Kindergarten-2nd

February 28-March 1, 2015

DATE

Lazarus

LESSON TITLE

John 11; Jeremiah 29:11
Adv. Bible for Early Readers (pp. 1253-1254, 917)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus has power over everything.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (40 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (20 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Since we're talking about the power Jesus has over life and death (and everything) today, think of a time you've seen God's power. When kids come into the room, start asking them about what it means to be powerful or what power looks like to them. Be ready to share your story.

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to tell their parents why they have people wrapped in bandages (hopefully, it'll get them to retell today's story)!

large group heads up

Today's lesson is about the time Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. It's a crazy story and one that showed a lot of people (and still shows us today) that Jesus really is God's son!

CONNECT time

connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

SIMON SAYS

Break kids into small groups or play as one large group. You can even play around tables if that works best for your room.

- **Play Simon Says:**
  - Line the kids up in a row. Tell kids that "Simon" (you!) is the boss.
  - Stand a few feet away, facing them.
  - Explain that you will give them a command. Before some commands, you will say, "Simon Says." ("Simon says take two steps forward!") If Simon says it, the kids should do it. If Simon doesn't say it ("Jump backwards once!") the kids should stand still.
- **Debrief**:
  - Who was "in charge" of that game? How did "Simon" get people to listen to him? Why did people listen to him?
- **Ask kids to share the best and worst parts of their week.**

Before you head into Large Group, remind them of your expectations for behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.

SMALL group

instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story and (2) understand that the story displays Jesus' power

Why? While today's main point is that Jesus' has power over life and death, if kids can retell the story, they are sharing that point with all who listen. Hopefully, their listeners will give glory to God, like the people surrounding Lazarus in the story.

Tip: Kids may ask why some people get sick and DO die. That's a tough question, but be honest with them about how we live in a broken world and even Jesus had to die. The point is that God can do anything and we can trust him.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What happened to Lazarus in today's story?
2. Why do you think Jesus didn't go to Lazarus right away?
3. Why do you think Jesus was sad when Lazarus died?
4. Who did Jesus say would get the glory when Lazarus came back to life? What does it mean when God gets glory?
5. What happened when Jesus said, "Come out, Lazarus"?
6. Why did Jesus bring Lazarus back to life? (so that God would get glory)

REVIEW ACTIVITY

- Give each kid a ***body template***
- Let them color it with **markers** and make Lazarus
- Then give the group ***a roll of toilet paper***
- Let kids take large pieces of toilet paper and glue them all over Lazarus
- As kids create, ask:
    - How can we help show others God's glory? (You can guide them toward things like sharing Jesus' miracles, inviting them to church to hear about Jesus' miracles, praying for God to show his power, etc.)
    - How can we give God glory? (thank him, praise him, etc.)

***Pray together, thanking God for his power and asking him to help us give him glory this week.**

*Give kids a **coloring page**. If you still have extra time, play some more Simon Says!*

THIS PAGE LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY

LARGE group

special notes

presenter tips

We don't have as much video support for the storytelling today, so there are suggestions of ways to involve kids by having them repeat a phrase, make a prediction or imagine a scene. Feel free to add your own personal flair to the script to engage your room!

script

Click to play intro music.

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. We just played a game of Simon Says. And who's in charge in that game? (Let kids say: Simon). That's right, Simon! And I noticed all you guys listened to Simon…or at least *tried* to listen to Simon. In fact, that's so much fun, let's try it again. Everybody, stand up! (Let kids stand.)

(Play a couple rounds of Simon Says with the group. Your two final instructions should be "Simon says lay down" followed by "Simon Says get up!") Great job! Now you guys can have a seat. (Let kids sit.)

INTRO: JESUS HAS POWER
You know, that's a really fun game. And did you know it can help us understand more about Jesus?! It's true. Because in the game, Simon says to get up…and everybody gets up! And in real life, Jesus has all power. He can tell storms to stop, and they do. He can tell one lunch to become enough food for thousands of people, and it does. And today, we're going to hear about something else amazing Jesus did!

