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Fish and Chips Online!

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead!!

You can see the outline for a whole session on this which could be done together as a family on Sunday or some other time during the week:

<https://childrensministry.com/jesus-raises-lazarus-dead/>

Here are some selected sections from that web site session:

Introduction for adults/leaders

Young children are more interested in the present than they are in the abstract future. As you touch on the subject of death in this lesson, kids may be familiar with the topic through the death of their pets or family members. Use this lesson to assure them that because of Jesus, death is never final for those who believe in him.

*Scripture: **John 11:1-45***

BIBLE POINT: Jesus gives us hope.

KEY VERSE: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies'" (John 11:25).

Introduction for Children

At Jesus' resurrection, Jesus came back to life. He'd been crucified and put in a tomb, but he came back to life! And when we believe in Jesus, we can have hope of living with him in heaven forever, even though our bodies may die! Today we'll learn about how > JESUS GIVES US HOPE. In today's Bible passage, we'll meet a man whose body died—but because of Jesus, that wasn't the end of things! Let's find out what happened.

THE STORY - What The Family Leader Will Do

Open your Bible to John 11:1-45, and show kids the passage. If kids have their own Bibles, help them find the passage.

Say: Today's Bible passage is about a man named Lazarus. The Bible says that Lazarus was sick. Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, took care of him when he was sick. Let's pretend for a minute that we're sick.

Have kids form pairs, and let kids take turns pretending to care for their "sick" partners. After a minute, gather kids back together.

Say: Even though Mary and Martha took good care of their brother, Lazarus, he kept getting sicker and sicker. So they sent someone to tell Jesus that his good friend Lazarus was very sick.

The Bible tells us that Jesus loved Lazarus and Martha and Mary. But Jesus didn't hurry to Lazarus' house to heal him. Instead, Jesus said that what was happening would show how great God is. So Jesus waited two days to go see Lazarus.

Have kids sit in silence for a moment to experience the waiting for Jesus.

While Mary and Martha were waiting for Jesus to arrive, Lazarus got so sick that he died. But that wasn't the end!

Say: When Jesus was getting near the town where Mary and Martha lived, Martha ran out to meet him. Martha said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise again.” Martha said, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

And then Jesus said something amazing to Martha. In fact, what Jesus said is our Key Verse, and it’s recorded in John 11:25: “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.’” Then he asked Martha if she believed him, and Martha said yes.

Martha said, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” Martha hurried back to her house and told her sister that Jesus had come. When Mary heard that Jesus was near, she ran out to meet him. She fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw Mary and the other Jews who had come along with her were crying, he was deeply troubled. He asked, “Where have you laid him?”

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Say: Jesus cried as they led him to the tomb where Lazarus had been laid. When they got to the tomb, Jesus told them to move the stone away from the door of the tomb. “But, Lord,” Martha said, “by this time the tomb might smell bad because he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone, and Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed. Then he said in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

Say: Lazarus came out with his hands and feet wrapped in strips of linen and a cloth around his face. Jesus said, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

CRAFT ACTIVITY - New Life for Me - BUTTERFLY

Supplies:

- construction paper
- pencils
- crayons
- scissors

Say: Let’s make something to help us remember that if we answer Jesus’ question, “Do you believe this?” as Martha did, we can have new life, too! Martha said she believed that Jesus is the Son of God. If we believe that, too, we can have new life forever with Jesus!

When a butterfly comes out of its cocoon, we could say that it has new life because then it’s beautiful and free. That’s sort of how it’ll be when we get new life in heaven because we believe in Jesus. We’ll be happy and free forever. Let’s make butterflies to remind us that JESUS GIVES US HOPE.

Give each child a sheet of coloured construction paper and a pencil, and set out the scissors. Show kids each how to trace their two hands on the paper in such a way that the fingers are pointing away from one another, with their thumbs aligned. They can colour the handprints to look like butterfly wings, write their names on the butterflies, and then cut them out. Encourage children to write on their butterflies the name of someone they will tell about new life in Jesus this week.

Say: Use this butterfly to remember that just as a butterfly has new life when it emerges from its cocoon, so will we have new life when we go to heaven. You can make your own butterfly come to life by rolling up your paper with the blank side out. Pause for kids to do this. Now unroll it to let your butterfly come out of the cocoon!