



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 12

Raising Lazarus

Lesson Aim: To understand Jesus will one day resurrect all who believe in Him.

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 11:3-4, 21-27, 32-36, 41-44. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS GIVES LIFE FOREVER TO BELIEVERS

Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus was dying. What did Mary and Martha do? (Sent word to Jesus.) **Did Jesus arrive in time to heal Lazarus?** (No.) **How do you think Mary and Martha felt when Jesus did not come as quickly as they had hoped He would?**

Jesus came late on purpose because He had something planned that was even better than Mary and Martha could have asked for or even imagined. What did Jesus tell the people to do when He went to Lazarus' tomb? (Roll away the stone.) **What did Jesus do after the stone was rolled away?** (He called "Lazarus, come out!") **How do you think Mary and Martha felt after they saw Jesus raise their brother from the dead?**

Jesus told Martha that even if our bodies die, our souls will live forever if we believe in Him. One day, Jesus will resurrect (bring to life) all who believe in Him and take them up to heaven to live close with Him forever. We will get to see God!

What did Jesus ask Martha? ("Do you believe this?") **What was Martha's answer?** ("Yes, You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.") **What would your answer be if Jesus asked you, "Do you believe this?"**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 1000 years before Jesus explained the resurrection to Martha, a man named Job described the future day when the Lord would come and raise Job up to heaven. He called the Lord his Redeemer. At that time, Job did not know the Redeemer he was waiting for would be named Jesus. Reveal Job 19:25, 27. Read.

What did Job know about his Redeemer? (He lived. In the end, He would stand upon the earth.) **Who did Job know that He would see one day?** (God.)

How will we see Jesus according to these verses? (With our own eyes.) **When Jesus has raised up everyone who believes in Him, then we will see Him with our very own eyes, and we will live forever with Him.**

What do you think it will be like when we are taken to heaven? Close your eyes and imagine what that will be like. Who and what do you think you will see? If time allows, distribute paper and pencils. Ask children to draw who and what they think they might see in heaven.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Eternity ring
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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, Can You Believe It?

CRAFT: I Will See God

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW