

BIBLE STORY

You Raise Me Up
Lazarus Raised
John 11:1-45

MEMORY VERSE

**"In this world you will have trouble.
But be encouraged! I have won
the battle over the world."**
John 16:33b, NIV

LIFE APP

**Hope—Believing that
something good can come
out of something bad**

BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens, remember
how powerful God is.**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and
build on their understanding

2. OVERREACTION

WHAT YOU NEED: "Overreaction" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Read the situations listed on the Activity Page one at a time.
- After each scenario, pause and ask kids to silently act out the reactions they might have in each situation.
- Do this for as long as time and interest allow.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Each day is full of situations that cause big reactions and strong emotions in us. Some are normal, regular reactions, and some are over the top! **[Transition]** In Large Group today, we are going to hear about a situation that caused a pretty big reaction."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

**TALK
ABOUT GOD**
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW



EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

BIBLE STORY

You Raise Me Up
Lazarus Raised
John 11:1-45

MEMORY VERSE

**"In this world you will have trouble.
But be encouraged! I have won
the battle over the world."**
John 16:33b, NIV

LIFE APP

**Hope—Believing that
something good can come
out of something bad**

BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens, remember
how powerful God is.**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

* 1. IT CAN'T BE DONE

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide the kids to review the story, letting them provide as many details as they can.
- Ask a few questions to get them started, if needed:
 - Who were the main people in our story today? (*Jesus, Lazarus, Mary, and Martha*)
 - Why did Lazarus's sisters feel sad and hopeless? (*Their brother, Lazarus, was dead*)
 - What did Jesus do to help? (*He rose Lazarus from the dead*)
 - What did today's story prove? (*How powerful God is*)
- Give each kid a piece of paper and scissors and challenge them to the "Impossible Paper Challenge."
- The steps are as follows:
 - Fold the paper in half lengthwise.
 - Open the paper.
 - Cut one side of the paper in the middle to the center crease.
 - Cut the opposite side in thirds to the center crease.
 - With the two-cut side facing toward you, re-crease the smaller folds facing away from you on the left and right both ways.
 - With the two-cut side still facing toward you, flip the top right third towards you. Then flip the bottom right half under into place.
 - You should now be able to flip the center flap back and forth to reveal the seemingly impossible extra flap that doesn't fit on either side.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Lazarus's sisters must have felt helpless watching him struggle when he was sick and even more so after he died. It must have felt like there was no possibility of everything being okay again. They were in an impossible situation. **[Make It Personal]** (*Talk about a kid-appropriate time when you thought all hope was lost, like when you were lost, your dog was lost, etc.*) There are often times in our lives when we feel like nothing is going right and like nothing will ever be okay again, but **whatever happens, remember how powerful God is.**"

PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

BIBLE STORY

You Raise Me Up
Lazarus Raised
John 11:1-45

MEMORY VERSE

**"In this world you will have trouble.
But be encouraged! I have won
the battle over the world."**
John 16:33b, NIV

LIFE APP

**Hope—Believing that
something good can come
out of something bad**

BOTTOM LINE

**Whatever happens, remember
how powerful God is.**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Picture of a mountain (*optional*)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to close their eyes and think of the biggest thing they can imagine in nature—a mountain, the ocean, a desert, the biggest bear they've ever seen, etc. If you have a picture of a mountain, show it to the kids.
- Pray together and thank God for creating those things.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Father, we thank You that You have given us so many instructions and directions about how to live. Help us to always remember to turn to You when we need to know what to do, and remind us what You have told us through the Bible and through the people around us. Thank You that You are powerful enough to protect us. This week, remind us of Your power when we feel uncertain. Amen. **Whatever happens, remember how powerful God is.**"

As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids to show parents their best "excited" face and tell them what Lazarus's sisters were excited about in the story today.

Overreaction

1. You just scored a goal in a soccer game.
2. Your dog got out of the fence in your yard.
3. You didn't do very well on a math test even though you tried really hard.
4. You reached a new level in your video game.
5. You got an ice cream sundae for dessert.
6. Your mom got mad at you for something small.
7. Someone told you they didn't want to play with you.
8. Your dad says you need to stay inside, but all your friends are outside.
9. You are out of screen time for the day.
10. You are going to a parade in your town.
11. You lost a tooth.
12. You get into an argument with a friend.
13. You fell off your bike.
14. You made a new friend on the playground.
15. Another kid at school said something hurtful to you.

What to Do:

Print one copy for each small group.

Overreaction

April 2019, Week 1, Small Group 2-3
©2019 The reThink Group, Inc. All rights reserved.