



SUMMER STORIES OF JESUS Preschool: Jesus raises Lazarus

Date: Sunday August 23, 2026 **Teachers:** Janet H (**lead**), Lesly P (**co-lead**)

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

Props: *bring from home: blanket/sheet (**Janet**)

At centre: 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: "Sad things "materials: (none)

Janet

What are things that make you sad? (share some things if the kids don't share) Can you show me your sad face, or what you sound like when you cry? In our story today Jesus cries! Do you think you know why he cries? He cries because he is sad/mad that sickness and death hurt, and destroy his creation (us!). Let's watch what happens

STORIES OF JESUS VIDEO: JESUS RAISES LAZARUS

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

Lesly

TEACH KEY PASSAGE: "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11: 25

(have kids sit in a circle and hold hands, and clap the hand next to them with each word of the verse)

REVIEW:

Janet

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

Jesus can heal bodies, but the most important miracle is that He forgives sin and sets us free! When healing happens in the Bible it is as a sign that points to the day when there will be no more sickness, no more death NO MORE tears when God's realm and our realm meet: THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH.

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

Lesly

Jesus cried deeply when He heard that Lazarus was dead because Jesus was angry 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: *(put a blanket over a table for tomb/ or use the tunnel tent combo)* Janet

Choose a child to be the guesser. Lead the guesser to close her eyes or face a wall while you choose another preschooler 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 someone to hide and play again.

Jesus said that He is the Resurrection and the Life! All of our hopes are in Jesus, because He defeated death. Jesus Lives!

PRAYER: Thank you Jesus for bringing your life to us! Amen

FREE PLAY/SNACK/COLOURING SHEET