



THE MIRACLE OF NEW LIFE

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."
- John 11:25

JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

READ JOHN 11:1-44

Today's passage contains the shortest verse in the Bible: "Jesus wept." If you ever wonder if God really cares about our problems and our pain, you need only remember this simple, two word verse. He is not immune to our suffering and pain. He not only knows and understands it, he experiences it with us.

Mary and Martha were among Jesus' closest friends. They must have been so disappointed when Jesus didn't respond to their urgent message that their brother Lazarus was sick. They knew that Jesus had the power to make Lazarus well, and yet Jesus stayed away while their brother died. They had no idea that they were about to see an even greater miracle than curing an illness – Jesus was going to raise Lazarus from the dead.

Before Jesus did this miracle though, he stood with his friends at the grave and wept. We aren't told exactly why Jesus cried. Maybe he was filled with compassion for his grieving friends. Maybe he cried out of anger and frustration at the pain and suffering in this world. All we know for sure is that Jesus stood there and cried with his friends.

So this story perhaps holds two miracles: the obvious and amazing one of a dead man coming back to life and the subtler, yet just as amazing, one of a God who will weep with us and share in our suffering. He has the power to do miracles, but he also knows just how we feel when we are still waiting for our miracle to happen.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. In what area of your life are you waiting for a miracle that hasn't happened yet? Does it help you to know that Jesus knows the sadness and frustration you feel? Picture him sitting by your side as you wait.
2. Do you have a dream or hope that you thought was from God but seems to have died? Ask Jesus to breathe new life into it, to "raise it from the dead."
3. Remember this week that even though you will someday experience physical death like Lazarus did, you will have eternal life thanks to Jesus' death and resurrection. Thank him for this incredible gift.



JESUS RAISES LAZARUS

This week, the kids learned about a miracle – Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead! They can remember this Bible story that shows us Jesus has the power to do amazing things. Jesus does miracles so we can believe in God's power and love for us.

DIRECTIONS

PREP

1. Print out the Jesus at the Tomb printable on white cardstock. Cut along the dotted lines.
2. Print out the Lazarus printable on the legal paper and cut in half.
3. Insert the cut Lazarus printable from behind through both cut slits so it can slide back and forth.
4. Gather crayons and assembled craft printables for the leaders.

MAKE

1. Pass out the craft and crayons to the kids, and give them time to color.
2. As the kids color, discuss the talking points and recall the Bible story and the Big Idea together. Ask them about their favorite part of the Bible story.
3. Show the kids how to slide their craft to show Lazarus coming out of his tomb where he had been buried for four days.



SUPPLIES NEEDED



Jesus at the Tomb printable



Lazarus printable



White 8.5 x 14 (legal) paper



Scissors



Crayons

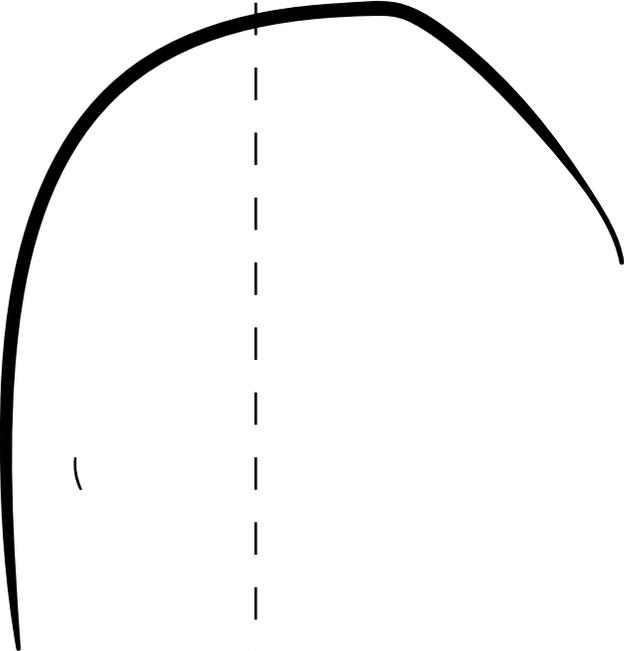
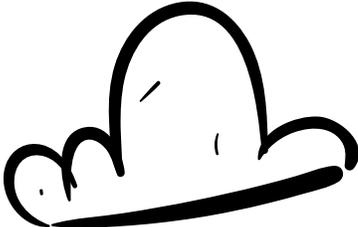


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TALKING POINTS

- Who is God's Son?
- Whose power does Jesus have?
- What is something amazing that can only happen with God's power?
- What miracle did we see in the Bible story and in your craft?

Jesus raised Lazarus
from the dead!

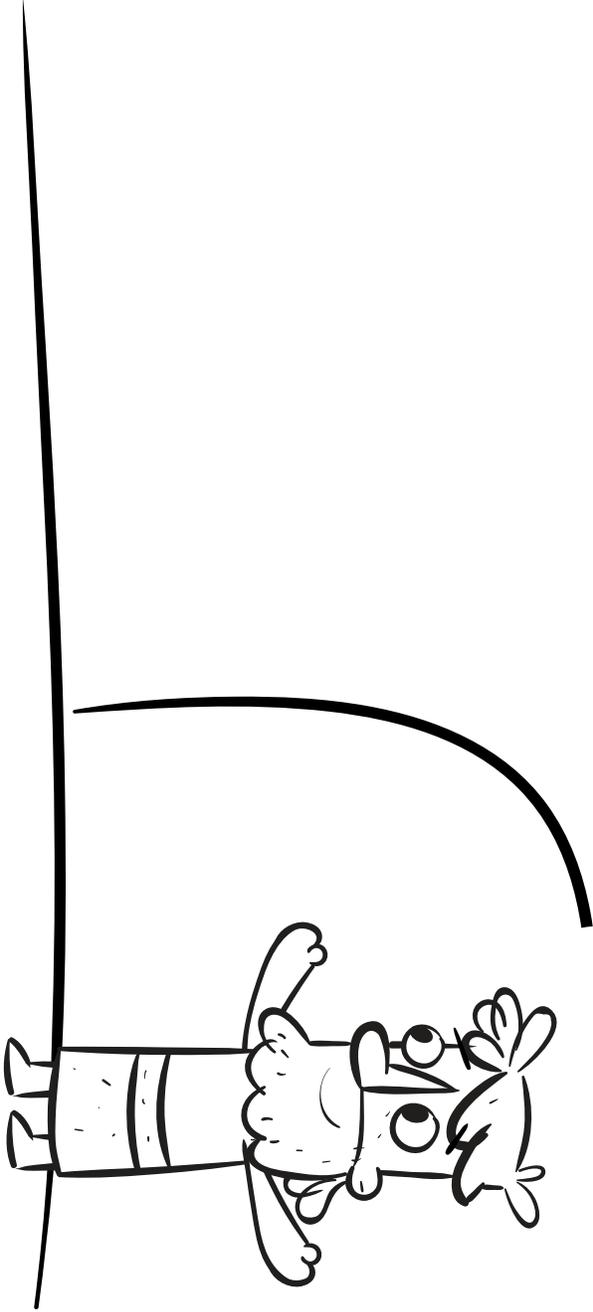


"You are the God of great wonders!
You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations."
Psalm 77:14

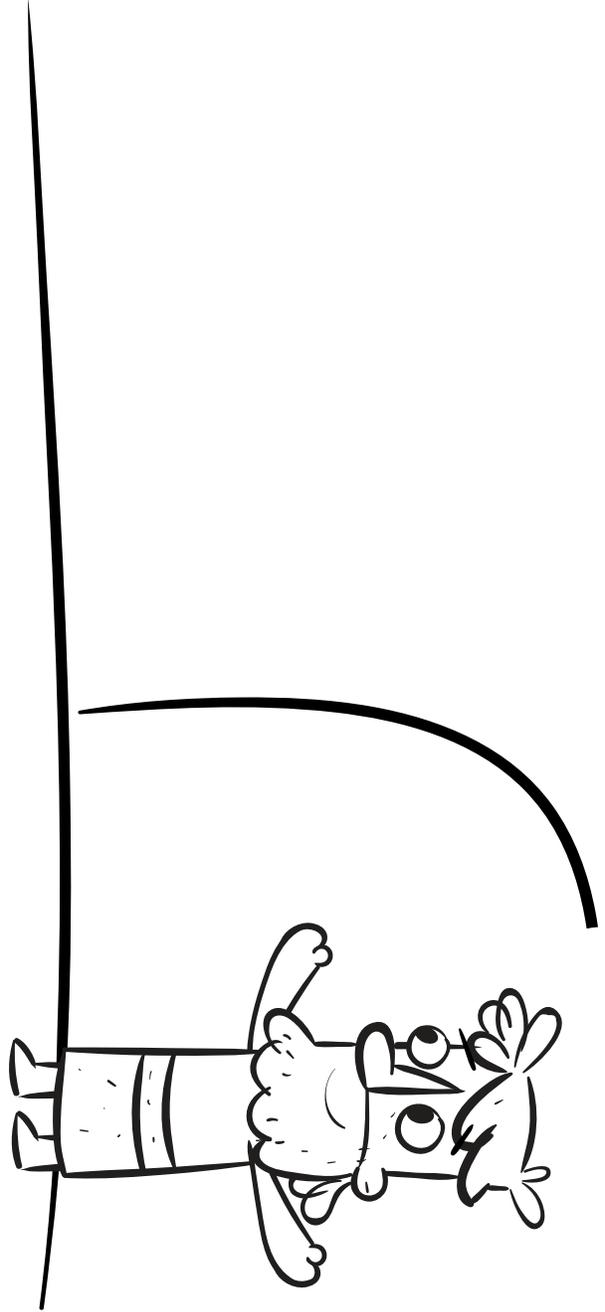


Saddleback
Kids

Pull me!



Pull me!





Jesus Raises Lazarus
From the Dead
John 11:1-44



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WORD SCRAMBLE

Some things got mixed up! Help unscramble the words to uncover the correct answers to these questions about the Bible story.

1. Who was Jesus' friend who was very sick and even died?

SAZRLAU

2. Who were the two ladies that were Lazarus' sisters and friends with Jesus?

YARM AND
AMHATR

3. What did Jesus say in front of Lazarus' tomb?

"LAZARUS,
EOMC TOU."

And he did! Jesus raised him from the dead! Wow!

4. Whose power gave Lazarus new life?

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5. What do you call something amazing that can only happen because of God?

A ECIMALR!



JESUS GIVES ME NEW LIFE.

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MIRACLE	NEW	BIBLE
LAZARUS	LIFE	PRAY

