

# Large Group

## Jesus Raised Lazarus

Bible Passage: John 11-12

Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:3

Big Picture Question: Why do people reject Jesus?

People reject Jesus because all people are born with a sin nature and want to please themselves rather than obey God.



### Countdown Video (3 mins)

### Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

### Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

### Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

### Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Jesus performed many miracles during His time on earth. He taught people about His kingdom and their need to repent of their sins. Both His miracles and His teachings proved that He is God, and that He alone is King. But not everyone wanted Jesus to be their King. Last week, we learned that Jesus knew He would be rejected by people. Today, we will learn how Jesus proved He is God through another miracle and how some people believed in Him while others rejected Him.

## Today's Lesson

This sad story had a happy ending! This is the hope and the promise we have when we trust in Jesus and make Him the King of our lives. All the sadness, brokenness, and death will be undone. God will make all things new and we will have life with Him forever.

Jesus knew His friend Lazarus was sick, but He said Lazarus' sickness would not end in death. How did this come true? [Allow responses.] Even when Jesus did not get there before Lazarus died, Jesus was able to raise him back to life. Jesus' words can be trusted and always come true. When we believe in Jesus, we also can trust that we will have eternal life.

But this story still had sadness. Why did Jesus cry, even though He knew He could bring Lazarus to life? [Allow responses.] The pain of sin and death is real. Mary and Martha missed their brother who had been dead four days. Jesus missed His friend and was sad over the death sin brings. We have sad times in our lives too. But we trust that Jesus has power over sin and death. We trust that when we believe in Jesus, we will never die.

Some people didn't like that Jesus had the power to speak life into death. Who were some of the people that rejected Jesus? [Allow responses.] Yes, some of the religious leaders began to plan how to kill both Lazarus and Jesus. But Jesus knew this would happen and it was part of the Father's plan. Jesus was going to destroy the power of death once and for all by dying and then rising from the dead. And He did! Jesus died on the cross and rose again.

**Christ Connection | When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him..**

## Read from the Bible (4 mins)

John 11:1, 3-7, 17, 20-29, 32-35, 38-39, 41-45

## Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

## Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.