

SUMMER IN THE SON: *Lessons from the Life of Christ*

Week 9 • August 20 • Jesus' Power over Death (John 11:1-44)

Theme: Jesus raised people from the dead to show that He has power over death.

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. Those who trust in Jesus will live forever with Him.

Family Devotional

Materials: rolls of toilet paper

Do: Have your children wrap toilet paper around you, mummy-style, until you are covered. Read the Bible story about Lazarus while you remain wrapped in toilet paper.

Read: John 11:1-44

Ask: "Why did Jesus not go immediately to His friend Lazarus when He heard he was sick?" Recall in the story when Jesus said, "Lazarus' sickness will not end in death. This sickness will bring glory to God and to the Son of God." Later Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise again." What Martha and Mary did not understand is that Jesus was not talking about a future event, but rather they would see the miracle with their own eyes.

Ask: "Whom did Jesus say He was to Martha?" Remind your kids that Jesus said He is the resurrection and the life. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He was showing Mary, Martha, and us that He has power over death. Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again we can have eternal life when we trust Him.

Do: Choose your youngest child to say the last words Jesus said after Lazarus came out of the tomb, "Unwrap him, and let him go!" Now instruct your kids to do that for you.

Big Question: *Why did Jesus raise people from the dead? Jesus raised people from the dead to show that He has power over death.*

Pray, thanking God that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Thank God that we can trust Jesus to give us eternal life.