

“Jesus Raises Lazarus” Story

Jesus had some friends who lived in Bethany. Their names were Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus. Once when Jesus was away from Bethany, Lazarus became sick. So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus. "Lord," they told him, "the one you love is sick."

When Jesus heard this, he said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory. God's Son will receive glory because of it."

Now Jesus loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus very much. But after he heard Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Bethany."

When Jesus arrived, he found out that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "I wish you had been here! Then my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask for."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again. Where have you put him?" Mary and Martha said, "Come and see, Lord."

Jesus wept.

He came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone in front of the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, "by this time there is a bad smell. Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days." Then Jesus said, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see God's glory?"

So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me. But I said this so the people will believe that you sent me."

Then Jesus called in a loud voice. He said, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of linen. A cloth was around his face.

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary saw what Jesus did. So they put their faith in Him.



“Jesus Raises Lazarus” Puppet Script

Now Jesus had friends, just like you and me.
Three that were special in one family
Mary and Martha and Lazarus their brother
They worshipped the Christ and never another.

One time when Jesus was quite far away
Preaching to people the Good News each day
Lazarus got sick and couldn't get better
They sent word to Jesus by mouth or by letter.

Now Jesus was sure that his friend would be fine
“This is God's glory, to help his light shine!”
So Jesus, he waited two days to depart
For Bethany, their home, with love in his heart.

Before Jesus started, his dear friend had died.
With only his sisters, there by his side.
When Jesus arrived to see where he lay
His body had been in the tomb for 4 days

When Martha had heard that Jesus was near,
She went out to meet him, without any cheer
“If you had come sooner, my brother would live!
But whatever you ask, our God he will give!”

Jesus replied, “Sweet Martha, don't worry!”
“Lazarus will rise, to his tomb we will hurry”
So Martha ran home to tell sister Mary
“The Lord said to come, be quick, do not tarry!”



Martha and Mary returned to his side
Her sad, broken heart Mary just couldn't hide
Our Lord saw her weeping, his heart deeply troubled
His spirit was moved and his sorrow was doubled.

Jesus wept for his friend, so the Bible does say.
They walked to the tomb on that very same day
The Jesus said, "Move the stone in a hurry."
"There'll be a smell!" Martha said; she was worried.

But Jesus looked up and to God he did pray.
"Thank you for hearing my prayers everyday!"
Then Jesus, he turned to the tomb with a shout
"Dear Lazarus, my friend, please quickly come out!"

Through the door of the tomb, good Lazarus came out
His face and his arms wrapped in strips all about.
All that were there saw that he was alive
Many believed, who saw this great sight!

Only Jesus, our Lord, raises those who are dead
He raised his friend Lazarus just like he had said.
And he raises us too when we go to our grave
If we trust in his word, he has power that can save.

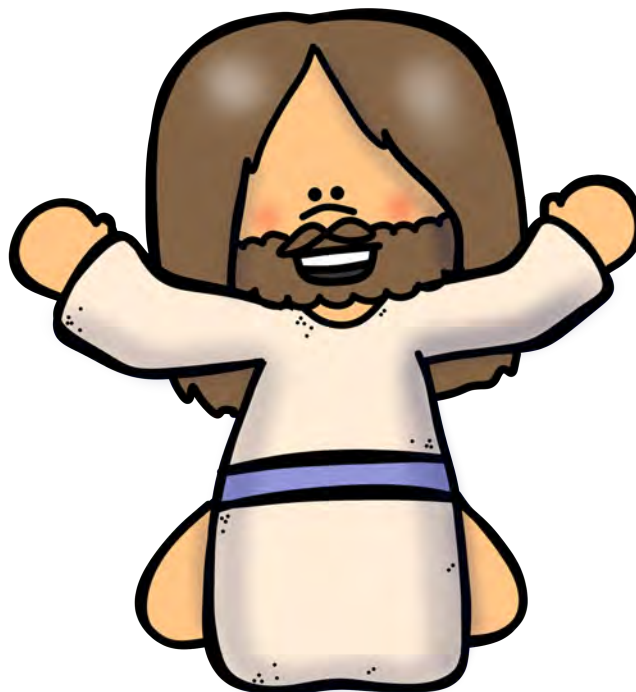


“Amen, Praise the Lord!” Song

Amen, praise the Lord
Amen, praise the Lord
Glory hallelujah, Praise the Lord!
I'm gonna jump down, turn around,
Touch the ground, and praise my Lord!

