

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

John 11:1-54



The Story

People die because of sin. In today's lesson, we hear about a man who dies. We learn what happens to his body when he dies, what Jesus calls death, and that Jesus has power over death.

There was a man who was sick. His name was Lazarus. He was the brother of Mary and Martha. They were all friends of Jesus. They knew Jesus could heal Lazarus, so they sent a message to Jesus telling Him that Lazarus was sick.

Jesus was in another town, and didn't come right away. He said Lazarus' sickness would give glory to God.

After two days, Jesus told his disciples that they would go see Lazarus and wake him up out of a sleep. The disciples were scared to go because the Jews had tried to kill Jesus earlier. But Jesus knew He wouldn't be killed yet.

When they got to Bethany where Mary and Martha lived, they heard that Lazarus had died four days earlier. Martha came to meet Jesus. She was sad because she thought that Jesus hadn't come

early enough to save her brother. Jesus said that Lazarus would rise again.

Martha knew Lazarus would be raised on Judgement Day when we all will rise again, but Jesus told her He was the Resurrection and the Life. Jesus says whoever believes in Him will never die.

Martha told Mary to go to Jesus. They were all sad. Jesus cried, too. Then Jesus told them to take the stone away from the grave. Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, Jesus made him alive again! But even after this miracle, some people still wanted to kill Jesus.

Because of sin, our bodies rot when we die. It is God's way of getting rid of dead things.

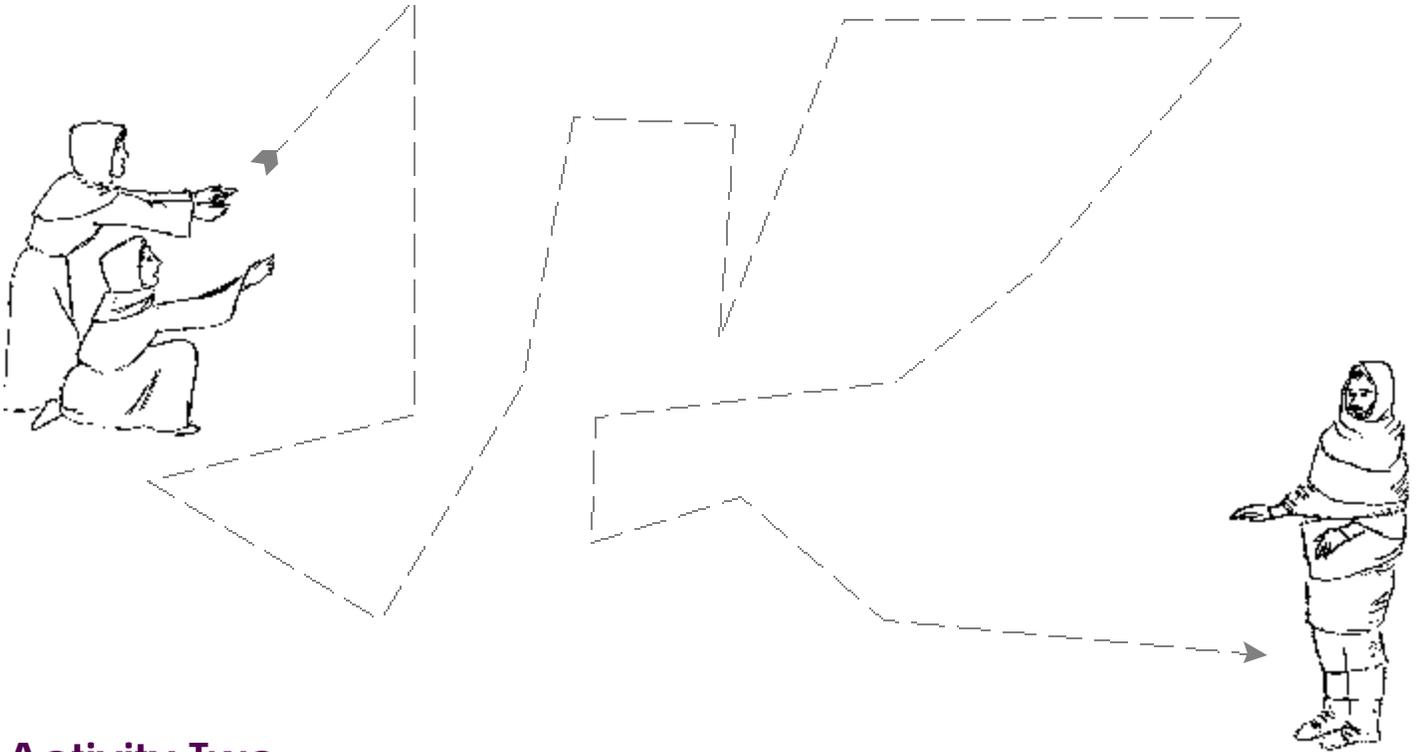
Jesus calls death a sleep. We don't have to be afraid, because we know we will rise again to live with Jesus. Jesus is God, and is more powerful than death. He died on the cross to save us from our sins, and because He didn't stay dead, we won't either.

