



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus**  
**Unit 3, Lesson 12**

## **Raising Lazarus**

**Lesson Aim:** To understand why the story surrounding Lazarus' resurrection impacts all believers as well as Jesus' public ministry.

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET:** What is your favorite miracle?

**GAME:** What's Different?

### **THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD**

Read Worship Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD JESUS RAISED LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD**

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus banished the evil spirit from the man in the synagogue.

**Today, we will learn about a miracle that took place in the small town of Bethany, just two miles from Jerusalem. Point to Bethany. Jesus' friends, Martha and Mary, sent word to Jesus that their brother Lazarus was very ill. Lazarus was also one of Jesus' close friends. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 11:3-6, 14-15, 21-27, 32-36, 40-54. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 11:25-26. Pray. Read.**

### **THE WAY JESUS GIVES LIFE FOREVER TO BELIEVERS**

**How do you think Mary and Martha felt when Jesus did not come as quickly as they had hoped? What did they say? (If He had been there, Lazarus would not have died.) Have you ever been disappointed in God's timing? We don't know what God has planned, but earlier in His ministry, Jesus did explain part of God's plan. God's plan is also called His will. Read John 6:38-40. What did Jesus say is God's will for all who believe in Jesus? (To be raised up at the last day, eternal life.)**

**Jesus knew Lazarus had died. Why did He tell the disciples He was glad? (He knew they might believe after they saw Him raise Lazarus from the dead.) Jesus said God's Son would be glorified (praised and honored). What did He mean? (Everyone would see He had the power to raise people from the dead.) What did many of the Jews there do after**

**seeing this miracle? (Put their faith in Jesus.) How did the Pharisees and the chief priests react? (They were afraid people would believe in Jesus and they would lose control of their temple (power) and their nations.) What did they plot to do? (Take Jesus' life.) How did this change the way Jesus moved about? (He had to stay away from the crowds.)**

**Jesus told Martha the way to have life forever. Imagine Jesus saying these words to you. Read John 11:25-26. What did Jesus mean when He said we will not die? Even if our bodies die, Jesus will give life forever to the souls of all who believe in Him. One day, Jesus will resurrect (bring to life) everyone who believes in Him. He will take our souls up to heaven so we can live close to Him forever.**

**The Jewish people believed God would send someone to raise all believers up to heaven to live forever with God. Martha believed this. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life"? Jesus is the Christ, the one God sent to bring us life forever with Him. Jesus asked Martha, "Do you believe this?" What was her answer? ("Yes, You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.") What would your answer be?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 1000 years earlier, Job described the day when the Lord would come and raise Job to heaven. He called the Lord, his Redeemer. Reveal Job 19:25, 27. Find It First. Highlight. Read.**

**What three things did Job know about his Redeemer? (He lives, He will stand upon the earth in the end, and Job will see Him.) Job suffered many disappointments. How might knowing these things have encouraged Job? How can it encourage you?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Eternity ring
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #12
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus at the tomb calling, "Lazarus, come out."
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Lazarus Wraps

**GAMES:** Relay Wrap, Find That Miracle!

**CRAFT:** I Will See God

**THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY**

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** "Sit on the Throne" Musical Chairs, Bible Memory Verse Bop

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**