



Objectives: To explain that:

- Jesus has the power to give life and demonstrated this when he raised Lazarus from the dead.
- Jesus cared for his friends, Lazarus, Martha and Mary. They asked Jesus for help and we can ask him for help too.
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead so that people would believe that he was God's Son, the Forever King, who was sent to bring new life to the world. Jesus taught that whoever believes in him will live, that is, they will have eternal life.

"I Wonder" Questions:

(During the poster discussion, explain any difficult words in the story.)

What do you see in the poster? (Jesus, tomb, rock rolled away, a man coming out of the tomb.)

I wonder who the man is coming out of the tomb.

I wonder why he is coming out of the tomb?

Let's hear more in our story...

Lesson Summary:

In today's story, Jesus shows his power to restore life as he raises a dead friend back to life. One day, when Jesus was in a different town, a close friend named Lazarus became very ill. The sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, asked Jesus to come and heal their brother. But Jesus knew that God his Father had something more wonderful to teach and show the world than healing a sick friend. So Jesus remained in the town where he was for 2 more days. Meanwhile, Lazarus had died. When he came to where Lazarus had been buried in a tomb, Lazarus had already been dead 4 days! Everyone was weeping and Jesus wept too. Then Jesus told his friends to move the stone in front of the tomb. He looked up to heaven and thanked his Father and then called, "Lazarus come out!" The dead man came out of the tomb with the linen grave cloths wrapped around him. His family unwrapped Lazarus, who was now alive! They rejoiced in the love and power of Jesus, God's Son. God was glorified and many people believed in Jesus and God's love. Jesus truly is the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in him will have eternal life.

Suggested Questions: What do we learn about Jesus in this story? (He brought a dead man back to life. He raised the dead. He taught that he was truly the Son of God and that God his Father gave him power over death. He loved his friends. He cried with his friends. Jesus cared about their faith and their life)

- How does this story help us to live today? (Jesus cares about our faith and loves us, just as he did for his friends, Lazarus, Martha and Mary. Jesus is the Son of God who has power to give life. He said that he is the resurrection and the life. We can trust that he has power over our lives too, now and forever. All the wonderful things in our life are from him and whenever we are in a bad situation, we can call on God to help us)
- What did Jesus do to show people that he cares for them and has the power over death? (He raised Lazarus from the dead and taught that he is the resurrection and the life.)

Bible Memory 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--NIV)