



## **JR/SR. STORIES OF JESUS: Jesus raises Lazarus**

**Date:** Sunday August 23, 2026 **Teachers:** Vicky W (lead), Isaiah D (co-lead), Caleb N (co-lead)

**Bible Passage:** John 11:38-44 **Key Passage:** John 11: 25

**Props:\* from home:** blanket to cover table at centre (Vicky)

**at centre:** ball from ball bag, whiteboard, markers, colouring sheet

### **Review Rules:**

**One Mouth speaking at a time** (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

**Two Hands kept to myself** (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

**Two Feet kept to myself** (kids cross legs)

**SPEAK KIND WORDS LIKE OUR GOD THREE IN ONE.**

### **INTRO BIBLE STORY :**

*Isaiah*

**materials:** (white board: down one side write all the miracles we have looked at and down the other side draw a symbol to connect the miracles, kids can come up and connect them with the marker)

This summer we are learning who God is by looking at \_\_\_\_\_? Yes! Jesus.

We can't see God with our eyes, but we can know what God is like by looking at Jesus, and when we look at the New Testament in the Bible it tells us all about Jesus. What stories have we learned about so far this summer? We have learned about God by seeing: Jesus bring God's kingdom to earth.

- 1) Jesus calling Peter and making fishers of men by filling the net full of fish. (net full of fish)
- 2) Jesus calming the storm (boat/wave)
- 3) Jesus feeding over 5000 people from 5 loaves and 2 fishes, (bread & fish)
- 4) Jesus healing Jairus' daughter (little girl in bed)
- 5) Jesus calling Zaccheus, (tree) Jesus healing a blind man (eyes/mud)
- 6) Jesus healing the lepers (bell)
- 7) Jesus healing the paralytic (roof)

These miracles teach us that when God came to rescue His creation from SIN & death and His kingdom and power broke into the world, The outside world was changed, the blind saw, the mute spoke, the deaf Hear and the lame walk again! When Jesus came to earth He brought his kingdom so that everything that Jesus touched part of who He was ( His life ) transformed whatever He touched. When we encounter Jesus through the Word and through the Holy Spirit we are transformed like Creation is transformed.

### **BIBLE STORY VIDEO: JESUS RAISES LAZARUS**

**KEY PASSAGE: materials:** (white board, marker)

*Vicky*

**"I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live, even though he will die. " John 11:25**

**Circle all of the "pronouns"** Who is saying this? Jesus! Life and resurrection are in Jesus, not found outside of him. When we believe in Him we ENTER into that life. We have true and eternal life first, before we will actually physically die.

## REVIEW BIBLE STORY:

Caleb

**Ask kids to pop up and do something fun to answer the question**

What were Lazarus' sisters' names? (Mary & Martha)

How many days had Lazarus been in the tomb? (3 days)

What were the people doing at the house of Lazarus (crying)

What did Jesus do when Mary came out and asked Why Jesus didn't come? ( He wept)

What did Jesus say to Lazarus after they rolled the stone away? (come out!)

What does this show us about Jesus? (kids can answer, but encourage them to see: He is God, He is Powerful and Loving, and He shows us what His kingdom is like).

**SING: I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart**

Vicky

**OBJECT LESSON: "things that make you sad" materials: (whiteboard)**

Vicky

**Ask kids to give examples of things that make them sad and write them on the board**

The shortest verse in the Bible is one of the most beautiful: "Jesus Wept". Jesus' tears weren't just tears of sadness but tears of anger. He was made at evil and death and that the world is fragile and His creation whom He loves gets sick and dies. His tears show us that our God hates the brokenness in the world, and even though he was about to raise Lazarus he wept, because Jesus was showing us how much he loves his creation: humanity. Jesus is the RESURRECTION and THE LIFE! Jesus knew that the time was coming that He was going to defeat the great enemy death, and that because of His sacrifice on the cross, even though we die- we will LIVE and we will be raised like Lazarus and like Jesus!

**What are the things that make us sad/mad? (list a few- they might need help)**

This story shows that Jesus has the power to defeat death, and He did- when He was raised from the dead. All the healing and miracles in the Bible are signs that point to the day when there will be no more blindness, sickness, poverty, fighting, racism, oppression or death: There will be NO MORE tears! when God's realm and our realm meet: THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH.

**Let's list the things we are looking forward to in the NHNE! (list a few- they might need help)**

**ACTIVITY: "roll the stone back!" materials: (ball from the ball bag)**

Isaiah

Jesus cried deeply when He heard that Lazarus was dead because Jesus was sad that death happens to His creations (us!) when Jesus made Lazarus alive again He did it to show that one day He will destroy death forever and we live with Jesus in the new Heavens and the New earth. Jesus said roll the stone or remove the stone! What other important stone was moved?( at the tomb of Jesus) We are gonna roll this ball back and forth like it is a stone. Pick a friend to roll it to and when you roll it say Jesus LIVES!

**ACTIVITY: "Come out!" materials: ( cover a table with a blanket)**

Vicky

Choose a child to be the guesser. Lead the guesser to close her eyes or face a wall while you choose another child to hide in the tomb.

When the child is hidden, invite the guesser to open her eyes and guess who is in the tomb. She may guess by shouting, "[hidden child's name], come out!" Give the guesser several chances before revealing the identity of the hidden child. Choose another guesser and hider and play again.

Jesus said that He is the Resurrection and the Life! All of our hopes are in Jesus, because He lived, was crucified on a cross, rose again, We too will rise again in the end we will live in the new heavens and new earth with Him.

**COLOURING SHEET/ SNACK:**