



Lesson 19: *Jesus and Lazarus* (Condensed Version)

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. He cares for each of us 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, people watching.)

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, Mary and Martha, 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 Jesus 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 called, "Lazarus come out!" Lazarus came out of the tomb with the linen grave cloths wrapped around him. He was no longer dead! Lazarus was brought back to life! His family 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 Lazarus from the dead. Jesus cares about our faith and loves us, just as he did for his friends, Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Jesus is the Son of God who has power to give life. He said that he is the resurrection and the life.)

- When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, what does it tell us about Jesus? (That he is truly the Son of God and that God his Father gave him power over death and to give life.)
- When people saw Lazarus alive again, what did they think? (Many realized that Jesus was the Son of God and had power over death and could give them new life.)
- How does this story help us to live today? (We can trust that Jesus 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.)

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)