



Jesus Has Power Over Death

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Key Theme

- God has authority over His creation.

Key Passages

- John 11:1, 11:3–4, 11:11–15, 11:39–40, 11:43–44

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Describe God's purpose in Lazarus's sickness and death.
- Describe how sinners go from death to life.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will practice the memory verse by completing the Memory Verse Review Puzzle. If time allows, they will recite the verse to a partner or to the class.



Activity 1: Jesus Has Power Over Death Booklet

Students will complete the Jesus Has Power Over Death Booklet as you study the lesson.



Studying God's Word

Jesus wasn't there when Lazarus died. He knew He would glorify God by raising Lazarus from the dead. But His disciples didn't understand until Jesus called Lazarus from the grave. Jesus is God and can bring the dead to life. He can also give eternal life to those who are dead in sin.



Activity 2: Jesus Raises Lazarus Relay

Students will race to put the event cards from today's lesson in order for their team.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- Print and cut out one Memory Verse Review Puzzle from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Put the puzzle pieces into envelopes or small plastic bags.
- Save these puzzles to use through Lesson 5.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Memory Verse Review Puzzles in envelopes of small plastic bags



JESUS HAS POWER OVER DEATH BOOKLET

- Print, cut, collate, and staple one Jesus Has Power Over Death Booklet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.

- Jesus Has Power Over Death Booklet for each student (5 pages)
- Jesus Has Power Over Death Answer Key
- Pencils



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.

- Year 3, Quarter 1, Lesson 9 Lesson Theme Poster
- Student Take Home Sheets



JESUS RAISES LAZARUS RELAY

- Print one Jesus Raises Lazarus Relay Guide from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use.
- Print and cut out two sets of the Jesus Raises Lazarus Relay Cards.

- Two sets of seven Jesus Raises Lazarus Relay Cards
- Jesus Raises Lazarus Relay Guide
- Masking Tape



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW GAME (OPTIONAL)

- This is an optional activity to use in some or all of the lessons to review the memory verse if time allows.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Nine Memory Verse Review Puzzle Pieces used during the Come On In Activity
- Masking tape



Memory Verse

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

► **Pace your lesson!** Use the clocks to mark the time you want to finish each section. This will help you stay on track and finish on time. You may need to shorten or drop sections as necessary.





Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

Jesus came to do the will of the Father and to glorify Him. He had power over nature—walking on a raging sea (Matthew 14:25–30). He had power over disease (John 9:6–7). He could forgive sins (Mark 2:5). His miracles showed that He was God in the flesh, the Creator, the Messiah, and the Son of God.

Jesus also confirmed who He was by raising the dead—something only the one true living God could do. The Bible refers to several such occurrences. Let's focus on one: the raising of Lazarus from the dead in John 11. Jesus found out by a messenger that His friend Lazarus, who was in Bethany near Jerusalem, was sick. Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary (John 11:5). And Jesus had already shown that He could heal the sick. So the announcement that Lazarus was sick was probably accompanied by a request that Jesus heal him. What was Jesus's response to this news? His first reaction was to assure His disciples that Lazarus's sickness would not end in death. In fact, Jesus knew Lazarus's sickness would result in the glory of God—that the Son of God [Jesus] would be glorified through it (John 11:4). This is the same purpose Jesus gave for healing the blind man recorded in John 9 (John 9:3).

But another purpose for this miracle is revealed by Jesus when He stated clearly that the miracle He was soon to perform would strengthen the disciples' faith in Him (John 11:14–15). And so, Jesus made His way to Bethany. Once there and amidst mourning family and friends, He took control of the situation. For the glory of God His Father and so the people would believe God sent Him, He called for dead Lazarus to come forth from His grave (John 11:40–43).

As we reflect on Jesus's raising of Lazarus from the dead, it is good to consider the resurrection from death—in the spiritual sense—that all believers experience when we hear Jesus calling us to follow Him (Matthew 4:19). The analogy is made for us in Ephesians. Paul said that Jesus made us alive who were once dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1). Paul went on to say that because of our sin nature we were all children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3). We have rebelled against the holy Creator God and are deserving of His eternal punishment (Romans 1:18–20).

