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DEATH



LAZARUS IS RAISED TO LIFE

PARENTS GUIDE

Hello!

I hope week one of home schooling is going okay!

This pack is meant to be used alongside the Kids Connection video on March 29th 2020. If you've not watched the video yet they can be found at thebeaconchurch.com/kidsconnection. Watch the videos as outlined on the webpage, then take a look through this pack.

We have included lots of activities to cover all ages and preferences. We are definitely not expecting you to give all of them a go!! Pick a couple that work for you and your family and then join us at the live chat (2pm Sun 29th March) to let us know how you got on. Details of how to join the live chat are on the Kids Connection page.

We would love if you shared what you got up to with us. You can email us at info@thebeaconchurch.com or post a comment or message on facebook. Hopefully we will then be able to share your kids amazing efforts on live chats.

We'd also be delighted if you made use of some of these activities throughout the week. If you do, let us know how you got on.

For other children's events you can check out the [events](#) page on our website. Look out for Professor Beacon experiments (Fri's 10am) and coming soon a Kids Quiz.

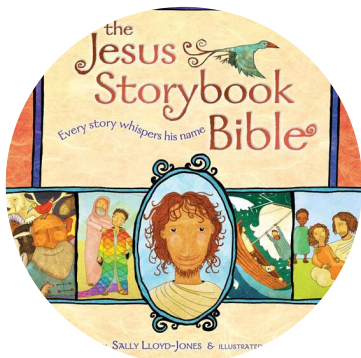
Take Care

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Beacon Children's Church Team

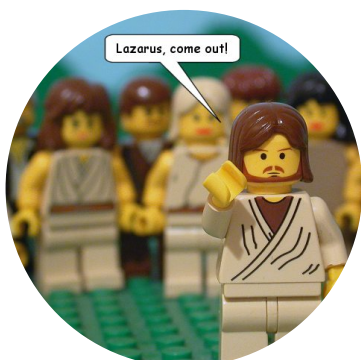
TELL THE STORY

Choose these activities to help you reinforce the story we have just learnt about.



Use a Children's Bible

The story of Lazarus being raised to life is in most children's Bibles. Why not reread it together.



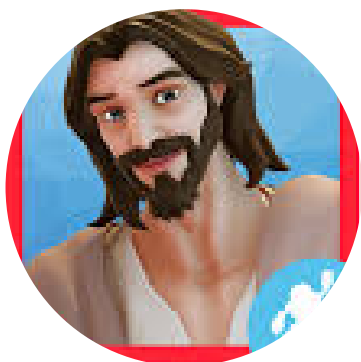
Brick Testament

If you have a Lego lover why not read the story together on the [Brick Testament](#) website and then recreate it with your own Lego



Youtube Crossroad Kids

If you love a good cartoon this is another great Youtube version of the story from Crossroad Kids. Watch it [here](#).



Use The Superbook App

The 7-11s will already be familiar with Superbooks but the free app allows you to watch episodes Download the app, click videos > Superbook > Season 3 > Lazarus. Sign up is required, but it is free. This video may be scary for younger children.

GET ACTIVE

Choose these activities if your child learns best through physical activities and games.



Lazarus Come Out Game

Create a line down your room or garden.

Allocate one side as 'in the tomb' and one side as 'out'. Shout out instructions of 'Lazarus come out' or 'go in' anyone who jumps the wrong side of the line is out.



Loo Roll Lazarus

A classic! You can race to do this or get your child to wrap you up. Don't want to waste toilet paper? Why not try this with a sheet, wool, string or strips of paper instead?. Photo from [Sugar Bee Crafts](#).



Target Game

Set up a target (balls to throw in a bowl, cushions to land on the sofa). Then ask true/false questions about the story. A correct answer gets one throw, landing on the target gets ten points. True and false questions at the back of this pack.



Dominoes Raised To Life

Share out dominoes to each player, get them to lay them flat on the table then race to see who can stand them up and raise them to life the quickest. Fastest person wins. Not got dominoes? Try this game with books.

HANDS ON

Choose these activities if your child enjoys getting creative and constructing things.



Trust Falls

One for older kids, play some trust fall games where you have to catch one another. Then discuss how we can trust Jesus and how he raised Lazarus to help us trust he can beat death. For added fun watch this [video](#) of how not to do a trust fall!



Plant Flowers Or Vegetables

Plants some seeds of flowers or vegetables and watch them grow as you homeschool together. Discuss how we bring plants to life as we plant them and how Jesus brought Lazarus to life.



Empty Tomb Snack

Design your own empty tomb snack. You need something flat for the ground (cracker, biscuit), something round for the tomb (donut, biscuit) and something round and smaller for the rock door (chocolate button, mini egg). Then eat and enjoy. Picture from [Catholic Icing](#)



Paint Rocks

Paint Lazarus rocks like the ones pictured. Retell the story as you paint together. Original idea from [The Inspiration Edit](#)

GET CRAFTY

Choose these activities if your child loves to cut, stick, sprinkle glitter and create!



Banadaged Loo Roll

If you have any empty toilet rolls, why not create a bandaged Lazarus? Give him some eyes and wrap him with strips of paper, toilet roll or bandage. Then retell the story together.

