



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 12

Raising Lazarus

Lesson Aim: To understand why Jesus raised Lazarus; to know 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 11:3-6, 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

What did Mary and Martha do when their brother was sick? (Sent word to Jesus.) **How do you think they felt when Jesus did not come as quickly as they had hoped? What did Mary and Martha tell Jesus?** (If He had been there, Lazarus would not have died.) **Have you ever been disappointed in God's timing in answering your prayers?**

Jesus knew his close friend Lazarus had died. Why did Jesus tell the disciples He was glad this happened? (He knew they might believe after they saw Him raise Lazarus from the dead.)

Jesus said God's Son would be glorified. What did Jesus mean? (All would see He had the power to raise people from the dead.) **How do you**

think Lazarus' death and resurrection changed his sisters' lives for the better? What did many of the Jews, who had come to comfort Mary, do after seeing this miracle? (They put their faith in Jesus.)

Jesus told Martha the way to have life forever. Listen to what He said. Imagine Jesus saying these words to you. Read John 11:25-26. **What will happen if we believe in Jesus?** (Even if we die, we will not die.) **Jesus will give life forever to the souls of believers. One day, Jesus will resurrect (bring to life) all who believe and take them up to heaven to live close with Him forever. Jesus asked Martha, "Do you believe this?" What did she say?** ("Yes, You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.") **What would you say?**

The Jewish people believed God would send someone to raise all believers to heaven to live forever with God. Martha believed this. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life"? Jesus is the way we have resurrection and life forever. Jesus is the Christ, the one God sent to bring us life forever with Him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 1000 years before Jesus explained the resurrection to Martha, Job described the future day when the Lord would come and raise him 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. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What did Job know about his Redeemer? (He lived. In the end, He would stand upon the earth.) **One day, when Jesus has raised everyone who believes, we will see Him with our own eyes and live with Him forever. What do you think it will be like?**

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, Find That Miracle!

CRAFT: I Will See God

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW