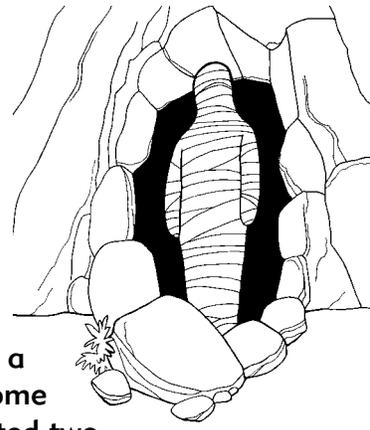


Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

John 11:1-44



☆Let's Talk

SAY When Lazarus was sick, his sisters Mary and Martha sent a message to their friend Jesus. They hoped Jesus would come quickly and heal Lazarus. But Jesus did not hurry. He waited two more days before going to see about Lazarus.

ASK *What happened when Jesus got to the home of his friends?*

SAY When Jesus and his disciples arrived, they learned that Lazarus had already died. His body had been wrapped in cloths and put in a cave that was his tomb.

ASK *How do you think Mary and Martha felt?*

SAY Mary and Martha were sad that their brother had died. Mary said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw Mary and others crying, he wept also.

ASK Look at the picture. *What do you think happened next?*

SAY They went to the tomb and Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out." Lazarus obeyed because Jesus made him alive again. Many who saw what Jesus did put their faith in him. They believed in the Son of God, sent to save his people from sin and death.

☆Let's Throw and Thank

- 1 Before doing the following game, tell the children that Mary and Martha did not stay sad. They were glad when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. They were very thankful that Jesus is God's Son, and that he promises to give his people life that lasts forever!
- 2 Have the children stand in a circle. You stand in the middle. Toss a **bean bag or ball** to one child. That child will catch it and tell one thing he is thankful to Jesus for. Then he will throw it to another child who does the same. The activity continues until everyone has had a turn.

☆Let's Pray

Lead the children in saying this prayer.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for loving me, saving me, and giving me life that lasts forever. Help me to trust you and follow you always. In your name I pray, Amen.