

STORY

The Young Man of Nain - Luke 7:11-17

TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Jesus, I know that You have been given all power over things in heaven and on earth. I also remember how You instructed your disciples to feed Your lambs. Please grant me Your Spirit to rightly show the pupils entrusted into my care that You indeed have power over all things. Sins and short-comings and even the grave no longer hold any terrors for many of us because of Your gracious redemptive work. May I never forget to offer thanks. In Your saving name. Amen.

VOCABULARY

bier\coffin - not a closed box, such as we have today, but rather an open platform. The body was usually covered with a black shroud, or cloth.

OUTER AIM

Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead.

INNER AIM

Jesus's Word of Life has the power over death.

BACKGROUND

The raising from the dead of the young man at Nain is one of three such resurrection miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. Luke is the only Evangelist to record this miracle. Matthew and Mark write of the raising of Jairus's daughter, and John tells the account of Jesus's raising of Lazarus. Each of these resurrection miracles of Jesus is in some ways similar to those performed by Old Testament prophets, but differ in one important way. Old Testament prophets carried out their work in the Lord's name and by His power, often exerting themselves while being used as God's instruments. Jesus's miracles occur immediately through the Almighty power of His Word. They demonstrate His power over death. A natural focal point of this Bible story is therefore the power of Jesus's Word.

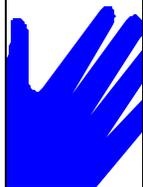
Below are notes on each verse of the account:

V.11

- ▶ "The day after" refers to the short time following Jesus's healing of the centurion's servant recorded earlier in the chapter 7.
- ▶ Jesus was quite popular at this time in His ministry and was attracting large crowds wherever He went.
- ▶ The village of Nain is in southern Galilee, 5 miles southwest of Nazareth, 25 miles southwest of Capernaum.
- ▶ This town of Nain is not mentioned anywhere else in Scripture.
- ▶ Nain was built on the slope of a hill and most likely had only one gate.

V.12

- ▶ Cities in those days had gates for protection, to control what came in and what went out of a town.
- ▶ As Jesus entered the city with His large following of life, He met a large funeral procession of death.
- ▶ A dead man was being carried out of the city to be buried was the Jewish custom (to have a tomb inside the city was a defilement).
- ▶ Sepulcher graves hewn into the hillside have been found to the southeast of Nain.
- ▶ The fact that he was the only son of a widow makes the mourning all the more poignant.
- ▶ The Greek word used seems to suggest that this was not just the widow's only son, but her only



child as well.

v.13

- ▶ Jesus felt “compassion” (pity, sympathy) for this widow and mother, thus showing His human nature.
- ▶ His instruction to her, “Do not weep,” would indicate that she was visibly crying over the loss of her child.
- ▶ We may often speak those words, “Don’t cry,” but Jesus spoke them as a remedy to remove the reason for her sorrow.
- ▶ Luke refers to Jesus as “Lord,” one who has the authority to forgive sins and has the power over death itself.

V.14

- ▶ Jesus’s words, “Young man, I say to you, ‘Arise,’” indicate the age of the man as relatively young, perhaps only a teenager; someone you wouldn’t expect to die.
- ▶ The Jews did not use closed coffins; the coffin was probably an open box, or perhaps something similar to a stretcher.
- ▶ This resurrection is similar to an Old Testament account of Elijah’s raising a young man from the dead (I Kings 17:17-24).

V.15

- ▶ The “dead” man immediately began to do things only the living can do, sitting and speaking.
- ▶ Jesus gave the young man back to his mother out of love and concern for her. (Elijah in a similar manner presented the raised boy to his mother in the I Kings account.)

V.16

- ▶ The crowd was awestruck and praised God for such a miracle, but failed to see Jesus as the Messiah, thinking Him rather to be a great prophet, like those of the old Testament.
- ▶ He was perhaps called a “great” prophet by the people because He performed the miracle with words only.

V.17

- ▶ Word of this miracle spread quickly throughout the area, causing an even greater following for Jesus.

STUDENT PRAYER

Dear Father in heaven, we thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to suffer and die for our sins. We know that You have given Jesus all power in heaven and on earth. Help us to remember that Jesus is able to keep all harm and danger away from us. Give us trusting hearts that cling to Jesus’s promise to be with us always, especially in the hour of our death, after which we will wake to be with You forever. In Jesus’s name. Amen.

