



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5  
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "He cares for you."

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS LORD

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus as the Lord who cares for us. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse, "He cares for you." Review the Whisper Verse. Include sign language.

Jesus cares for us because He loves us. We want to show Him our love. One way we can do that is to sing praises to Him. Sing: "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God."

Another way we can show Jesus we love Him is to give our offerings to His church. Sing: "We Love" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

In today's story, we will see how Jesus cared when his friends Martha and Mary were sad. He cried when He saw how sad they were. Jesus cared for His friends so much that He did a mighty miracle to help all His friends believe in Him. Let's sing praises to the Lord who does mighty miracles to help us believe in Him. Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save."

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

Just as Jesus cared for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, He cares for you. His love is wide and long and high and deep. It never ends. As we sing this song, let's see if we can stretch our arms out to show HOW WIDE the Lord's love is. Let's stretch our arms in front of us to show HOW LONG His love lasts. Let's reach up high to show HOW HIGH His love reaches. Let's bend way down low to show HOW LOW His love can go. Sing: "How Wide."

### THE WORD JESUS CARES FOR HIS FRIENDS CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we heard Jesus healed ten men. Today, we will hear how Jesus told His followers to let the children come to Him. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Mark 10:16.

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.) Our Whisper Verse tells us. Let's tell each other: "He cares for you." Include sign language or hand motions.

What did Jesus say to Lazarus when the stone was rolled away? ("Lazarus, come out!") Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read John 11:43b: "Jesus said in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

### THE WAY JESUS CARES FOR YOU

CRAFT: Lazarus, Come Out!

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

SNACK: Jesus' Caring Heart

#### CIRCLE OF PRAYER

#### FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

### GOT TIME?

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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Heart Hop, Lots of Love Tango  
STORY TIME