



SUMMER STORIES OF JESUS Toddler: Jesus Raises Lazarus

Date: Sunday August 23, 2026 **Teachers:** Laura N (**lead**) Sarah R, Paul E

Props: at centre: pic of Jesus. **God's BIGPICTURE Bible Storybook**

Rules: Let's listen with our ears. We are going to sit in a circle before we play.

CIRCLE TIME: *materials* (*pic in folder of Jesus and Lazarus)

Read: God's BIGPICTURE Story bookpg. 192 "The Man who came back to Life"

Can you find Jesus in our picture? In the Bible, we read stories about amazing things that Jesus does, and it shows us what God is like because Jesus is God the son. In this picture: Jesus is here after he raised his friend Lazarus from the dead! Jesus was sad that Lazarus died, but he brought his life to the tomb where Lazarus laid. Jesus is the LIFE!

SING A SONG:

Sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat":

"Jesus is, Jesus is, Jesus is God's Son!

He has power o'er everything; Jesus is God's Son!"

Jesus did miracles. Jesus showed people His power. Jesus is powerful because He is God's Son.

ACTIVITY: "Jesus Lives" materials: (ball from bin)

Sit in a circle, in the Bible Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead and when he did, he said roll the stone away! Jesus made Lazarus alive again, Jesus is the life. Roll the ball back and forth to a friend and say Jesus Lives!

ACTIVITY: "Jump and touch your heart" materials: (none)

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, and Jesus does MORE- He heals hearts and he forgives the ways that we are hurtful to Him and other people, and when we only want our own way, he changes our hearts!

When I say go you are going to JUMP and TOUCH YOUR HEART. Jesus heals bodies and hearts!

ACTIVITY: "Come out!" materials: (use the tent/tunnel combo)

In the story Jesus said Lazarus come out! Jesus' life made Lazarus alive again, crawl into the tunnel and we are gonna call your name to come out!

DISMISS FOR PLAY/play music from your phone on the bluetooth speaker (*link in the weekly email to kids praise)