PRESENTATION

The story should be told in the words of the teacher using appropriate background information from the Background section. The Middle and Upper Levels could read the story from the student folder.

Activity One - Draw a face that shows how the people in the story felt.

How do you think the mother felt about her son’s death? (Sad)

How do you think the mother felt when Jesus made him alive? (Happy)

How did the crowd of people feel when Jesus made the young man alive? (Surprised)

APPLICATIONS

1. Funerals are a necessary part of our lives in this sinful world. We do not attend funerals to honor the dead, nor just to remember the one who’s died. We attend to show our support for the living relatives. We sympathize with each other and know we will miss the individual that has died - but we do not despair. For that loved one is now with the Lord and on the last day Jesus will restore him with all believers.

2. Emphasize how this young man was probably about their age. He died. We often think as young people that we will live forever, and may even take foolish risks with our lives. Young people do die, however. Are we ready to die? Live each day keeping in mind that it could be your last day. Confess your sins and be comforted by the forgiveness Christ daily provides through His Word.
3. It is important for us to remember the Lord's compassion. Jesus not only "feels sorry" for us, but He truly knows and understands our sorrows and troubles and wants to help us with them. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28) The Lord Jesus is truly the only One who can take away our greatest problem, sin. It was through His sacrifice on the cross that Jesus defeated Satan, paid for our sins, and conquered death itself. Even when we must pass through the valley of the shadow of death we know Jesus will be there to guide us to His heavenly pastures.
4. Emphasize the power of Jesus's Word. It is the Word that brought us to faith in Baptism. We were raised from spiritual deadness by the life-giving Word - an even greater miracle than that which took place at Nain. It is the Word that forgives our sins in the Lord's Supper. It is the Word that keeps this world under God's protective care. It will be Jesus's word that will bring all things to an end. It is His word which will call us out of our graves unto life eternal. The Word overcomes Satan, condemns sin, cuts to the heart causing Godly sorrow and repentance. The Word helps us overcome temptations and sinful thoughts and desires (Matt.4). It is the Word which give us wisdom, strength, and guidance in this dark world (PS. 119:105).

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work* or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Lower

Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. John 11:26

Because I live, you will live also. John 14:19*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me. Ps. 23:4*

Middle any of the above and...

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Matt. 28:18*

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him to all who call upon Him in truth. Ps. 145:18

I kill and I make alive. Deut. 32:39

Upper any of the above and...

O Death, where is your sting? O hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:55-56

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, not things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8:38-39

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. John 11:25-26*

HYMN CHOICES

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (TLH #193:1,4-6)

"Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care" (TLH #527:1-3,5)

"Who Knows When Death May Overtake Me" (TLH #598:1,6,8,9)

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The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

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When Jesus saw the people carrying the young man to bury him, He felt sorry for the mother. Jesus told the people to stop. Then He talked to the dead man. He said, "Young man I say to you, arise." The man who was dead, got up! Jesus took the young man and led him over to his mother.

The people that saw Jesus do this, were very surprised. They thought that Jesus was a great prophet because He could do great things. Not all of them knew that Jesus was God's Son.

Jesus is the Savior of the world and He is more powerful than even death!

Jesus has power over death.

Jesus will use His power over death when He comes at Judgment Day.

Passage

Jesus said, "Because I live, you will live also."
John 14:19

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 ever-living Head.

Prayer - Color each letter in Jesus' name a different color. Use this sentence as a closing prayer for the lesson.

Thank you,

JESUS

(Color each letter a different color.)

for dying on the



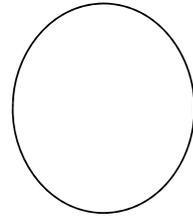
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Amen.

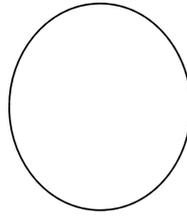


Classroom Activity - Draw a face that shows how the people in the story felt.

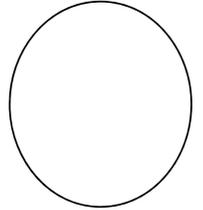
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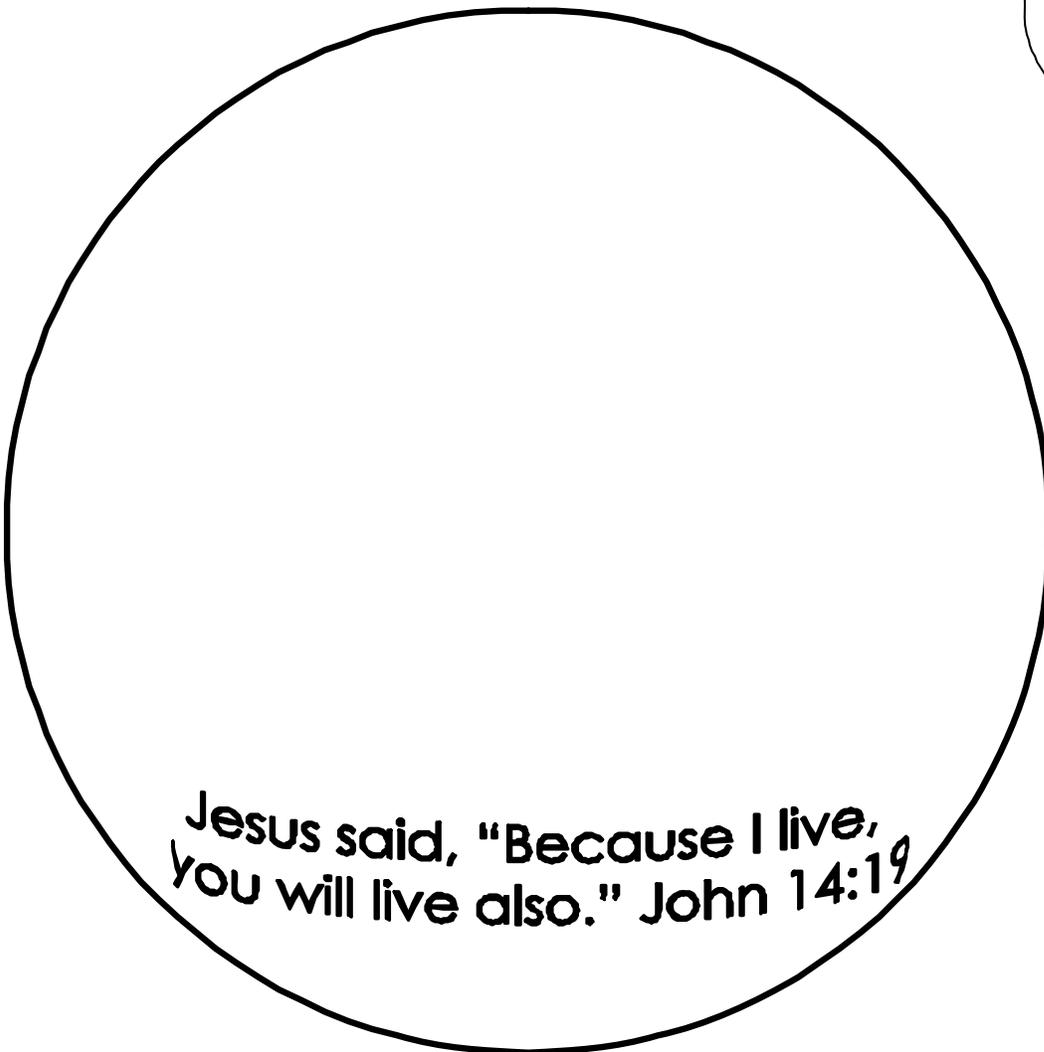
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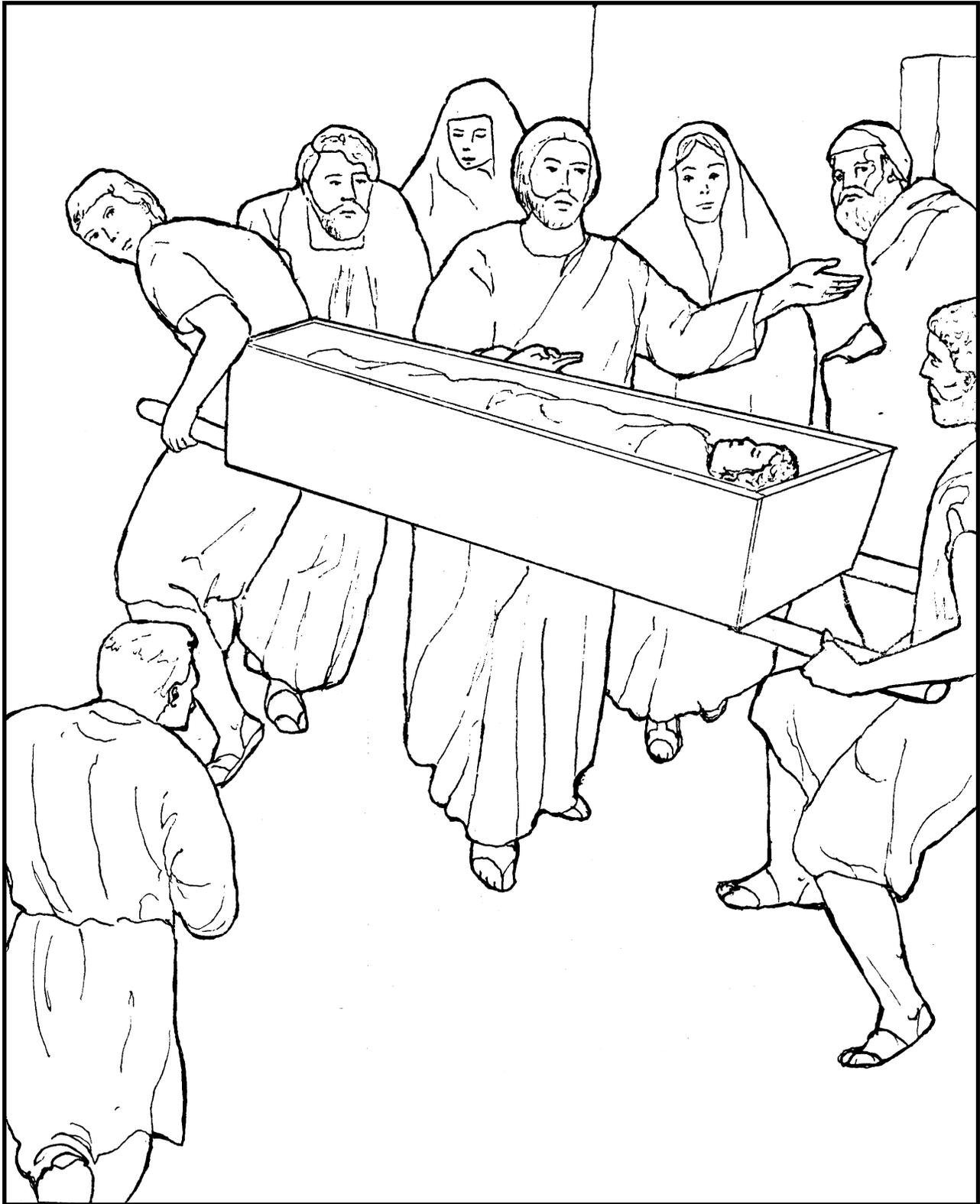


