

uOak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool — Kindergarten

Lesson 2.19: THE RAISING OF LAZARUS — John 11:1-44

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over John 11:1-44.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

When the Lord was on earth, He had some friends who lived in a city called Bethany. They were two sisters named Mary and Martha, and their brother Lazarus. The Lord loved them very much, and they loved Him.

One day Mary sent a message to the Lord, saying that her brother Lazarus was very sick. When the Lord heard this, He waited for two days, and then He told His disciples that they would now travel to the land of Judea, where Lazarus lived.

The disciples said “Why are you going there? There are Jews there who want to hurt you!” But the Lord was not afraid. He said “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.” At first the disciples didn’t understand. So the Lord explained that He meant that Lazarus was dead, and now He must go to him. So the disciples decided to go with Him.

When the Lord came to the city of Bethany, Lazarus had already been dead for four days, and his body had been put in a tomb. Mary and Martha and many other people were crying because Lazarus was dead.

First Martha came over to the Lord, and said “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” The Lord said to her, “Your brother will rise again.’ Martha didn’t understand. The Lord said that all life comes from Him, and whoever believes in the Lord and does as He says will never die.

Then Mary came and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” She began to cry, and so did all the people that were with her. And do you know what? The Lord began to cry, too. But He wasn’t crying because Lazarus was dead. He knew that Lazarus would rise again and be fine. The Lord was very sad because these people still didn’t believe in His power. They didn’t believe that He was more powerful than death.

The Lord went to the tomb where Lazarus’ body was laid, and asked the people to roll the stone away from the door. Martha was worried that the dead body would smell bad, because it had been lying there for four days, but the people did as the Lord wished and rolled back the stone.

The Lord looked up to the sky and said a prayer. Then He spoke out in a very loud voice and said “Lazarus, come forth!” And then the amazing miracle happened. Lazarus, who had been dead for four days, walked out of the tomb, alive again! He was still wrapped in the cloths that they had

wrapped around him when he died, and the Lord told his sisters to loosen the cloths and let him go.

The Lord had shown those people that He was more powerful than death. And it is still true that whoever believes in the Lord and does as He says will never die. That's because those people, when they leave this world, will live happily forever in heaven and never die!

RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and then you say it after me.

He cried with a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come forth!"
And he who had died
came out...

PROJECT

Ahead of time:

1. Using the patterns, cut a tomb and a stone out of brown construction paper for each child.
2. Glue each tomb (but not the stones) on the left—hand side of a piece of white construction paper.
3. Write at the top of the white paper: "Lazarus, come forth!"
4. Photocopy the picture with Lazarus, Jesus, and Mary and Martha so that there is one for each child.

Doing the Project:

1. Have the children cut out the pictures of Lazarus, Jesus, and Mary and Martha.
2. Have them use glue sticks to paste them onto the picture (Lazarus in the cave, Jesus beside the cave, Mary and Martha behind Jesus).
3. Teacher will now fasten the stone onto the tomb in each picture over the opening, with a paper fastener at the left—hand side. Show the children how they can rotate the stone to "roll it away" from the door to reveal the risen Lazarus.
4. Then encourage the children to color the picture and add grass and whatever else they want.

Project Example



