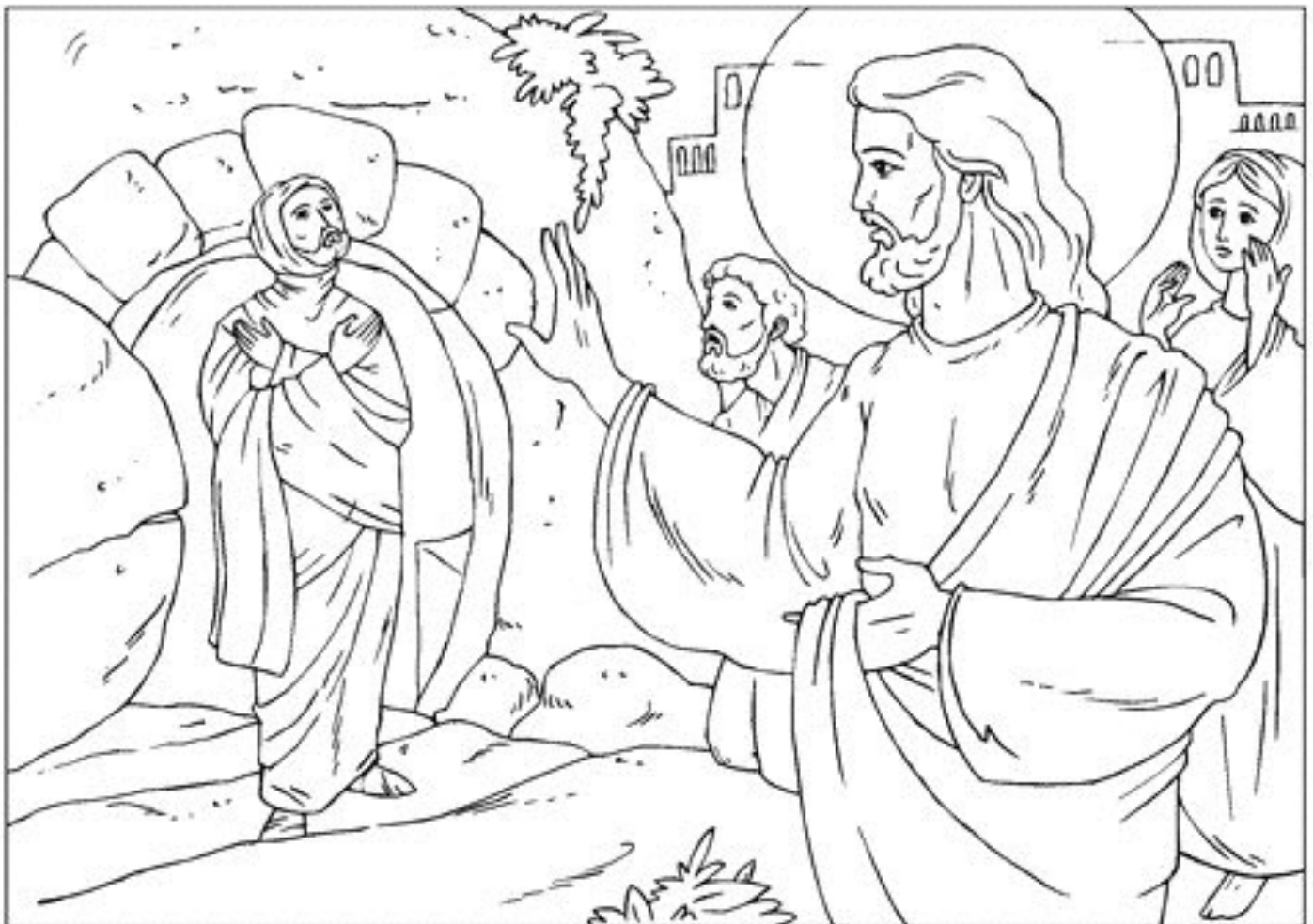
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