



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 12

Jesus Cares for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Lesson Aim: To see when we are sad,
Jesus is sad for us.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Jesus Brings Lazarus to Life
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Pray to Jesus
- PUPPET CENTER: Sad Friends
- DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: Mirror Game

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

How do we talk to Jesus? (Prayer.) **Let's talk with Him right now.** Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear Jesus, thank You for caring for us when we are happy and when we are sad. Help us to remember You are always with us. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart." Matthew 22:37a

THE WORD JESUS CARES FOR HIS FRIENDS

CLASSROOM PROMISE

Hold up the craft stick with the happy face showing. **Who can show me your happy face?** Encourage each child to show you their happy face. Mention them by name and compliment them on their great smiles. **Who can show me your silly face?** Compliment their silly faces. **What do you look like when you are sad?** Hold up the craft stick with the sad face showing. If you have time, ask them what things make them sad and what cheers them up. **Jesus cares for you when you are sad.**

Today, we will hear why Jesus' friends were sad and what He did to show them He cared. Let's listen. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to John 11:43b.

WATCH THE WORD: JOHN 11:3-4, 21-23, 32-44

Read poem. Display visual.

- Martha and Mary were so sad
- When their brother Lazarus died.
- When Jesus saw tears in their eyes,
- It made Him sad and so He cried.

- He said, "Take the burial stone away."
- Then He looked up and began to pray.
- And in a loud voice, all heard Him shout,
- "Lazarus, come out, come out!"

- Out Lazarus came – he was alive!
- A miracle right before their eyes!
- The Lord who cares for every friend
- Brought Lazarus back to life again.

Jesus cried when He saw how sad his friends Mary and Martha were. He cared about their feelings. Do you think Jesus cares about our feelings? (Yes.)

THE WAY JESUS CARES FOR YOU

CRAFT: Lazarus, Come Out!

GAMES: Jesus Cares about You, "Lazarus, Come Out!"

SNACK: Jesus' Caring Heart

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: John 11:3-4, 21-23, 32-44

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Memory Verse Circle, I See Someone Jesus Loves

STORY TIME