

**Gr. 1-3 Lesson Template**

<b>Where</b>	<b>Who and What</b>	<b>What you Need</b>
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Do the paper "Did Jesus say it?" There is an answer key in the binder. Talk about how Jesus' words were very powerful!	Paper
Large Group	<b>Large Group Time:</b> Leader is Lorene. She'll get you when ready.	
Classroom	Discussion Questions on page 124: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What should we do when we feel sad or hurt?</li> <li>2. Can we still trust God even when His plans seem late? Why?</li> <li>3. Why did Jesus say He is the resurrection and the life?</li> </ol>	See leaders guide if you want more answers
Classroom:	Order the events worksheet	Worksheet



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# Did Jesus Say It?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle YES if Jesus said it. Circle NO if He did not say it.

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1. "Love your enemies."  
YES / NO
2. "Be mean to people who are mean to you."  
YES / NO
3. "Let the little children come to me."  
YES / NO
4. "Forgive others."  
YES / NO
5. "Only love people who love you."  
YES / NO
6. "I am the Good Shepherd."  
YES / NO
7. "Do not worry."  
YES / NO
8. "You should always try to be the most important."  
YES / NO
9. "Love your neighbor as yourself."  
YES / NO
10. "It is better to give than to receive."  
YES / NO
11. "I am the Light of the world."  
YES / NO
12. "Hide your kindness from others."  
YES / NO

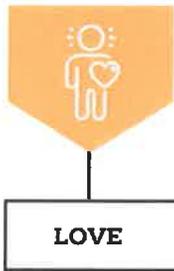
13. "Follow me."  
YES / NO
14. "Blessed are the peacemakers."  
YES / NO
15. "Pay back evil with more evil."  
YES / NO
16. "With God, all things are possible."  
YES / NO
17. "Store up treasures in heaven."  
YES / NO
18. "Do not help people in need."  
YES / NO
19. "I am the way, the truth, and the life."  
YES / NO
20. "Treat others the way you want to be treated."  
YES / NO

# Did Jesus Say It?

## Answer Key (with Scripture)

1. **“Love your enemies.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 5:44
2. **“Be mean to people who are mean to you.”**  
 NO
3. **“Let the little children come to me.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 19:14
4. **“Forgive others.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 6:14
5. **“Only love people who love you.”**  
 NO (Jesus taught the opposite – Matthew 5:46–47)
6. **“I am the Good Shepherd.”**  
 YES – Gospel of John 10:11
7. **“Do not worry.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 6:25
8. **“You should always try to be the most important.”**  
 NO (Jesus taught about serving others – Matthew 20:26)
9. **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 22:39
10. **“It is better to give than to receive.”**  
 YES – Acts of the Apostles 20:35
11. **“I am the Light of the world.”**  
 YES – Gospel of John 8:12
12. **“Hide your kindness from others.”**  
 NO (Jesus taught to let your light shine – Matthew 5:16)
13. **“Follow me.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 4:19
14. **“Blessed are the peacemakers.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 5:9

15. **“Pay back evil with more evil.”**  
 NO (Jesus taught to love and forgive – Matthew 5:39)
16. **“With God, all things are possible.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 19:26
17. **“Store up treasures in heaven.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 6:20
18. **“Do not help people in need.”**  
 NO (Jesus taught to care for others – Matthew 25:40)
19. **“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”**  
 YES – Gospel of John 14:6
20. **“Treat others the way you want to be treated.”**  
 YES – Gospel of Matthew 7:12



## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

### LOVE God by Applying the Story

#### 1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles. Guide kids to open their Bibles to John 11. Explain that John is one of the four Gospels. Tell kids that Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all tell the true story of Jesus' power over death when He rose from the dead.

Choose a volunteer to read aloud John 11:43-44 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verses aloud. Consider pointing out the location of Bethany (15), where Lazarus lived, on the New Testament Israel Map.

**SAY** All Jesus did to raise Lazarus from the dead was say, 'Lazarus, come out!' He holds all power, even through His words. Immediately, Lazarus rose and walked out of the tomb. But Lazarus was still bound with the linen and needed someone else to remove the linen. Lazarus still needed Jesus to die for his sins because only Jesus can take away sins.

Later, after Jesus had died, the disciples went to Jesus' empty tomb and found His linen clothes folded. Unlike Lazarus, when Jesus was raised from the dead, He did not need anyone to help Him take off His grave clothes. Jesus had risen from the dead and defeated sin and death!

#### 2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

**SAY** What should we do when we feel sad or hurt?

Remind kids that we all feel sad and hurt at times. Tell kids that sin has made our world broken where bad things still happen. Discuss how Mary and Martha came to Jesus even when they were sad and believed His words. Encourage kids to go to Jesus and believe that He is making all things new.

**SAY** Can we still trust God even when His plans seem late? Why?

Discuss how Mary and Martha didn't understand why Jesus had not come to see Lazarus sooner. Tell kids that they believed that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Help kids understand that God's plans always work for our good, even if His plans seem late. Tell kids that Jesus promises He will always be with us and that He knows all things. Encourage kids to always trust God's timing.

