

Talk About It:

- Tell about a time when you were sick and needed someone to care for you.
 - How does your family take care of one another? How do you help your family?
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Read About It:

Today's story comes from John 11*:

Lazarus and Jesus were friends. One day, Lazarus got sick. His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent a message to Jesus. "Lord, your friend Lazarus is sick," they said. Jesus said to the disciples, "Lazarus' sickness will not end in death. This sickness will show how great God is and how great the Son of God is."

By the time Jesus got to the place Lazarus lived, he was dead and had been buried in a tomb for four days. Martha hurried to meet Jesus. "Lord, if You had been here, my brother Lazarus would not have died." But Martha knew Jesus could do a miracle. "I know God will give You whatever You ask from Him," she said. Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again." Martha believed Jesus. She thought Lazarus would rise from the dead at the end of time. But Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." He said that people who believe in Him may die in their bodies, but God will raise them from the dead. "Do you believe this?" Jesus asked. Martha said, "Yes, Lord. I believe You are the Messiah—the Son of God?" Then Martha went home to get her sister, Mary.

Mary came and fell at Jesus' feet. She said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother Lazarus would not have died!" Mary was crying. Jesus cried too. Mary took Jesus to the cave where Lazarus was buried. A big stone covered the opening. Jesus told the people to move the stone. Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me." Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus came out of the tomb, wrapped in cloth. He was alive! Jesus said, "Unwrap him and let him go."

*Adapted from <https://www.citadelsquare.com/resource-center/post/kids-lesson-jesus-raised-lazarus>

- Why do you think Jesus waited so long before going to see Lazarus?
 - Have you ever thought about Jesus crying? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus cried after his friend died?
 - How do you think Mary and Martha felt when Jesus took so long to come, and they watched their brother die?
 - What does it mean to say that Jesus has power over death?
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Sing About It:

Jesus could raise Lazarus from the dead, because nothing is impossible with God! Jesus is more powerful than anything: Our fears, our worries, our problems, even death! Sing about our amazing God with this fun song:

[Nothing is Impossible](#) (Lifetree Kids, HLA Nazareth Music Video, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

- How would you feel if you saw Lazarus come out of his tomb?
 - How did Lazarus' sickness show how great Jesus is?
 - How do you feel when you think about death?
 - Jesus has power over death. Our bodies still get sick and die because we live in a world broken by sin. Someday, Jesus will fix all that sin has broken. We have hope even in sadness because of Jesus.
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Make It:

Make a cup game called, "Lazarus, Come Out!"

Supplies: wooden clothespin, strips of white cloth or paper towel, 3 empty cups

First, make a Lazarus clothespin doll. Draw a face on the clothespin, then wrap strips of white cloth or paper towel around the body of the clothespin, like grave clothes.

Place the cups upside down on the table and hide Lazarus under one of the cups. Quickly slide the cups around (without picking them up) to mix them up. Ask a family member to guess which cup they think Lazarus might be in. Have them say, "Lazarus, come out!" Pick up the cup to see if they have picked the right one. Continue playing and taking turns.

From <https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/lazarus-bible-crafts.html>

Do It:

Even though Lazarus had died, Jesus knew there was hope for him to live again. Jesus gives us hope in tough times and hope to live forever with God. Here are some ways you can remember that Jesus gives us hope:

- Read John 11:25 with a grownup and talk about hope. What do you each hope for?
 - Look for symbols that remind you of hope, like trees and flowers and butterflies. When you see them, ask God to fill you with his hope.
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Pray About It:

Jesus, you have amazing power, even over death. Thank you for giving us life and hope. Help us to trust you even when we don't understand how you are working in our lives. Amen.

Memorize It:

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25