

## Jesus Raised a Widow's Son

Luke 7

**Did Jesus ever sin?**  
No, Jesus never sinned.

"But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin."  
1 John 3:5

### Story Point:

Jesus raised a widow's son to life.



### PREPARE HEARTS

- Starter Activity and Question of the Day
- 11:00 - Kids Worship



### ACTIVATE HEARTS

- Lesson Review - Jesus Raised a Widow's Son
- Discussion Questions
- Group Demonstration: Raised to Life



### ENGAGE HEARTS

- Group Activity: Wow Wall
- Group Activity: What Would You Do?
- Share and Care Prayer Time
- Group Game: Build a Tower Challenge

## SHEPHERD GUIDE

Have you ever experienced a moment when you felt completely unseen - like no one noticed your pain or the weight you were carrying? In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to feel invisible in our struggles, and even those closest to us may not fully understand. In today's passage, we encounter a widow who not only lost her husband but also her only son, leaving her utterly vulnerable. Yet Jesus noticed her, stepped into her grief, and responded with compassion and power. As we study this story, we'll see how Jesus still meets us in our deepest needs - seeing us, caring for us, and offering new life that only He can give.

**Jesus sees our pain and responds with compassion.** Jesus did not wait for the widow to ask for help - He noticed her grief and moved toward her with compassion. This shows us that God is not distant or indifferent; He sees our struggles and cares deeply about our pain. In Christ, we find a Savior who draws near to the brokenhearted.

**Jesus has power over death.** By speaking a simple command, Jesus raised the widow's son to life. This miracle demonstrates that His authority reaches even over death itself. It's a foretaste of His own resurrection and a sign that He is truly the Messiah from God.

**Jesus gives spiritual life to all who trust in Him.** Like the young man could not raise himself, we cannot give ourselves spiritual life. We are dead in our sins until Jesus gives us new life through His death and resurrection. When we repent and trust in Him, we receive eternal life that begins now and lasts forever.

This week, point kids to the compassion of Jesus and how His amazing love can lead us to wonder and praise. Guide them to begin to grasp the magnitude of the gift Jesus offers us through His life, death, and resurrection.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 10:20 - 10:30 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.

## MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- \*KNOW that Jesus sees our pain and responds with compassion.
- \*TRUST in Him for new life.
- \*SHARE the good news of Jesus with others.



*As you arrive and children come and go - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the others. Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.*

*Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.*

*When most kids have arrived for 2nd service (by 10:50ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.*

*\*Option - Pen Pal Kit!!*



## PREPARE HEARTS

### Question of the Day:

### Starter Activity

Welcome and Question of the Day

We've been journeying together through the life of Jesus. What are some things you've learned so far?

In today's story, we'll hear how Jesus noticed someone's deep sadness and responded with compassion. JESUS RAISED A WIDOW'S SON TO LIFE. We'll hear that the people who saw what Jesus did were filled with wonder, and they praised God. Let's hear the story and find out how we will respond to what we discover!

### Teamwork Flip

Form kids into two teams and distribute a large blanket or sheet to each team. Lead the kids to stand on their team's blanket. Challenge kids to work together to flip the blanket over without any team members touching the ground. There are lots of different approaches they may take. If a player touches the ground, the team must start over. The first team to fully flip the blanket over, wins.

**SAY:** At first, it probably seemed impossible to flip the blanket over while you were all standing on it. Today Jesus did something that seemed impossible to those around Him. JESUS RAISED A WIDOW'S SON TO LIFE. Jesus saw the man being carried away after he had died. Jesus had compassion on the man's family and raised him from the dead.



KIDS  
WORSHIP

11:00

Kids Worship for Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade in LG2.



## ACTIVE MINDS

You can use the REVIEW VIDEO on your TV and / or use this lesson as a review of what was taught 1st service.

### Jesus Raised a Widow's Son

Bibles,  
Review Video -  
Bible story on TV

Open your Bible to Luke 7. You can use the Kids Sermon Outline as you go through the story.