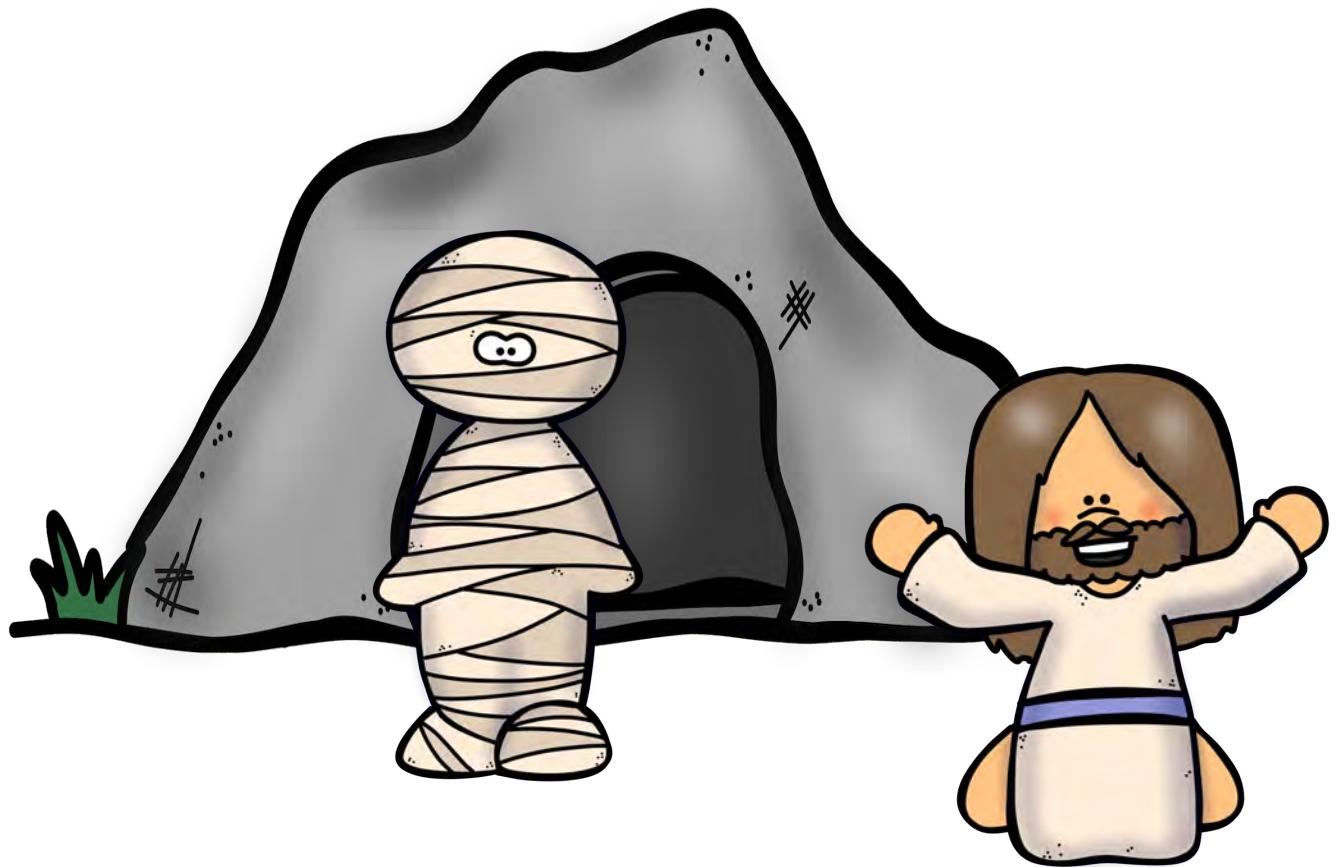
Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life
He is the way, the truth, and the life
No man comes to the Father but by Him.
I'm gonna jump down, turn around,
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Memory Verse



“O death, where is your sting? O grave,
where is your victory?”
Corinthians 15:55

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Application Questions

1. Who was Mary and Martha's brother?
(Lazarus)
2. What happened to Lazarus? (he got sick and died)
3. How many days had Lazarus been in the grave when Jesus arrived? (4 days)
4. Which sister met Jesus on the road?
(Martha)
5. What did Jesus do for Lazarus? (raised him from the dead)
6. What words did Jesus shout to Lazarus?
("Lazarus, come out!")
7. When Lazarus walked out, what was wrapped on him? (strips of linen cloth)
8. What did many of the people who saw what happened do?
(they believed in Jesus)
9. What can we learn from this story? (Jesus has the power to raise us from the dead, various answers)



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“Jesus Raises Lazarus” Crafts and Activities



This website has a free template to print to make your own scene of this great story! Or you can just color or paint your own!

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/03/20/lazarus-raised-from-the-dead/>



We would have never wasted this much toilet paper a few months ago, but not this might be a fun activity! Act out the story!



Or make a Lazarus mask using cardstock and a popsicle stick! Fun and can be used again!

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2014/05/01/lazarus-mask/>



I think even I could make these Lazarus cookies!!!

<https://livingliturgically.com/2018/03/31/paleo-ish-lazarus-cookies/>



Super easy craft! Just use a toilet paper roll and a little toilet paper to make a Lazarus figure!

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/175640454195667476/activity/tried>



Love these easy Lazarus cookies on a stick using vanilla Oreos and white icing!