But it doesn't end there, just as it didn't end in death for Jesus's friend Lazarus. No, Paul told us that

God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love for us, can make us alive together with Christ. God can make a sinner alive in Christ even though he is dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:4–5). God does this through the free gift of grace through faith in the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8).

This journey from spiritual death to eternal life is available to all who will humbly accept the truth of the gospel, to all who will turn in repentance toward God and in faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21).

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

We read in the account of the death of Lazarus that Jesus wept. It seems a logical question to ask ourselves, why did Jesus weep? What was it that saddened the Savior? What can we learn from Christ's sorrow?

Jesus delayed visiting Lazarus when he was sick, knowing that Lazarus would die. Though He could have healed Lazarus (even from a distance), He told His disciples that He was glad He was not there. Jesus anticipated the sign He would perform for His disciples, that they might believe (John 11:11–15).

But when Jesus arrived in Bethany and saw the family and friends of Lazarus grieving, why did Jesus weep (John 11:33–35)? He certainly knew that Lazarus would soon be alive again—it was for this purpose that He had come to Bethany. A closer look at the Greek words behind this scene help us understand the emotions of Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus.

John 11:33 says that "He groaned in the spirit and was troubled." Coming to the scene of Lazarus's tomb, Jesus intensely groaned in His spirit. The Greek word used here literally means "to snort like a horse," implying anger and indignation. It means that Jesus wasn't so much sad at the scene surrounding the tomb of Lazarus, as He was angry. Jesus was angry and troubled at the ravages of the great enemy of man: death. Death is an intruder, and Jesus won't settle for this domination of death much longer. John Calvin wrote about this passage:

Christ does not come to the sepulchre as an idle spectator, but like a wrestler preparing for the contest. Therefore no wonder that He groans again, for the violent tyranny of death which He had to overcome stands before His eyes. (John Calvin, *Commentary on the Gospel According to John*, BibliLife, 2009, p.442.)

In addition, Jesus was affected by the grief of His close friend Mary and the rest of the Jews who were lamenting with her and Martha. When we read that we are to weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15), we can clearly see that our Lord and Savior demonstrated that kind of empathy here. However, in contrast to the loud wailing of the mourners, the Greek word used for Jesus's weeping conveys a quiet bursting into tears. Jesus's tears were caused both by His love for Lazarus and by His grief over the deadly and unremitting effects of sin in a fallen world. Verse 35, though the shortest verse in the Bible, is rich with meaning. It emphasizes Jesus's humanity; He was truly "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3).

Although the passage does not tell us specifically why Jesus wept, we can infer one reason from the context: Jesus was grieved over death as the result of mankind's sin. At the beginning of creation, "the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die'" (Genesis 2:16–17). Because Adam directly disobeyed this command, God punished all humanity beginning with Adam: "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).

The Apostle Paul confirmed the correlation between sin and death: "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12). Paul also clearly wrote that "the wages of sin is death" in Romans 6:23.

As Christians, we often forget that death is an enemy. While it is true that when a fellow believer dies we do not sorrow as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13), we nevertheless must remember that death is unnatural. It is not what God created, but came about because of Adam's sin and rebellion. Let us remember and find hope in Paul's description of a time to come when death will be no more:

For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be

destroyed is death. . . . So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. (1 Corinthians 15:25–26, 15:54–56)

In raising Lazarus, Jesus showed a small glimpse of this ultimate defeat of death. Jesus had the power to raise the dead, and soon thereafter, He went to the Cross to defeat death. Death has been abolished (2 Timothy 1:10), and one day it will be destroyed forever (Revelation 20:14).