KIDS SERMON OUTLINE:

**Jesus sees our pain and responds with compassion. (Luke 7:11- 13):** Jesus didn't wait to be asked—He noticed the widow's grief and chose to help.

**Jesus has power over death. (Luke 7:14-16):** With just His words, Jesus raised the dead man to life, proving He is the Messiah sent from God.

**Jesus gives spiritual life to all who trust in Him. (Luke 7:11-17):** Like He raised the boy physically, Jesus gives eternal life to those who are spiritually dead in sin.

Jesus, His disciples, and a large crowd were traveling to a town called Nain. As Jesus was coming near the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out. This man was his mother's only son, and she was a widow, which meant her husband was dead. A large crowd from the city was also with the woman.

When Jesus saw her, He had compassion on her. He said, "Don't cry." Then He came up and touched the coffin carrying the young man's body. The people carrying the coffin stopped. Jesus said, "Young man, I tell you, get up!"

The dead man sat up and began to speak! Jesus brought the man back to his mother. Everyone was amazed, and they glorified God. They said, "A great Prophet has come to us!" and "God has visited His people."

Word about Jesus and this miracle spread throughout Judea and the land.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus has the power to bring the dead to life. We are all dead in our sins, but Jesus will give us new life in Him if we repent and trust in His life, death, and resurrection.

This is a powerful story of Jesus' love, compassion, and power. JESUS RAISED A WIDOW'S SON TO LIFE. No one else could have done such an incredible miracle. Only Jesus has the power to bring the dead to life. (Read Romans 6:23.) **What are the consequences of sin?** [Allow responses. ] The punishment for sin is death. We are all dead in our sins, but Jesus will give us new life in Him if we repent and trust in His life, death, and resurrection. Jesus offers us each an invitation to new and flourishing life with God. When you get an invitation to a party what do you do? You have to RSVP and tell the host if you can come or not. We can respond to Jesus' invitation as well. Will you reject Him or will you trust that He loves you and has saved you? This is a question we must all decide for ourselves, and it's the most important question you'll ever answer!



## Discussion

Discussion questions listed here

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

**How does today's story remind us of God's love and care for us?** Jesus is full of love and compassion for people, especially those who are grieving and in need. When Jesus saw the widow who had lost her only son, He had compassion on her and cared for her. God showed His love and care for us by sending Jesus to take the punishment our sin deserves and give believers new life. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Mark 6:34.)

**How can a person experience new life in Jesus?** To experience the new life Jesus offers, we must turn away from our sin and trust Him as our Savior and Lord. The people in today's story were amazed when they saw Jesus raise the young man from the dead, but only a few trusted that Jesus is the Messiah, God's Son. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 3:16.)

**What does today's story show us about God's power?** God alone has the power to raise the dead, both physically and spiritually. Throughout Jesus' earthly ministry, we see several examples of Jesus raising those who were physically dead back to life. On the cross and through the empty tomb, we see Jesus conquer sin and death once and for all allowing all who trust in Him to have victory over the power of sin and death. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Matthew 19:26.)



## Raised to Life

- Deflated balloon
- Sharpie

Display a deflated balloon and draw a simple face on it with a marker. Hold it up to show that it has no life. Then blow air into the balloon until it is full, tying it off so it stays inflated. Use the balloon to visually demonstrate how something lifeless can be filled and made alive again.

**SAY:** This deflated balloon seemed lifeless until it was filled with air. Think about the Bible story. Jesus saw a funeral procession going by. A widow's son had died. **Why do you think Jesus stopped?** [Allow responses.] Jesus had compassion on the woman. He deeply cared about her needs. She had already lost her husband, and now her only son had died as well. Of course, Jesus cares about our spiritual need for Him, but He also knows that our daily lives have significance and purpose too. So, Jesus stopped to help. **What did Jesus do?** (Read Luke 7:14-15.) JESUS RAISED A WIDOW'S SON TO LIFE. Jesus touched the coffin and told the young man to get up! Amazing! **How did the crowd respond?** [Allow responses.] They were filled with wonder, and they praised God.

