

## Miracles of Jesus: Jesus' friend Lazarus



I wonder how many of Jesus' miracles you can remember?

### Watch together:

Jesus had some special friends called Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus. Click on the link on the website to hear Mary tell you the story of what happened when Lazarus was very poorly, it may not end as you think!

(John 11:1-43)

### Chat together:

What surprised you most about this story?

Who was sad when Lazarus died?

How did you feel when Lazarus was alive again?

What does this story tell you about Jesus?

Mary, Martha and Jesus were all sad when Lazarus died and they were all very happy when he was alive again!

The story shows us that Jesus is sad when we are sad, he cares about how we are feeling, and he shares in our happiness too.

This miracle shows us that Jesus is very powerful, Jesus did what he did to show us that he is the Son of God and because of this we can trust him.

### Pray together:

In today's story Jesus did something that most people think would be impossible. Sometimes we are worried about things and we don't think Jesus can do anything about them - but he always can.

Think of some things that you worry about (maybe the dark, going to school ...) and take it in turns to name them and then say together "With God, nothing is impossible"

*Dear God, thank you, that for you nothing is impossible. Please help us when we are worried to trust you. Amen*

## Activities to do together:

Lazarus is alive!

Make a Lazarus puppet out of paper or card and make him bounce with joy at being alive.

Cut a body shape out using this picture as a guide. If you fold a piece of card or paper in half and place the top of Lazarus' head on the fold you can cut out a double body. Cut four long strips of paper and fold them like a concertina, then glue them on the back of Lazarus' body for his arms and legs. Fold down the other body shape and glue together to hide the ends of the papers.



## Flowers

Sometimes we give flowers to people when they are sad to show them that we care about them and that we are sad too. Maybe you could make some paper flowers or draw a picture of flowers to give to someone who is feeling a bit sad at the moment.

## Forever pictures

Jesus will be our friend forever, even when we're old and die, we will stay living with him in heaven forever. Can you imagine what that will be like? Find some colouring pencils or maybe some sparkly collage materials and create a picture of what you think heaven will be like!