

Bible Lesson

# Lazarus Lives Again

John 11



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John 11:25

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Jesus' friend Lazarus became very sick. His sisters were Mary and Martha. Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death but will bring glory to God."

When Jesus got to Lazarus, he had been buried for four days. Martha said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

"Your brother will rise again," Jesus said. "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, will live again. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she said, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Many people wept for Lazarus. Jesus wept. The body was in a cave with a big rock in front. Jesus said, "If you believe, you'll see the glory of God."

Jesus commanded, "Take away the rock." The men rolled away the rock. Jesus prayed and called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

The dead man came to life! He walked out of the tomb! Lazarus was still wrapped in his grave clothes. After this powerful miracle, many of the Jews believed in Jesus.

## Questions

1. What did Jesus do that showed the glory of God?
2. How did he do it?
3. How are people healed today?
4. How can you use the power of God to help someone who is sick or hurt?

### Pray this Prayer:

Ask God to heal someone you know. Try to use the words “power” and “believe” in your prayer.

Dear Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Amen

Fill in the missing letters and answer Jesus' question:

**Jes\_s said. “I am the resurrection and the l\_ \_ \_ . Whoever b\_lieves in me, will l\_ \_ \_ again. Do you believe this?”**

# Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

## 33. Jesus Raises Lazarus

Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

### Before you read:

#### Activate Prior Knowledge

- a) Have you ever known someone who died? Was is someone you loved?
- b) If you could bring him or her back from the dead, would you? How?
- c) Do you believe it is ever possible to raise the dead? Why?

### After you read:

#### Explain

This is perhaps the greatest miracle in the Bible, other than Jesus raising himself. Talk about the sentence when Jesus said, "If you believe, you will live again." Does that mean Christians never die? No, it means we will rise again after death to live forever in heaven. Yes, others have been brought back from death since then, and the power of God is surely at work around the world. But true resurrections are rare. However, we will live forever with Jesus after death.

#### Glory to God

Jesus lived and worked to bring glory to God (see paragraphs one and five). How can you bring glory to God? Pray this prayer daily: Lord, **may my words and work bring glory to God.** Amen. Sing and pray along with this song "Glory to God Forever." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8HJjlyCSY>

#### Unwrap Lazarus

Play a game to see who can wrap, hide, raise, and unwrap Lazarus the fastest. Form two teams and use two (or more) rolls of toilet paper. For tasty, quick fun, wrap Keebler elf cookies (Lazarus) in rolls of fruit roll ups for the grave clothes.

#### He is... So I Will

Create a similar chart on the board and have kids go through the story filling it in. End with prayers similar to this: Dear Jesus, You saw the future of Lazarus. You can see the future. So I trust you with my future dreams and plans. Amen

What Jesus did...	shows who Jesus is...	So I will...
Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death."	Jesus can see the future so he is the Lord.	I will trust him with my future.

### It's Not the End, Play it Again

Use a large inflatable beach ball. On the ball, write the poem below in permanent marker. Include numbers. Let the kids toss it around while saying the poem. At the end, they play it again – faster each time. Explain the word “grief.”

1. Dead, gone, inside a cave.  
Who can save?  
Who can save?

2. Jesus said whoever dies;  
he will rise.  
He will rise.

3. But in order to achieve,  
you must believe.  
You must believe.

4. Lazarus rose from the dead.  
Just like Jesus said.  
Just like Jesus said

5. Good bye to tears and to grief.  
It's about belief.  
About belief.

6. Believe in Jesus and live again.  
It's not the end.  
It's not the end.

Play it again.  
Play it again.



**Belief Brings Miracles. Miracles Bring Belief.**

Have the children draw dialogue bubbles above the characters who witnessed the miracle. Use lines from the story to write their words. For example, the man might say, "He is the Messiah!" Which student wrote the most dialogue? The most realistic? Draw yourself and add a line about your own belief.