This account of Jesus weeping at the graveside of Lazarus is most likely another example of God's grief over sin and its consequence—death. Jesus knew some would not believe. He knew that the Pharisees would now plot even harder to kill Him. He knew that everyone there (including Lazarus again) would physically die as a result of Adam's sin and their own sin. Although He was headed to Calvary to die as the sacrifice for our sin, He still knew that the consequences would continue until the time He presents "a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1).

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Lord Jesus, what a mystery! That you are God! That you raised Lazarus from death back to life. That the miracles you performed on earth were to glorify your Father in heaven. And that you can bring people who are born dead in their sin back to life through the gospel. Lord, I pray for the students in my class, that as we read and study your Word, you will bring their dead hearts to life through the truth of your Word. Stir in them a desire to seek you, to obey you, to confess—and bring them to salvation and the hope of eternal life with you.

► Because of the age and ability of 1st and 2nd graders to read and comprehend, we encourage you to read the Scriptures to the students. However, if you have strong readers, by all means have them participate by reading God's Word.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will complete the Memory Verse Review Puzzle. If time allows, have the students recite the verse together, to each other, or to you.

This time at the beginning of class should be used to review the memory verse. We have provided an activity sheet on the Resource DVD-ROM for you to use. You may have other ideas and ways to encourage your students to memorize the verse.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Jesus Has Power Over Death Booklet

MATERIALS

- Jesus Has Power Over Death Booklet for each student
- Jesus Has Power Over Death Booklet Answer Key
- Pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

Print, cut, collate, and staple a 5-page booklet for each student. Pass them out at the beginning of class. Have students fill in the blanks as you study the lesson.

We will be completing these booklets as we study the Bible passages. Do not work ahead. We'll finish them together.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

As we complete the booklets today, we will see that even though Jesus's friend Lazarus died, Jesus was still in control and used Lazarus's death to glorify the Father.



Studying God's Word

READ THE WORD

Refer to Lesson 1 Lesson Theme Poster. Jesus came to do the will of His Father. He was obedient even to death. And at His death, He knew that His work for the Father was finished. As He lived on the earth, Jesus glorified God in all that He did. He showed the people that He was God through miracles. We have talked about a few of them.

Refer to Lesson 2 Lesson Theme Poster. Since Jesus is God, He is the Creator. All things were created through Him. We looked at a couple ways Jesus showed His power over creation.

➤ The class notes are designed and written simply. Please encourage and help your students to read them as the class progresses. They are an excellent means to review important lesson principles.

► Use the New Testament History Poster included with your teacher kit as you teach the lesson. Emphasize that Jesus ministered only 3 years, and He lived only about 35 years. Yet His life changed the world forever and brought eternal life to all who believe.

John 11:1, 11:3

► Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text.

John 11:4

? **What did Jesus do?** *Walked on water, caused Simon to catch a huge bunch of fish.*

That's right. Jesus could walk on the water because He created it! His power over nature even included the fish of the sea. And Simon caught so many fish that the boats began to sink. His disciples were amazed at these things and began to understand that He really was the Son of God!

Refer to Lesson 3 Lesson Theme Poster. We also talked about how Jesus showed His power over disease.

? **First we talked about a blind man that Jesus healed. What did Jesus do? How did He heal him?** *Made clay from His spit and the dirt and put it on the man's eyes.*

? **And how did Jesus show His power over disease when a paralyzed man was lowered in from the roof to see Him? What did Jesus tell him to do?** *Get up and walk.*

Yes. In the account of the paralytic, Jesus told the man to get up and walk. Jesus healed the man's physical problem. But, more importantly, Jesus told the man, "Your sins are forgiven." This man not only walked home with a new body, but he had been given a new heart—one that had been forgiven of sin. And through that forgiveness, he was given eternal life.

Today we will see that Jesus's power even went beyond the grave! He could raise the dead if He wanted to. This is something only God could do.