Passages

John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

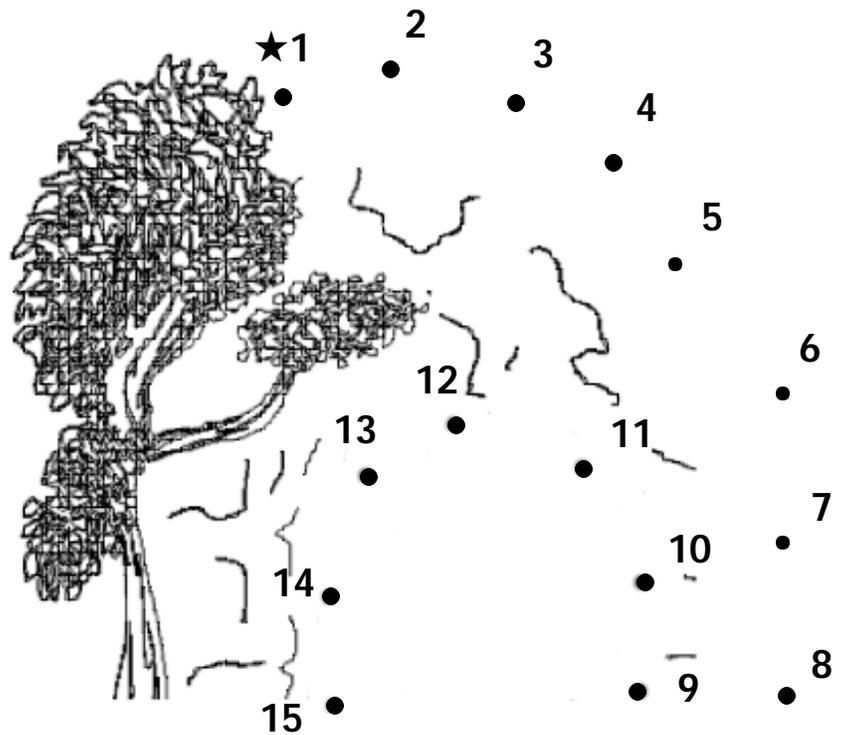
Job 19:25 - For I know that my Redeemer lives.

Activity One - Help Mary and Martha get to Lazarus by tracing the path.



Activity Two -

Connect the dots to see where Lazarus came out.



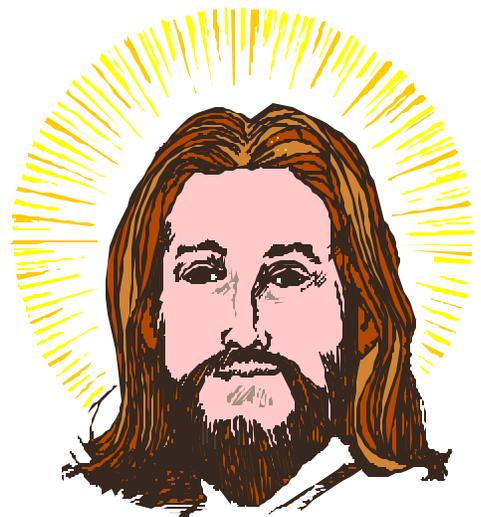
Hymn - TLH #200 v. 1

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving Head.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for dying for our sins. Thank You for also rising so that we too will rise from the dead and go to heaven, unless You come to earth first. Please help us to learn Your Holy Word. Keep our faith strong.
Amen.

Activity Three - Make a get well or sympathy card. Cut along the dotted line. Fold in half so the words are on the outside and draw a picture on the inside. Give it to someone who is sick or sad about the death of a loved one.



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and the Life." John 11:25

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