We might not have ever seen Jesus raise someone from the dead like in this story; but in an even greater way, every time someone turns to Jesus in faith, He brings them back to life. The Bible tells us that we are spiritually dead and disconnected from God because of our sin. The punishment for sin is death, but because He loves us so much, God made a way for us to have life with Him. Jesus took the punishment we deserve when He died on the cross. And His resurrection has paved the way for us to be brought back to life too!



## Wow Wall

- Sticky notes
- Markers

Give each child a sticky note and marker. Ask them to write or draw one thing about Jesus that makes them say “WOW!” Encourage creativity—some may draw the story of the widow’s son, others may write words like “power,” “love,” or “life.” Once finished, have each child stick their note to the white board. Label it “Our WOW Wall.” Read a few aloud as a group and celebrate all the ways Jesus is amazing.

**SAY:** Jesus raised a widow’s son to life. This activity reminds us that just like the crowd in today’s story, we can respond with wonder at what Jesus has done. They shouted praises to God when they saw the miracle. When we think about who Jesus is—His compassion, His power, His gift of eternal life—it should fill us with the same kind of WOW! Our WOW Wall shows the many reasons we can be amazed by Him. Let’s remember that Jesus not only gave life to the widow’s son, but He also gives us new life when we trust in Him. That’s the greatest reason to wonder and worship!



## What Would You Do?

- Compassion cards

Talk about how Jesus had compassion for the grieving mother in our story today.

Ask: **What is compassion?** Brainstorm some ideas together and talk about how compassion means noticing when someone is hurt or upset - and wanting to help. it’s like kindness with a big heart.

Give an example like - When you feel sad because someone else is sad, and you try to make them feel better, you are showing compassion.

Discuss some other kid-friendly examples:

- When your friend falls and you help them up-that's compassion.
- When your mom is sad and you give her a hug-that's compassion.
- When someone is left out and you invite them to play-that's compassion.

After discussing what compassion is, ask for 8 volunteers. Give each of them a card and have them read and show the compassion cards one at a time to the class. Ask how they would show compassion in each situation. Discuss different ways they could show compassion to others.

Pray together as a class and ask God to help us all show compassion to one another like Jesus did for the widow’s son.

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## Share and Care Prayer

Spend some time as a class sharing about:

- Our Global Partner Family of the Month (**The Karthak Family**)
- Specific prayer requests from any of the kids about something going on in their own lives.

Have the class sit in a circle as you share and care for one another's needs. Ask for and share requests with one another. Review and follow up with any prayer requests from the chain made the week before. Use the Global Partner of the Month spotlight sheet (In the Pen Pal Kit) to talk about prayer requests from the Karthak Family



## Build a Tower Challenge

- List of questions
- Solo cups

Place the solo cups in two stacks on a table in the front of the room.

The object of this game is to see which team can build the highest tower - before the cups come tumbling down!

Divide the class into two or more teams. Ask each team a question, alternating between teams.

When a team answers a question correctly, a member of that team may take a cup and place it on the table or on top of another cup to build their team's "tower". They can place the cups as part of the foundation, right side up, or upside down - however they think best to build their team's tower.

\*\*If you want this game to move along more quickly, allow your students to place 3-5 cups for each question answered correctly.

### Conversation Starters and Review Questions

1. What does this story show us about how Jesus feels when we're sad or hurting?
2. What do you think the people thought when the boy sat up and started talking?
3. What can we learn about compassion from this story?
4. How can we show kindness to someone who is sad, like Jesus did?
5. Can you think of another Bible story where Jesus helped someone who was hurting?
6. How do you think the widow felt before Jesus arrived?
7. What does this story teach us about Jesus' power over life and death?
8. What did Jesus say to the grieving widow?
9. What does it mean to have compassion?
10. What did we learn about God from this story?
11. What's one thing about Jesus that amazes you?
12. What did Jesus tell the young man to do?
13. How did the people respond to what Jesus did?