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JESUS RAISED A WIDOW'S SON

LUKE 7

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.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is prayer? Prayer is talking with God to praise Him, ask Him for help, and confess our sins.

MEMORY VERSE

Jeremiah 29:12-13

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Jesus had only just finished healing the centurion's servant in Luke 7:1-10 when He came upon the funeral procession of a widow's only son. Jesus didn't merely feel sorry for the grieving widow; He demonstrated His compassion by publicly raising her son from the dead. In this passage, we witness the truth that only Jesus has the authority to restore the dead back to life.

The timing in which Jesus entered the woman's life is interesting as it appears that He came on the scene just a little too late. Perhaps the woman's son had been sick or had received a mortal wound from an accident. Either way, his time for hanging on to life had passed, and people were now carrying the son's dead body through the streets on the way to the grave. Despite this tragedy, Jesus told the woman not to weep.

This wasn't because He lacked emotion; Scripture tells us Jesus is the man of sorrows acquainted with our grief, suffering, and sickness (Isaiah 53:3). No, Jesus understood the depths of the woman's despair, and He embodied the greatest hope in her time of need. The widow no longer needed to cry because Jesus would soon resurrect her son—a precursor to His promise to one day wipe away all tears and bring an end to suffering and death.

This week, lead the kids in your class to see that Jesus offers the gift of eternal, resurrected life to anyone who believes Him. Just as the widow's son was physically dead but raised to life, Christ will raise all who call on Him to immediate new spiritual life and resurrected physical life at His return.

PROMOTION SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!

Promotion Sunday—the day kids and students move up to the next class/grade for the new school year—is next week! Whether you're sticking with the same group of kids or gaining a new one, be sure to connect with your room and make kids feel welcome.

As kids step into their new rooms and a higher grade, encourage them and be sensitive to their needs and aware of some of the worries and anxieties a new school year can bring.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to large group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or practice the memory verse!

MEMORY VERSE

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12-13, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's memory verse folder to review the verse with the kids.

Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on August 30!



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in large group.

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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.

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ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after large group.

ACTIVITY: BROKEN TO FIXED

Split kids into 3-4 even groups and have each group sit at a table. Give each group one of the provided supply bags and tell them that what's in the bag is broken and they need to fix it.

If you want to create some competition, you can have groups race to see who fixes the item in their bag first, then have groups switch items and race again!

You can also use a timer and see if groups can fix their item faster in round two. However you play, be sure to encourage kids to work as a team!

CONNECT THE DOTS



There are a lot of things that are broken in this world. Some of them we can fix, for a while. But there are some things we can never fix on our own—sin and death. Only Jesus has the power to overcome death, which He proved when He died on the cross and rose again three days later!

BIBLE SKILLS: BASIC BIBLE FACTS

Give each kid one of the provided Bibles in your room. Give kids the opportunity to open them, explore them, and see how the Bible is organized.

Begin to explain some of the facts of the Bible like the number of books it has, what a chapter number and verse number are, how to use the table of contents, etc.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. How does today's story remind us of God's love and care for us?
2. How can a person experience new life in Jesus?
3. What does today's story show us about God's power?
4. What does today's story show us about who Jesus is?
5. How can today's story bring us hope for the future?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!