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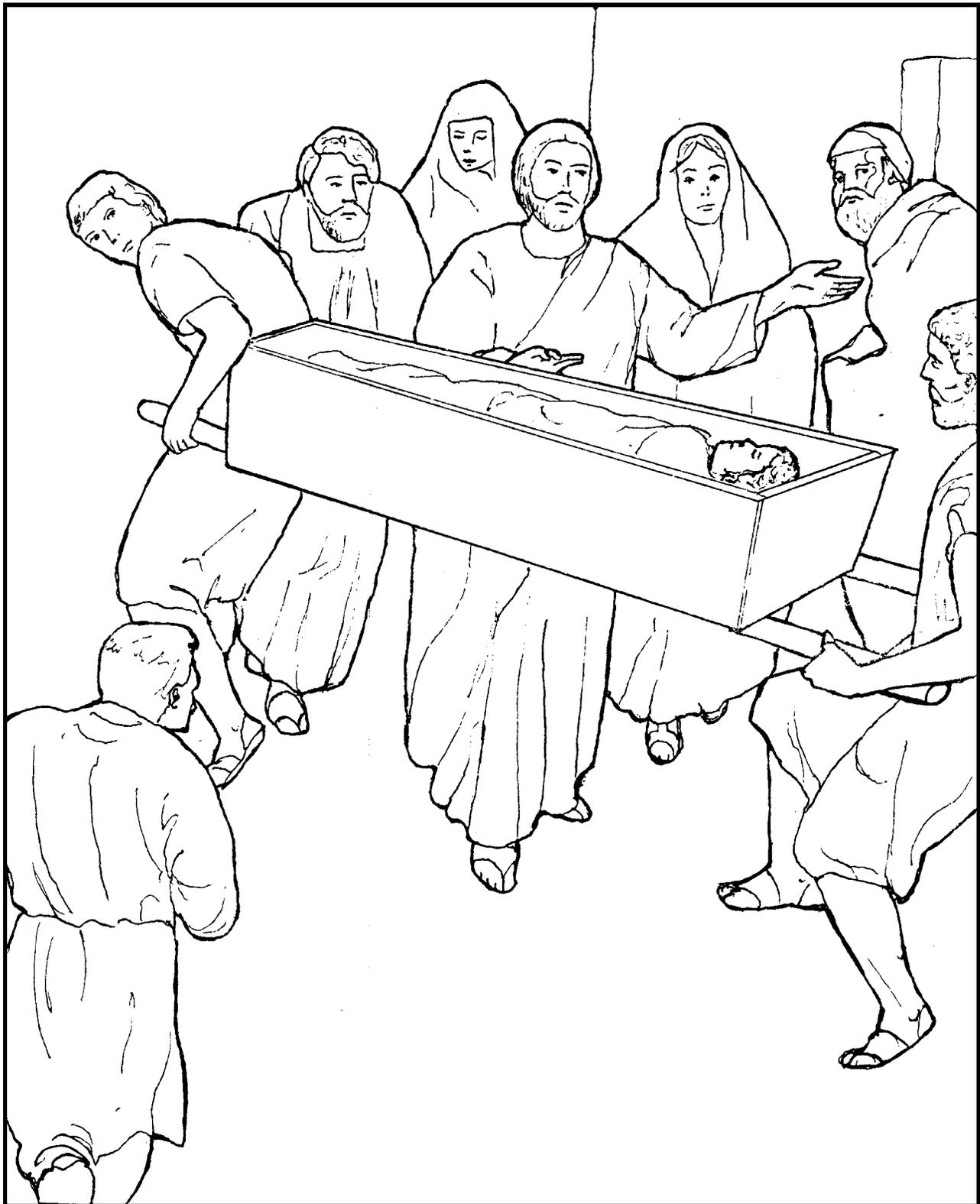
Classroom Art Activity - Trace or print the child's hand in the circle to represent Jesus' hand. Put a dab of red paint in the center to show the nail prints. Glue on a paper plate and decorate the plate with markers, crayons, ribbon, etc.





