

22. Raising the Widow's Son

The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) Tell the children that the death of an only son of a widow was a double tragedy in those days. Of course, she was terribly sad that he had died. But also, she would have no one to look after her as she grew older and couldn't work and make money to feed herself. She is almost surely going to starve to death.
- b) So, the Lord felt very sorry for this poor woman. She must have been crying a lot, and He told her not to cry. She must have wondered why He said that.
- c) When the Lord touched the coffin, the people carrying it must have been surprised, because they stopped walking. How did they feel when the Lord told the dead man to get up, and he did and started talking?
- d) Remember that there were lots and lots of people around, and they were surprised. What a story for them! And they all told about it. Get children to picture the scene outside the gates of the city, with all the people round about.



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The Lord Makes a Dead Man Come Alive

And it came to pass on the next day that Jesus went into a city called Nain, and many of His disciples went with Him and many other people too. Now when Jesus came near to the gates of the city, there was a dead man being carried out on a bed. He was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many of the people of the city were with her.

And when the Lord saw her, He felt sorry for her, and said to her, “Do not cry.” Then Jesus came and touched the dead man’s coffin. The people who carried the dead man stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you, get up.” And the man that was dead sat up, and he began to speak.

Then Jesus gave him to his mother. And all the people were afraid, and they praised God saying, “A great prophet has come among us, and God has visited His people.”

And this story of what Jesus did went through all Judea and through all the country round about.

Luke 7

