

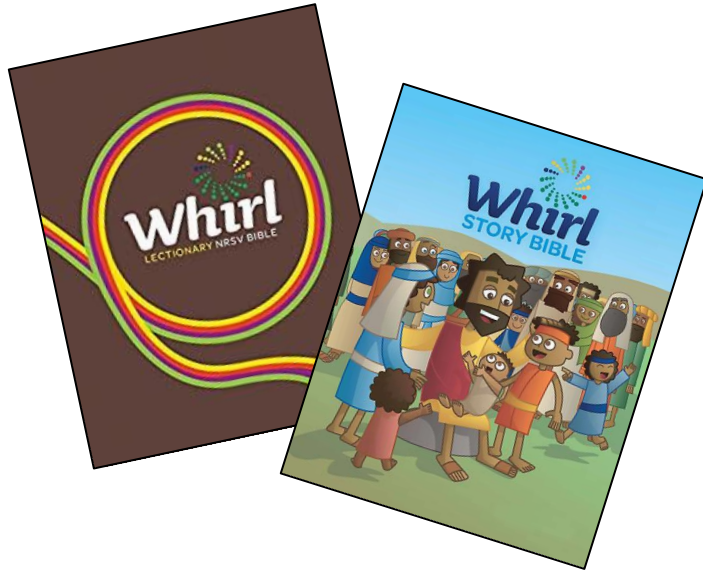
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,
Brookfield, CT
Sunday School, March 29, 2020**

**Bible Readings
Questions
Activity**

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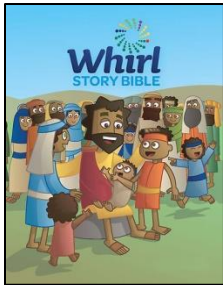
JOHN 11:1-45

Jesus Raises Lazarus



Bible Reading – John 11:1-45

- PreK-K use Story Bible (cartoon image)
- 1-3 grades find the story in the NSRV bible (brown) and then read from Story Bible
- 4-6 grades use the NSRV bible



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YEAR A LENT 5

Lazarus Up from the Grave

JOHN 11:1-45

The disciples had never seen Jesus cry. But he was crying now.

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When have you seen a grown-up cry?

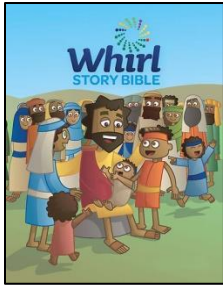
Jesus put his arm around Mary. Her face was wet with tears.

Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus, a good friend of Jesus, had died.

When Jesus heard Lazarus was sick, he was in another town far away. Jesus waited two days before traveling to Bethany to see his friend. By the time Jesus and the disciples arrived, Lazarus had died.

"If you had been here," Mary cried, "Lazarus would not have died."





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"Your brother Lazarus will rise again," Jesus assured Mary. Mary wiped her tears.

Jesus, Mary, and her sister Martha went to the tomb. Friends and neighbors gathered around the tomb to grieve with Mary and Martha.

"Remove the stone," Jesus said. The crowd shoved aside the huge stone blocking the tomb.

Martha whispered, "But, Jesus, Lazarus has already been dead for four days!"

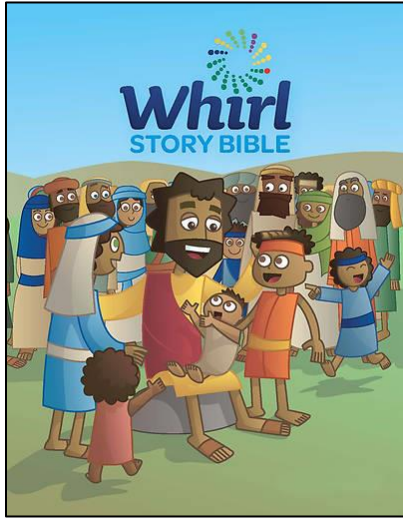
Jesus turned his eyes to God and prayed, "Father, thank you for always hearing me. Help this crowd see what's about to happen and BELIEVE!"

"LAZARUS!" Jesus shouted. "COME OUT!"

The crowd GASPED. It was Lazarus! WALKING out of the tomb! Lazarus was ALIVE again!

Many people who saw this believed in God.

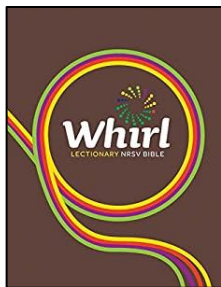




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Ask these questions after you read the story:

- Why was Jesus crying? Tell us about a time you cried.
- Who were Lazarus's sisters?
- What did Jesus do for Lazarus and his sisters?
- Mary and Martha were sad. They felt grief, but Jesus gave them hope. What gives you hope?



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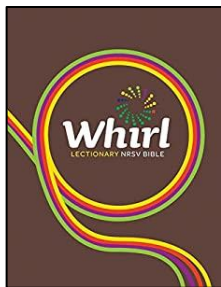
THE DEATH OF LAZARUS

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ^c“Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus ^dwas ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered,

“Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, ^esaid to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

JESUS RAISES LAZARUS



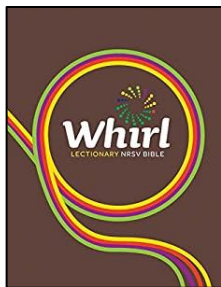
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JESUS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus^d had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles^f away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.^g Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,^h the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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JESUS WEEPS

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

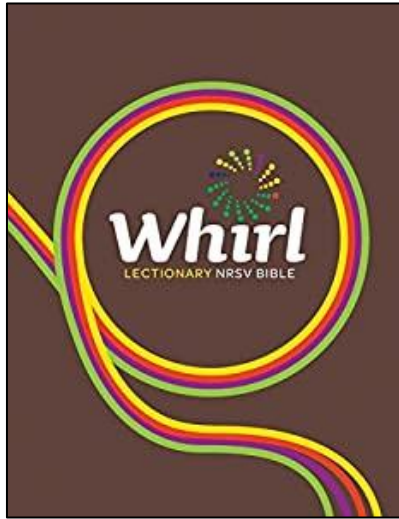
JESUS RAISES LAZARUS TO LIFE

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and

feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some



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Ask these questions after you read the story:

- How were Mary, Martha, and Lazarus connected to Jesus?
- What was Mary's reaction when she saw Jesus?
- What was Jesus' reaction when he learned Lazarus was dead?
- How would you react if you saw Lazarus walk out, alive again?
- What is hard to understand about this story?

Activity

In a way, when Lazarus stepped out of the tomb to new life, he was sort of like a butterfly coming out of its cocoon. However, there's a lot more meaning to this passage. Eventually, Lazarus had to die again, even though the Bible doesn't tell us about that. But death no doubt was still defeated by Jesus' power, allowing us all to live forever with Jesus. It is in that power that JESUS GIVES US HOPE.

Follow this link to learn how to create origami butterflies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0KTONMB6QM>



Want more options? There are lots of crafts on Pinterest!

Prayer

Dear Jesus, we know you understand our sadness and grief. Be with us always, and help us to see hope and have faith in these times.

Amen.