

# The BIBLE STORY

## Bible Storytelling Tips

## Jesus Raised Lazarus

*John 11:1-7,17-44*

- **Act it out:** Choose volunteers to act out the story. Assign parts for Jesus, a few disciples, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Use props and costumes to really make the story engaging.
- **Move with the story:** Start at one end of the room when you begin telling the story. When Jesus travels to Bethany, move to the other side of the room. Place props along the way that you can use to emphasize various parts of the story.

**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. “Lord, Your friend Lazarus is sick,” they said.**

**Jesus told His disciples,** “Lazarus’s sickness will not end in death. **This sickness will bring glory to God and to the Son of God.**” 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 hurried to meet Jesus, but Mary stayed home.

**Martha said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”** Martha knew Jesus could do a miracle, though. “I know God will give You whatever You ask,” she said.

**Jesus replied, “Your brother will rise again.”**

Martha believed that Lazarus would rise from the dead in the future—on the last day. But **Jesus said, “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. Do you believe this?”**

**“Yes, Lord,” Martha said. “I believe You are the Messiah, the Son of God.”**

Martha went back to her house. She told Mary that Jesus wanted to see her. So Mary left the house, and all the people who had come to comfort Mary and Martha followed her.

**Mary fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died!”** Mary was

crying, and Jesus wept too.

Mary led Jesus to the tomb where Lazarus was buried.

It was a cave, and a huge stone covered the opening.

“Remove the stone,” Jesus said.

So the stone was moved aside. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank You that You heard Me.” 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.”

*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 sin and rose from the dead. He gives eternal life to those who trust in Him.*



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Invite kids to check out this week's devotionals to discover that Mary and Martha waited for Jesus—but He arrived “too late.” Jesus reminds us that those who trust Him will live with Him forever, even if we die. (Isa. 41:10) Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out [www.lifeway.com/devotionals](http://www.lifeway.com/devotionals).

# Jesus Is ...

Unscramble the following words and fill in the blanks to reveal what Jesus said about Himself.

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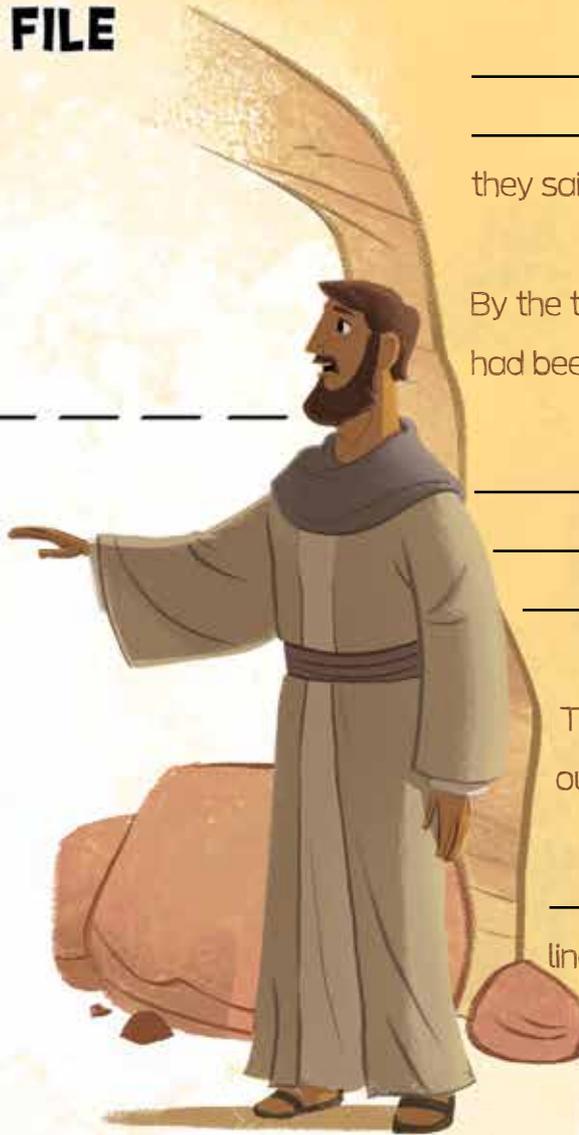
Jesus said, "I am the

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(John 11:25)



# Name Game

Fill in the blanks with the names that correctly complete the story. (Tip: Read John 11:1-7,17-44 in your Bible.)

**JESUS    LAZARUS    MARY    MARTHA**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sent a message to \_\_\_\_\_ "Lord, Your friend \_\_\_\_\_ is sick," they said.

By the time \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in Bethany, \_\_\_\_\_ had been in a tomb for four days.

\_\_\_\_\_ led \_\_\_\_\_ to the tomb where \_\_\_\_\_ was buried. "Remove the stone," \_\_\_\_\_ said.

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# Miraculous Color

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the color key to complete the picture. Fill each numbered section with the color assigned.



**KEY PASSAGE:** Psalm 103:2-3

**• BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- What did Jesus heal people from? Jesus healed people from sickness, sin, and death.

**BIBLE STORY:**

**JESUS RAISED LAZARUS**

- Jesus' friend Lazarus was sick.
- Jesus waited two days before traveling to visit him.
- When Jesus arrived, Lazarus was dead.
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why did Jesus wait two days before visiting Lazarus?
- Can you think of other times God asks us to wait for His timing?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be "the resurrection and the life"?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Build a "tomb" by draping blankets over chairs and tables. Use couch cushions or large pillows to block the entrance. Take turns sitting in the tomb until someone moves the pillows and says, "Come out!"

*Younger Kids Activity Pages*  
Unit 24, Session 4



# Jesus Heals People

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw a line connecting the matches of the people Jesus healed.



Jesus Has Power  
Over Evil



Jesus Healed  
a Woman and  
Raised a Girl



Jesus Healed  
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Raised a Girl



Four Friends Helped



Jesus Raised Lazarus



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- Lazarus had been buried for four days when Jesus got there.
- Lazarus's sisters, Martha and Mary, said he would not have died if Jesus had been there.
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why did Jesus wait before going to see Lazarus?
- Why did Jesus cry even though He knew He would bring Lazarus back to life?
- What does this story tell us about Jesus' power?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Deliver a meal to someone who has recently lost a loved one.
- Take flowers to a cemetery to put on a gravesite. Retell the story and remind preschoolers that when Jesus returns, no one will die ever again.

*Preschool Activity Pages*  
Unit 24, Session 4

## The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



**God rules.** Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



**We sinned.** Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



**God provided.** Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



**Jesus gives.** Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



**We respond.** Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus.

Tip: Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.