

## Four Friends Helped

### IDC Kids Preschool

**Bible Passage:** John 11:1-7,17-44

**Key Passage:** Psalm 103:2-3

**Main Point:** Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

**Christ Connection:** Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He showed that He has power over death. Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose from the dead. Those who trust in Jesus will live forever with Him.

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#### Review Questions

To whom did Mary and Martha send a message saying their brother Lazarus was sick? (*Jesus*)

Did Jesus go to see Lazarus right after He got the message? (*No, He stayed where He was two more days.*)

Was Lazarus still alive when Jesus got to the place he lived? (*No, Lazarus had been buried four days.*)

What did Martha and Mary say would not have happened if Jesus had been there? (*Their brother would not have died.*)

What happened when Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" (*Lazarus came out of the tomb.*)

#### Learn the big picture question

Say • Our big picture question is, ***What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.*** Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead to show that He has power over death. When Jesus comes back to earth, He will destroy sickness, sin, and death forever!

#### Practice the key passage

Open your Bible to Psalm 103:2-3. Read the key passage aloud several times.

Say • We can praise the Lord like our key passage says because Jesus heals us and forgives all our sin when we trust in Him!

#### Activity Page

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Guide preschooler to draw a line connecting the matching people. As preschoolers work review this unit's Bible stories.

Say • Great job matching! Do you recognize any of these people from some of the Bible stories we have heard? Jesus healed all these people. Look at this man. [*Point to Lazarus.*] Today we will hear the story from the Bible about how **Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.**

#### Pray

Say • God, thank You for giving Jesus power over death. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for sins. Thank You that if we trust in Jesus that we can live forever with Him. We love You. Amen.

## Activities

### Move fast or slow

Lead preschoolers to line up along one side of the room. Explain that you will call out a scenario. If a preschooler would move fast in that scenario, she should walk quickly to the other side of the room. If a preschooler would move slowly in that scenario, she should walk slowly to the other side of the room. Use the following scenarios or create your own:

It is time to go to bed.

You are going to visit your grandparents.

It is time to brush your teeth.

You are going to a birthday party.

You are having green beans for dinner.

You are going to the doctor.

Your mom says to pick up your toys.

Your dad says to go outside and play.

Say • Jesus heard His friend Lazarus was sick, but Jesus did not go to see him right away. He stayed where He was for two more days. Listen to today's Bible story to find out why Jesus moved slowly to get to Lazarus.

### Make sympathy flowers

Before the session, cut 1 1/4-inch circles from construction paper. Explain to preschoolers that when someone dies, often people send flowers to the person's family. Provide a sheet of paper for each preschooler. Invite preschoolers to glue several cupcake liners to their paper. Demonstrate how to use scissors to cut slits in the cupcake liner to make the edges look like petals. Lead a preschooler to glue a circle in the middle of the cupcake liner and then draw a green line to form a stem. Write the main point on each preschooler's artwork.

Say • We do not have to be afraid of death because Jesus has power over death. **Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead** to show His power. When Jesus comes back, we will never again need to send people sympathy flowers because Jesus will defeat death forever. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so those who trust in Him will live forever.

### Wrap up Lazarus

Provide preschoolers with a non-springhinged clothespin. Guide preschoolers to draw a face on the top of the clothespin. Let them wrap the rest of the clothespin with gauze and tape.

Say • Lazarus was so sick that he died. He was wrapped in cloths and buried in a tomb. **Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.** Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. Those who trust in Jesus will live forever with Him.

### Make play dough tombs

Show preschoolers how to make a tomb or cave with a stone using play dough and various utensils. Re-tell the Bible story while preschoolers are making the tombs. Guide them to move the stone from the front of the tomb when you get to that part of the story.

Say • Lazarus became sick and died. Jesus went to the tomb where Lazarus was buried and had the stone in front of the tomb removed. **Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead** and called him out of the tomb. One day Jesus will return to take away sickness and death forever!

### Play a sleeping Lazarus game

Invite preschoolers to lay motionless on the floor as if they are sleeping. Challenge preschoolers to lay very still. When you shout, "Lazarus, come out," preschoolers should jump up and hop around like they are wrapped in cloths. Tell preschoolers to lay back down and play again.

Say • Jesus told His friends that Lazarus had fallen asleep, but He was going to go wake him up. Jesus' friends thought that Lazarus was just resting, but Jesus said, "Lazarus has died." **Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.** Jesus showed that He has power over death.