LAZARUS IS SICK
So Jesus had a friend named Lazarus. Jesus was friends with him and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. One day, Jesus heard that Lazarus had gotten really, really sick. When Jesus heard that, guess what he said? The Bible tells us in John 11:

SLIDE: John 11:4 When Jesus heard this, he said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory. God's Son will receive glory because of it."

So Jesus was saying, instead of Lazarus dying, Jesus would get glory. Does anybody in here know what it means to get glory? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it means people honor you or give

you praise or even just pay attention to you! Maybe you get a trophy or somebody tells you "good job"…or this happens to you: (**click to play the brief video of applause**). Why do people get honored? What have you done to get a trophy or get somebody to tell you "good job"? (Let kids respond.)

That's right! Maybe you've scored points for a sports team or played a musical instrument for an audience. Maybe you've been kind to a friend and that friend has said "thank you." That's honor!

So when Lazarus got sick, Jesus was going to do something really wonderful that would make people realize how special he is. That means that people would notice Jesus and see how special and powerful he is. They would see that He's truly God's Son. Hmmmm, what do you guys think Jesus is going to do? (Let kids guess, but don't tell them if they're right or wrong.)

LAZARUS DIES
(Click to show map.) Well, Jesus didn't go visit Lazarus right away. He waited a few days. Then he went to his hometown, a place called Bethany.

When Jesus got to Bethany, he found out that Lazarus had been dead for four days! Mary and Martha were both so sad. When Jesus arrived, they said, "Jesus! If you had been here, Lazarus wouldn't have died!" See, they knew Jesus could heal people. They wanted him to heal their brother.

Jesus saw Mary and others crying, and he felt sad. Can I see your sad face? (Let kids respond.) Yes, Jesus knows how we feel when we're sad! He was so sad that he cried, too! He knows it hurts to lose somebody we love.

But remember, Jesus said this wouldn't end in death…it would end in God's glory. So what do you guys think Jesus is going to do? (Let kids respond.) Let's see if you're right!

JESUS BRINGS LAZARUS BACK TO LIFE
(Click to show picture of a cave.) After that, they went to the place where Lazarus was buried. Nowadays, people are often buried in the ground. Back then, Lazarus was buried in a cave with a stone covering it. Jesus asked them to open the cave.

Nobody wanted to do that, but they obeyed. When the grave was open, Jesus prayed to God. He wanted everybody to know that he was God's son and he was talking to his father. Then he said, "Lazarus, come out!" Can you guys say that? (Let kids say: Lazarus, come out!)

Then guess what?? Lazarus walked out! **Close your eyes for a second and imagine that**: He had been buried in a cave. And back then, people would wrap the bodies in cloth before they buried them. So out walks this guy, looking something like a mummy! What would you guys think if you saw Lazarus walking out? Open your eyes and let's hear it! (Let kids respond.) Yep, me too. And everybody there was shocked. Lazarus had been dead! And now he was alive!

LARGE group

script continued

When Lazarus came to life, people saw that Jesus had power over life and death. Lazarus had to be alive because Jesus TOLD him to! And people realized Jesus really was God's Son. And God got all the glory and praise and attention for doing this amazing thing, something that ONLY God could do!

JESUS IS POWERFUL BECAUSE HE IS GOD'S SON
Jesus could make storms stop and turn one lunch into 5,000 lunches and bring a dead man back to life. But not because he was a superhero. Because he was God's son! Can you guys think of anything Jesus *can't* do? (Let kids respond.) No, me neither! That's because Jesus can do anything!

And the great part is, Jesus has a plan for us. Even though we live in a broken world where people get sick and sad, hurt each other, and eventually die, we can trust that Jesus is in charge. In the Bible, Jeremiah 29:11 says this:

SLIDE: Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you," announces the LORD. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come."