**SAY** Why did Jesus say He is the resurrection and the life?

Tell kids that not only does Jesus have the power to raise people from the dead, but that He is the source of all life. Explain that Jesus would ultimately display His resurrection and life giving power when He would rise from the grave and conquer sin and death. Remind kids that the consequences of sin is death, and that only Jesus lived the perfect life to be the perfect sacrifice our sin requires.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**

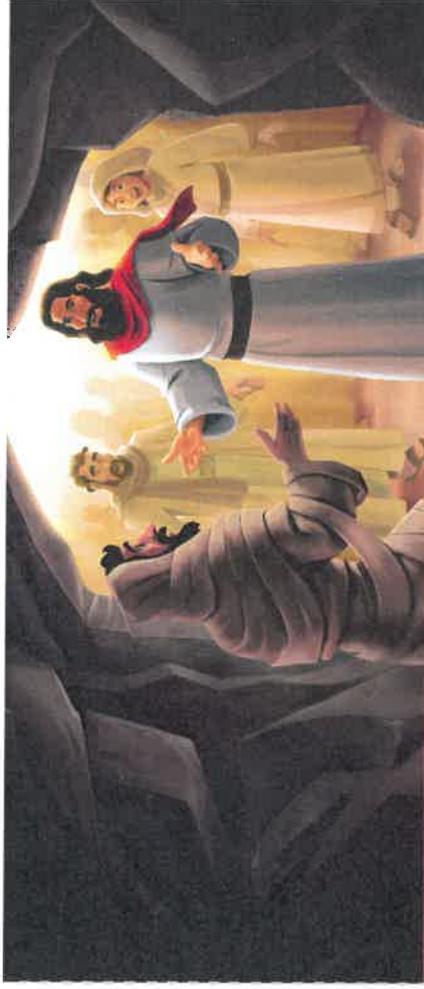






## JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 24 • Session 2

# JESUS RAISED LAZARUS

John 11-12

## WHY DO PEOPLE REJECT JESUS?

**PEOPLE REJECT JESUS BECAUSE ALL PEOPLE ARE BORN WITH A SIN NATURE AND WANT TO PLEASE THEMSELVES RATHER THAN OBEY GOD.**

Jesus and Lazarus were friends. Lazarus lived in the town of Bethany, in Judea, with his sisters, Mary and Martha. One day, Lazarus got sick. Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus.

Jesus told His disciples, "Lazarus' sickness will not end in death." Jesus stayed where He was for two more days. Then Jesus said, "Let's go back to Judea."

By the time Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been in a tomb for four days. Martha said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother wouldn't have died." Martha knew Jesus could do a miracle though.

Jesus replied, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die—ever."

Martha said, "I believe You are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Mary was crying. Jesus wept too.

Mary led Jesus to the tomb where Lazarus was buried.

Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!"

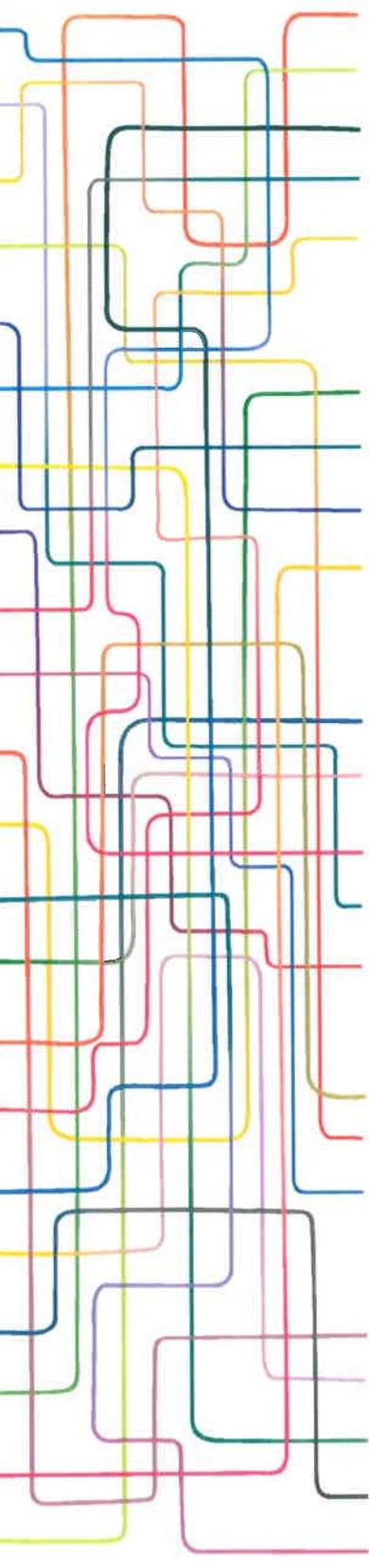
Lazarus came out of the tomb, wrapped in linen and cloth. Jesus said, "Unwrap him and let him go."

The religious leaders decided they wanted to kill Lazarus because many people were trusting in Jesus.

**Christ Connection:** When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He showed that He has power over death. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.

**Raised to Life!** | Unscramble the letters to spell out the message.

R O H E U A D S E J R S H E P S T E A V O W



**Order the Events** | Number the events 1–8 in the correct order of the story.  
Use John 11 to help you.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus raised Lazarus from the tomb and said, “Lazarus, come out!”
- \_\_\_\_\_ By the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead four days.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus telling Him Lazarus was sick.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus because many trusted in Him after He raised Lazarus from the dead.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Martha told Jesus that if He had been here Lazarus would not have died.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lazarus, Jesus’ friend, got sick.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said that everyone who believes in Him will never die.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lazarus came out of the tomb, wrapped in linen and cloth.