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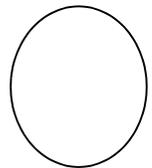
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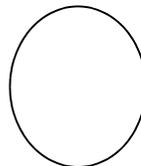
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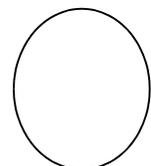
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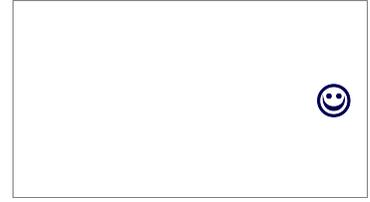
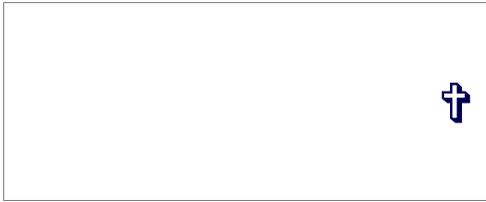


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Activity Two - Cut out the words at the bottom of the page and glue the pieces to the memory passage below. Learn the passage and reference.

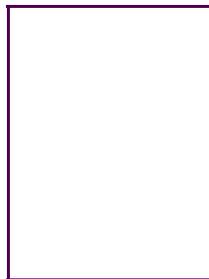
Jesus said,



John 14:19

Prayer - Color each letter in Jesus' name a different color. Use this sentence as a closing prayer for the lesson.

Thank you, **JESUS**, for dying on the **Amen.**
(Color each letter a different color.)



(Draw a cross.)