RESPOND
Wow, so Jesus is in control AND he has a special and wonderful plan for every single one of us! That's pretty cool. Let's take a minute and just declare God's power! You could tell him you believe he has power in your life. Or ask him to show you more of his power. Let's talk to God in our heads. (*Give kids a minute of silence. Then pray together, modeling what it looks like to praise God for his power.*)

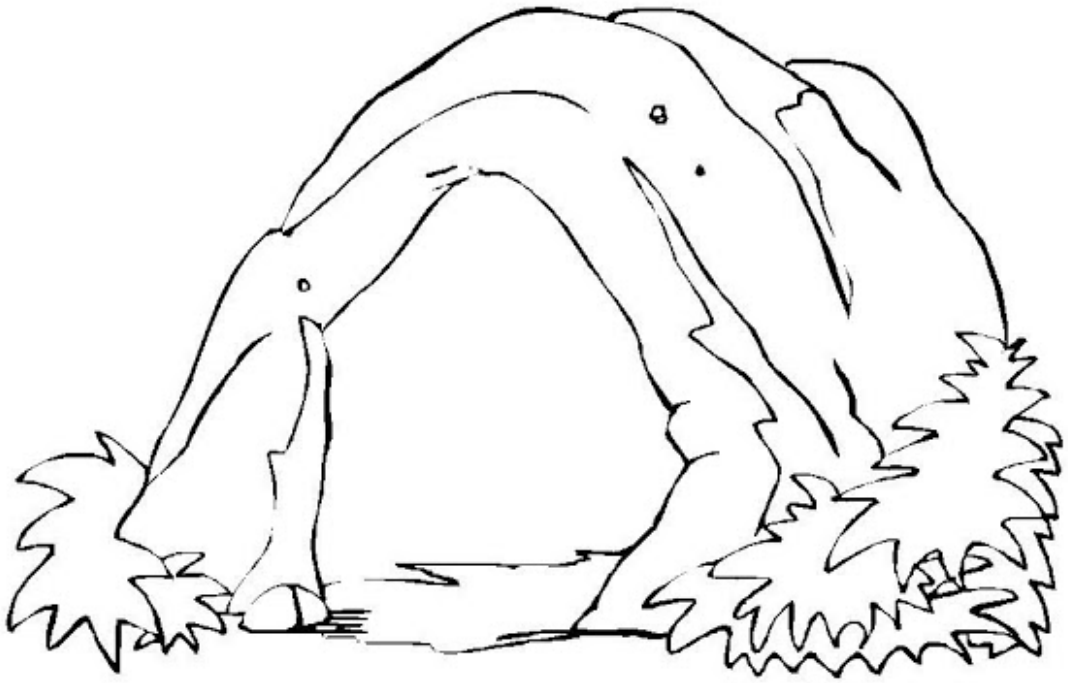
WORSHIP
Now let's worship God together. Let's give him glory by telling him how great he is!

Music Video: Radio
Song: Dance Shout and Sing

(Dismiss kids to small groups.)

THIS PAGE LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY

name



PREP needs

connect time supplies

Simon Says – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid
Coloring page: Cave
Body template

Per group
Markers
1 Bible: Adv. Bible for Early Readers (pp. 1253-1254, 917)
1 roll of toilet paper
glue sticks

large group supplies

Adv. Bible for Early Readers (pp. 1253-1254, 917)

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. SLIDE: John 11:4 When Jesus heard this, he said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory. God's Son will receive glory because of it."
3. Video of applause: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxAKFIpdcfc
4. Image: map
5. Image: cave
6. SLIDE: Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you," announces the LORD. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come."
7. Music Video: Radio (on K5 song slides)
8. Song: Dance Shout and Sing (on K5 song slides)

connect questions

Tell me about Lazarus.
How did God get glory in today's story?

parent page

Daily Talk Starts – separate doc.