Instructions can be found at [Christian Games and Crafts](#)



Banadaged Paper Plate

Follow the instructions from [Crafting the word of God](#) to make this Lazarus paper plate. Or, design your own drawing your own face and covering it with paper strips, masking tape or bandages. Then retell the story together.



Lazarus Come Out

The picture doesn't do this craft from [Crafting the word of God](#) justice as the Lazarus in the cave gets bigger as you slide his picture under it! Perfect for story telling and shouting 'Lazarus come out' together.



Pop Up Flowers

If bandaged Lazarus' are not for you then why not make some pop up flowers that spring from yoghurt pots (original idea from [Preschool Planet](#)). Then chat about how flowers growing are a sign of new life, just like Jesus raising Lazarus. Plenty more flower crafts [here](#).

GO DEEPER

Choose these activities to help your child dig deeper into the Bible and take time to pray.



Learn The Memory Verse

Write out the memory verse and say it together then cover up sections of the verse and see if you can still remember it. Cover even more up and try again. Actions really help remember verses, if you use them don't forget to video and share them!



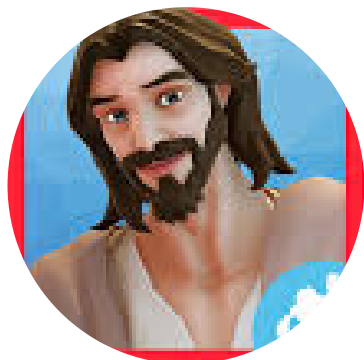
Study The Bible Together

Read through John 11 together using the Bible Study guide at the end of this pack. Answers are included!



Prayer Activity

Encourage your child to write a letter or draw a picture to God. Get them to base it on what they've just learnt or whatever is important to them right now. Discuss what they've written or drawn then say a prayer out loud together thanking God that he hears our prayers.



Use Superbooks App Games

The Superbook App is available free and if you click on the 'Bible' section you can look up any verse such as 1 Corinthians 15:57 and it creates wordsearches and other games for that verse to help you remember it.

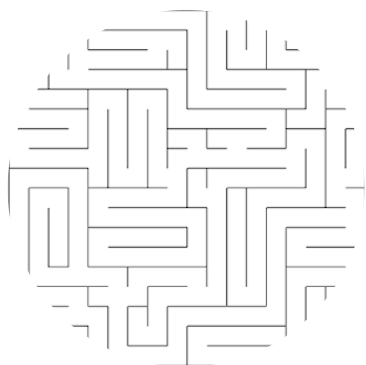
PRINTABLES

Choose these activities if your child loves to sit, colour and do printable activities.



Colouring Pages

Print out and colouring this colouring by number printable of Lazarus from Crafting the word of God



Maze Activity

Print out and complete this maze from Sermons 4 Kids



Wordsearch

Print out and complete this word search from Sermons 4 Kids



Dot To Dot

Print out and complete this dot to dot from Grassroots

TRUE OR FALSE

These questions are for use with the target game in the 'Get Active' ideas page.

- When Jesus heard Lazarus was sick he immediately went to see him. **False, he waited two days**
- Jesus told the disciples Lazarus' sickness would not end in death. **True**
- Jesus' disciples didn't want him to go to Lazarus because they thought he was too busy. **False, they were worried for his safety.**
- When Jesus arrived in Bethany Lazarus had been in his tomb for four days. **True.**
- Jesus said that 'anyone who believes in me will live even after dying'. **True**
- Jesus shouted at the tomb 'Lazarus where are you?'. **False, he shouted 'Lazarus come out'**
- When Lazarus came out the tomb he was dressed in bright robes. **False, he was still bandaged from when they put him in the tomb.**
- Jesus said he raised Lazarus to life so people would believe God had sent him. **True.**

BIBLE STUDY

These questions are for use with the Bible Study in the 'Go Deeper' ideas page. This study is more suitable for older children KS2+

- Read John 11:1-7 together (the NCV and NLT versions are easier to read)
- Discuss the following questions:
 - Did you expect Jesus to wait before he went to see his sick friend?
 - Read verse 4 again. 'Glorify' means giving praise to God. So, Jesus is saying that by waiting and not going to Lazarus he is praising God. Does this seem a bit strange to you?
- Read John 11:18-27
- Discuss the following questions:
 - Did Mary believe that Jesus could have healed Lazarus? Yes (v21)
 - Who did Mary believe Jesus was? The Messiah (God's rescuer) and the Son of God (God in the world) (v27)
 - Who does Jesus say he is? And what does he say he can do? 'The resurrection and the life' (v25). Resurrection means coming back to life. He says he can beat death for those who believe in him (v26)
- Read John 11: 41-44
- Discuss the following questions:
 - What does Jesus shout into the tomb? 'Lazarus come out' (v43)
 - Then what happens? Lazarus comes out the tomb, alive and still wrapped in bandages (v44)
 - Why does Jesus say this happens? So, that everyone there (and us today) would know that God had sent Jesus (v42). This also explains verse 4 that God was glorified (praised) by Jesus waiting to see Lazarus. The people had already seen him heal the sick, but this miracle showed that Jesus could beat death, and if he can beat Lazarus' death then he can beat ours too!!