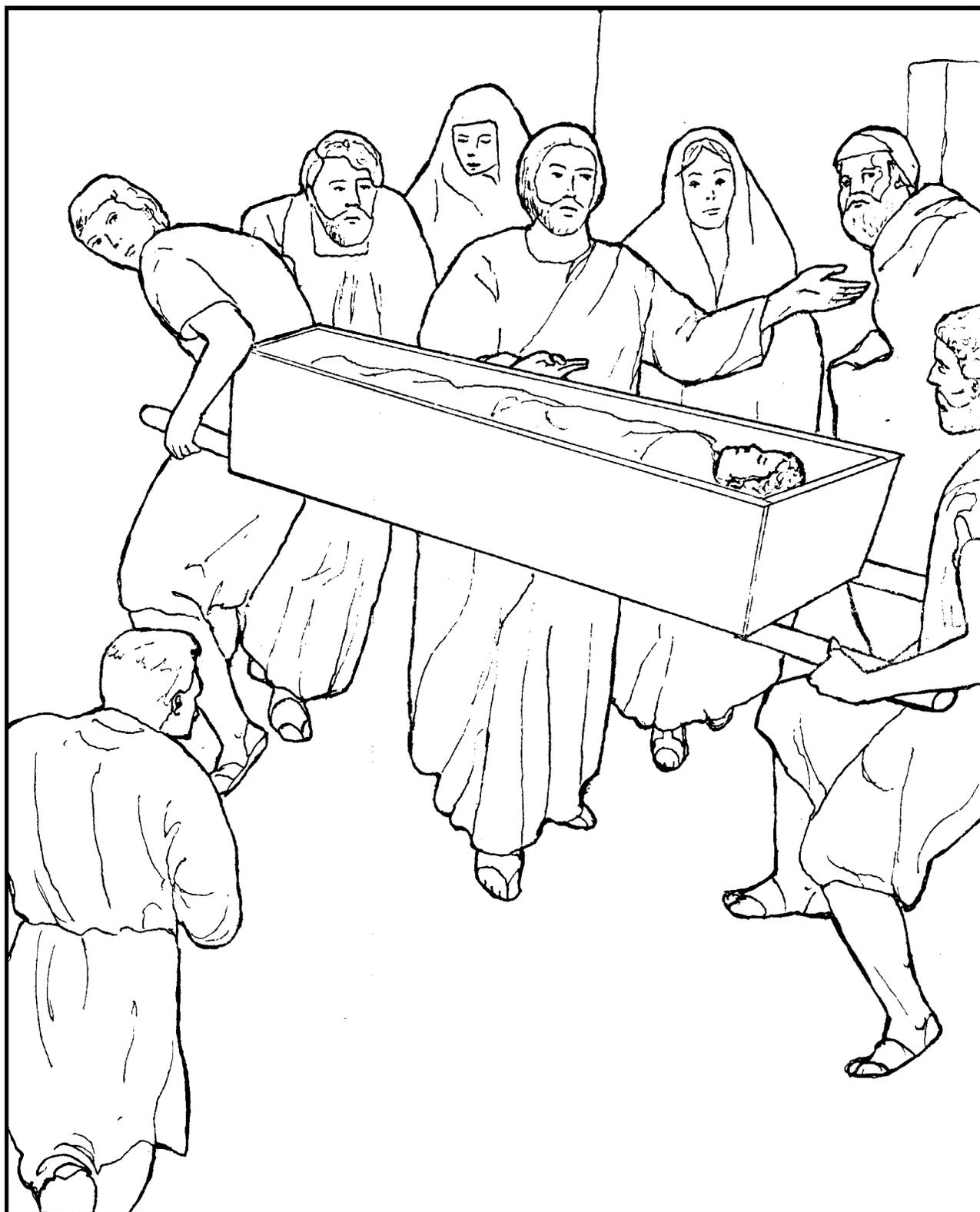
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Review - Use the picture on page one to help with the review.

1. Color the building and the ground on the bottom.
2. These things were in which town?
3. Color the person who was sad.
4. Why was she sad?
5. Color the person who died but was raised from the dead?

6. Did the young man do anything to raise himself?
7. Color the person who can make dead people become alive again.
8. What is His name? How did He raise the young man?
9. Color the rest of the people in the story.
10. What did they think about Jesus after He raised the young man from the dead?
11. Which person in this story is the most powerful?
12. Why do you think so?