This account starts with someone being sick. Listen as I read John 11:1 and 11:3 and tell me who it was. *Read John 11:1, 11:3 emphasizing the answers to the questions below.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

? **Who was sick?** *John 11:1. Lazarus.*

? **Where was Lazarus? Which town?** *John 11:1 Bethany.*

? **Who were Lazarus's sisters?** *John 11:1. Mary and Martha.*

? **What did Mary and Martha do when they knew how sick Lazarus was?** *John 11:3. They sent a message to Jesus that he was sick.*

? **What was the message Mary and Martha sent to Jesus?** *Re-read John 11:3. Lord, he whom you love is sick.*

Jesus was not in the town of Bethany. Mary and Martha sent word to Him that His good friend Lazarus was sick. Then Jesus said something to His disciples that was very interesting. Listen to what He said. I'll read John 11:4 for us. *Read John 11:4 emphasizing the answers to the questions below.*

? **What did Jesus say about Lazarus's sickness? How would it end?** *John 11:4. It was NOT unto death.*

- ? Lazarus’s sickness was not unto death. That means the sickness was not going to END in death. What did Jesus say the sickness would lead to? *Re-read John 11:4. It would be for the glory of God, that the Son of God would be glorified.*

Discover the Truth

Jesus’s friend Lazarus was very sick. Lazarus’s sisters, Mary and Martha, knew that Jesus could heal the sick, so they sent a message to Jesus. When Jesus heard the news, He told His disciples that this sickness would not end in death. He said the sickness that Lazarus had would be for God’s glory—and for Jesus’s glory, too!

- ? Look at Page 1 of your booklets. What is that a picture of? *Lazarus sick in bed.*
- ? Who can read #1 on Page 1 for us? How will you answer that? *Assign a reader. Sick. Have students finish #1.*
- ? And someone read #2 on that page. What is the answer? *Assign a reader. God. Have students complete #2.*



READ THE WORD

Jesus was talking about going to Bethany—to be with Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha. And He was saying something about Lazarus. I think what He said may have confused His disciples. See what you think. I am going to read John 11:11–12. Listen closely. *Read John 11:11–12.*

John 11:11–12

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

- ? First, what did Jesus say about Lazarus? *John 11:11. He was asleep.*
- ? He was asleep. And what did Jesus say He must do? *John 11:11. Go wake Lazarus up.*
- The disciples were definitely confused. Jesus said that Lazarus was asleep. The disciples thought if he was sleeping, then he would get better and wake up. Resting is good when you are sick.
- ? But that is not what Jesus meant by sleep. Do you know what Jesus meant? *Allow discussion.*

Jesus had to clearly explain what He meant. Listen as I read John 11:13–15. *Read John 11:13–15 emphasizing the answers to the questions below.*

John 11:13–15

- ? What did Jesus mean by “sleeping”? *John 11:13. He spoke of Lazarus’s death.*
- ? The disciples didn’t understand. So what did Jesus tell them plainly? *Re-read John 11:14. Lazarus is dead.*
- ? Take a look at Page 2 in your booklets. Someone read #3 for us. What is the answer there? *Assign a reader. Dead. Have students complete #3.*
- ? Lazarus was dead. And what did Jesus say about Lazarus’s death? *Re-read John 11:15. He was glad that He wasn’t there.*

Now that seems like a very strange thing for Jesus to say. Jesus loved Lazarus and Mary and Martha. Yet, He said He was glad that He was not in Bethany when Lazarus got sick and died. But Jesus had His reasons.

- ? Will someone read #4 on Page 2 in your booklets? What is the answer?
Assign a reader. Glad. Have students complete #4.

Jesus was glad about what was going on because Jesus knew what was going to happen. His disciples did not know.

Discover the Truth

Jesus and His disciples headed to Bethany. And when they got there, the Bible says that Lazarus had been dead for four days already. Jesus knew what He was going to do. He was going to wake Lazarus up. The disciples were confused and didn't know what was coming next. But Jesus knew what was going on. Jesus is God. Jesus was in control.