Puzzle - Find the words in the word search puzzle.

WORD
JESUS
SAD
ARISE
NAIN
CRY
DEAD

J	E	S	U	S	Y	R	A
E	W	A	R	E	S	T	R
N	Q	D	E	A	D	N	I
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Passages

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4
God says that even if we are close to dying, we don't have to be afraid. Why not?

Because I live, you will live also. John 14:19

Jesus raised the young man of Nain. Jesus later raised himself from the dead. When will Jesus raise us from the dead?

Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. John 11:26

What does God mean when He tells us that we shall "never die?"

Hymn - TLH 193 v. 1, 4, 5

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and, earth, reply.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

You made the sad woman happy. You raised her son from the dead. We know that You will take care of us our whole life. If we do die, You will take us to heaven to live with You forever. Thank You so much, Jesus. Amen

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When might a person receive a basket of flowers like this?

Why do people send flowers to others?

How do flowers make you feel?

Prayer

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(13) When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." (14) Then He came and touched the open coffin,

and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." (15) So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

(16) Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

(17) And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.



What the Story Tells Us - Put the correct answer from the story into the blank.

1. Jesus went into a city called _____.
2. At the gate he met a _____ whose only son had died.
3. When the Lord saw her, He had _____ on her.
4. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, _____."
5. He who was dead _____ up and began to _____.
6. Then the people _____ God.
7. A great _____ has risen up among us!

Outer Aim

Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead.

What God Tells Us - Mark each as (T)rue or (F)alse. Change the false statements to make them true.

- ___ 1. We go to funerals to show support to the living family members.
- ___ 2. Christians should never feel sad when a relative dies.
- ___ 3. God's Word can be used to comfort someone who has had a friend or family member die.
- ___ 4. Jesus has promised to hear us whenever we ask for His help.
- ___ 5. We can be sure that we will be with Jesus when we die.
- ___ 6. Since Jesus is God, He can't understand our problems and troubles.
- ___ 7. When we are sick we ask Jesus to make us better, if it is His will.

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O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. Revelation 21:4

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28

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Which stanzas of Hymn 193 do you think would be good to use to comfort a family that has experienced the death of a family member or close friend? Explain why you chose those stanzas.

Your Turn - Use ideas from the story, the passages, and the hymn you read today to complete the following activities.

A Christian relative of your good friend has died. What words of comfort could you give to your friend?

You or a family member is very ill. Write a prayer asking the Lord for help.

Prayer

Lord, I feel great comfort when I remember that You are in control and will take care of my family and me. Help me to remember Your promise to care for me even in the time of death. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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What could have made this woman so upset?

What sometimes makes you upset?

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, grant us Your Holy Spirit as we gather together to study Your Word. Lead us to a true appreciation of the life we have been given through Your Word. As we study today's lesson, show us the power You have over death. In Jesus, Your Son's name, we pray. Amen

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Notes:



Recalling Details

1. In what town did this story take place?
2. Who was with Jesus?
3. Why was there such a large crowd?
4. Whom did Jesus meet at the edge of town?
5. Why were they sad?
6. How did Jesus feel toward the mother? Why?
7. What did Jesus tell her?
8. What did Jesus do after talking to the woman?
9. How did Jesus raise the man from the dead?
10. How do we know the man was truly made alive?
11. How did the people react to the miracle?
12. Whom did they think Jesus was?

Outer Aim

Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Jesus choose to raise this man, at this city, at this time?
2. Why were the people mourning the death of this young man?
3. What should our view of death be as Christians?
4. In what ways can our funeral services reflect our view of death?
5. Why could the crowd not see Jesus as the Messiah even after such an impressive miracle?
6. Compare this account to I Kings 17:17-24. How is this resurrection different from the account in Luke?
7. At what other times did Jesus' Word accomplish miracles?

Inner Aim

Jesus' Word of life has the power over even death.

Passages - Read each passage and tell how it applies to the story.

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57) O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? {56} The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. {57} But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Revelation 21:4) And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

(Matthew 10:28) And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

(John 11:25-26) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. {26} And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Hymn

Look at Hymn 193:1,4-6 and tell how these verses apply to our story today.

Prayer

Write a short prayer that fits our story today. Include the ideas of both the Outer Aim and the Inner Aim.