Before we go on, let's stop a minute and look at our Attributes of God Poster. Jesus is God. And because He is God, these attributes apply to Him as well. Jesus was in control of all that was happening with Lazarus, and Jesus knew what was going to happen next.

SOVEREIGN

- ? What attribute talks about being in control of everything. *Allow discussion. Sovereign.*

OMNISCIENT

(Refer to Attributes Poster)

- ? And what attribute describes knowing everything that is going to happen? *Allow discussion. Omniscient.*

Jesus is sovereign; He is in control of everything. And Jesus is omniscient; He knows all things past, present, and future.

- ? Turn to Page 3 in your booklets. Someone read #5 for us. How will you fill that in? *Assign a reader. Knows. Have students complete #5.*

- ? And what about #6? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Control. Have students complete #6.*



READ THE WORD

We're going to find out how Jesus showed that He is both sovereign and omniscient as we look at what He did next. Jesus and His disciples went to Bethany. When they got there, Mary and Martha took Jesus to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Remember, he had been dead for four days!

As Jesus came to the tomb, this is what He said and did. Listen very carefully! *Read John 11:39-40. Read emphasizing the answers to the questions below.*

John 11:39-40

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

- ? What did Jesus say when He got to the tomb? *John 11:39. Take away the stone.*
- ? Martha, Lazarus's sister, was there with Jesus. What did she say? *John 11:39. It will stink (a stench). Lazarus has been there four days.*
- ? Lazarus had been there four days! Turn to Page 4 in your booklets. Someone read #7 for us. What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Four. Have students complete #7.*

Martha realized that Lazarus had been dead long enough for his body to begin to stink. She wasn't sure about moving that stone away!

- ? But Jesus set her straight. Jesus wanted her to believe. What were Martha and all the people nearby about to see? Listen again as I read John 11:40. *Re-read John 11:40 emphasizing "the glory of God." The glory of God.*

- ? Now, will someone read #8 on Page 4? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Glory. Have students complete #8.*

I believe that is exactly what they saw! They all saw God's glory that day when people moved the stone away from the tomb.

They were all waiting, wondering if they would smell Lazarus's dead body. Wondering what Jesus was about to do. Jesus prayed to God, His Father. And then He spoke. Listen to what all the people at Lazarus's tomb that day heard Jesus say. *Read John 11:43–44.*

- ? What did Jesus say to Lazarus? What did the people hear? *John 11:43. Lazarus, come forth!*
- ? And what did the people at the tomb of the dead man see that day? *John 11:44. The dead man, Lazarus, came out of the tomb.*

Discover the Truth

Wow! Lazarus came out of the tomb. Jesus showed that He had power over death! Jesus was in control over everything that happened that day. He is sovereign. And He knew exactly how it would all end. He knows everything! He is omniscient. God was glorified that day. And many of the people who saw this miracle believed!

- ? Turn to Page 5 of your booklet. Look at #9 on that page. What is the answer to that one? *Assign a reader. People. Have students complete #9.*

Many of the Jews in Bethany that day believed Jesus—believed He was the Son of God. They believed that He was the Savior who came so that men could have eternal life. That is what Jesus offers—eternal life to sinners.

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He gave Lazarus *physical* life. But Jesus also offers *spiritual* life. This is far more important to us! It will last for all

➤ As you complete this section, re-read the verses that answer the questions below.

John 11:43–44

► If time allows, do a quick review of each point on the class notes.

of eternity. This life is offered to all sinners. And all who repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ, as the Bible tells us, will have forgiveness of their sins and spiritual life.

? Let's finish our booklets. We are still on Page 5. Will someone read #10 for us? How will you answer that?

Assign a reader. Life. Have students complete #10.



Jesus Raises Lazarus Relay

MATERIALS

- Jesus Raises Lazarus Relay Cards
- Jesus Raises Lazarus Relay Guide
- Masking Tape

INSTRUCTIONS

Tape the starting line and put tape or poster putty on the backs of the event cards before the game begins. Before playing, put the title card and the six event cards up on the board in the correct order. As you tape up the cards, read them, explain the order of events, and trace the outline of each one. Put the diagram on the board at a height the students can reach. Draw arrows between the cards to show one event leads to another. Draw two templates on the board for the two teams. Leave the title cards in place; take the event cards down and lay them on the floor as part of the relay (see the diagram on the Relay Guide).

Divide the class into two teams. You'll need one adult per team. Teams will play the game at the same time. The first person in line will race to choose the card with the picture of the first event. (The team members may help determine which would be the correct card.) After finding the card, the student will run to the board and put it in an outlined box on the board. When the student returns, the next student will choose the card that comes next and place it

on the board after the previous event. Continue through all the six events. The idea is to get the events on the board in the order in which they happened. The team who completes the order of events correctly first is the winner.

We're going to have a relay race. But first I want you to pay close attention as I put the cards on the board here in the proper order and draw the places on the board. I will take these cards down, and it will be up to your team to put them back up in the proper order. We'll have two teams. You must work together to finish your team's display correctly. The team that finishes first is the winner! Let's get into teams and get started. Play the game.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Lazarus was sick. But Jesus knew that God would be glorified through Lazarus's sickness and even through his death. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life! Only God could do such a thing. And Jesus is God!





Memory Verse Review Game (Optional)

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

If you find you have extra time, please consider reviewing the memory verse with your class.

MATERIALS

- Memory Verse Poster
- One set of the nine Memory Verse Review Puzzle Pieces used in the Come On In Activity
- Masking tape

INSTRUCTIONS

Allow students to look at the Memory Verse Poster and say the verse together as a class a couple of times. Remove or cover the poster before the game begins. Tape the Memory Verse Review Puzzle Pieces onto nine students' backs. Students will work together to put themselves in order according to the memory verse. Once they think they are standing in order, check the verse by reading the words out loud according to how they are standing.

If you have fewer than nine students, tape more than one piece, in the proper order, on some students. If you have more than nine students, repeat if time allows.

We're going to practice our memory verse. Let's say the verse together a couple times. *Cover the poster before starting the game.*

Now I am going to tape these nine Memory Verse Review Puzzle Pieces onto your backs! Once I have done that, I want you to work together to get into the right order. We'll check the verse when you are finished. *Tape the nine puzzle pieces onto the students' backs.*

Most groups may need a time limit to encourage them to move at a quick pace. If so, let them know the limit and use a timer to count down the time. Once the students think they are in the right order, check them by reading the words out loud.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Our memory verse tells us that God sent Jesus so we could know Him and God the Father. When we turn away from our sins and believe in Jesus, that's when we can know Him. And He promises eternal life with Him in heaven.



Applying God's Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

Lazarus's sickness and death was no surprise to Jesus. Jesus knew He could raise Lazarus from the dead. And He knew God would be glorified.

When Lazarus walked out of the grave, many people believed in Jesus, and God was glorified.

Jesus raised Lazarus *physically* back to life. But Jesus also has power to give *spiritual* life—eternal life—to sinners. The Bible says that we are all born dead in sin. But God, because of His mercy and love, can make us alive together with Christ. This spiritual life is offered to all sinners who will repent of their sins, believe in Jesus, and trust in Him and His Word.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

You would think that everyone who saw Lazarus walk out of the grave that day would believe in Jesus. But the Bible tells us not ALL people believed. In fact, what Jesus did made some people angry. People have always reacted in two different ways to Jesus.

Some people hate Him and don't believe anything the Bible says about Him. But there are also those who love Jesus and His Word. They believe the Bible and know that Jesus is God in the flesh. They have the hope of spiritual—eternal—life that Jesus gives to all who believe in Him.



► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



MEMORY VERSE

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.



GROUP PRAYER TIME

- Praise Jesus because He is the one true God. He is worthy of our praise.
- Thank God for Jesus who offers spiritual life to all who believe in Him.
- Pray that Jesus will soften hearts and give spiritual life to sinners who don't believe.