

## Unit 7 Lesson 3: **Jesus Wants Me to Know That He is Caring**

Heartprint: **Jesus Wants Me to Know Him**

Memory Verse: **John 14:6**

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We are so glad you have chosen to take some time to help your little one(s) learn about Jesus today! This is what our curriculum looks like online. You will find links to songs, our memory verse, a video of the story, a craft idea, some activities, a picture and some questions about the lesson. Our hope is that this will assist you in teaching your children and learning a little for yourself and remember, your little one's attention span isn't very long. Most importantly, have fun with your children. This will be a great bonding experience for all of you as you worship and learn together!

**Song:** *Good Good Friend* <https://youtu.be/gKBNhdnYcfA> (this is a video of motions and instructions from our c|Life team.)

This is the link for the video we are using on Sundays:

<https://youtu.be/WuRDNbevcJg>

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**Activities:** *We have listed several options for you to use today or throughout the week. These all go along with the lesson. We normally do the activities after the lesson to reinforce what was just heard in large group/story time.*

1. **Snack wrap:**

- a. **Items needed:** cookie and fruit roll-up or pretzels/string cheese
- b. **Directions:** Cut the roll-up into strips and wrap around the cookie. Or pull apart the string cheese and wrap around a pretzel
- c. **Connection point: Say:** When Lazarus died, his body was wrapped up to be put into the tomb. We know Jesus cared for Lazarus, Mary, Martha and everyone else there! After Jesus arrived, he even cried. Next he prayed then called out to Lazarus. When Lazarus walked out of the tomb alive, Jesus told the people to remove the cloths from Lazarus. Jesus knew God would receive the glory from Lazarus being brought back to life. Jesus wants us all to know He cares for us, and God should be glorified in everything...even when things are scary or sad. Jesus cares for us, loves us and wants us to know Him.
- d. Remove the strips from the cookie or pretzel and enjoy the snack.

2. **Streamer wrap:**

- a. **Items needed:** streamers (\*\*This is the activity we have in our curriculum. We originally planned to use cheap toilet paper for this activity, but since toilet paper is quite scarce right now, we switched to streamers instead. You could also use fabric, large ace bandages or anything you have that can be used as fabric strips.)
- b. **Directions:** Wrap streamers around your child or have your child wrap them around you or another person to pretend to be Lazarus. If you have enough people in your family, you can have a race to wrap and a race to unwrap.
- c. **Connection point: Say:** When Lazarus died, his body was wrapped up to be put into the tomb. We know Jesus cared for Lazarus, Mary, Martha and everyone else there! After Jesus arrived, he even cried. Next he prayed then called out to Lazarus. When Lazarus walked out of the tomb alive, Jesus told the people to remove the cloths from Lazarus. Jesus knew God would receive the glory from Lazarus being brought back to life. Jesus wants us all to know He cares for us, and God should be glorified in everything...even when things are scary or sad. Jesus cares for us, loves us and wants us to know Him.
- d. Remove the strips and talk about Lazarus being alive again.

3. **Make a tomb for Lazarus:**

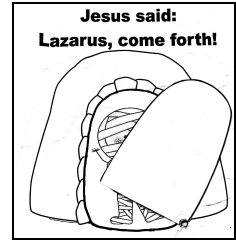
- a. **Items needed:** unused shoe box or Amazon box, crayons, paper, stuffed animal, scissors
- b. **Directions:** Allow your child to decorate and color the box. Then cut out a hole in the box. Have your child crumple up some paper to become the stone that was rolled in front of the hole. Then your child can choose a stuffed animal to put into the tomb as Lazarus.
- c. **Connection point: Say:** Lazarus was dead, and his body was placed inside a tomb. They put a stone in front of the entrance to the tomb. Lazarus had been dead for four days when Jesus arrived, but Jesus cared for Lazarus, his sisters, Mary and Martha, and for all the people who were following Him. Jesus wanted them all to see God's glory, so Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus wants us to know two things: 1) we should give God glory and 2) Jesus cares for us too. Jesus wants us all to know He cares for us, and God should be glorified in everything...even when things are scary or sad. Jesus cares for us, loves us and wants us to know Him.

4. **Dramatic Play:** Act out the story

- a. **Items needed:** fabric or a beach towel which can be wrapped around your "Lazarus"
- b. **Directions:** Wrap up Lazarus and have him lie down very still on the couch or floor. Have someone pretend to be Jesus who waited four days to arrive in Bethany where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived.
- c. **Connection Point:** Jesus knew what was happening, but He cared for Mary, Martha and Lazarus as well as those who followed Jesus. He wanted them all to give glory to God for what was about to happen. When Jesus arrived, Mary and Martha were sad. Jesus cared for them. Jesus wept. Next, something amazing happened! A miracle happened! Jesus prayed then called to Lazarus, who had been dead for four days, and Lazarus walked out of the tomb (have your Lazarus get up and try to walk while wrapped up in the towel). Jesus told them to take the cloths off Lazarus. Jesus wants us all to know He cares for us, and God should be glorified in everything...even when things are scary or sad. Jesus cares for us, loves us and wants us to know Him.

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**Craft: Lazarus** (the template for this is below for you to print out and use.)



**Items Needed:**

- Lazarus color sheet template
- Rock template
- Crayons
- Brads (one per child)

**Instructions:** Have each child color Lazarus and the tomb. Pass out one rock per child. When coloring is completed, place rock over Lazarus. Push the brad through the bottom corner of the rock to attach to Lazarus color sheet. The rock should be able to twist around to show Lazarus.

**Connection Point:** In our story today, we heard how Jesus cared that Mary and Martha were sad when their brother died. He also cared about Lazarus and those who followed Jesus. He wanted them all to see God's glory, so Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus wants us to know two things: 1) we should give God glory and 2) Jesus cares for us too.

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**Bible Lesson:** Jesus wants me to know He is caring.

**Memory Verse:** I am the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6 <https://youtu.be/rxZzswc6jXo> (this is a link to the memory verse motions. This video was made in 2018, but the memory verse is the same for March 2020.)

**Items needed:** a Bible, the picture for this story is on the last page of this lesson. You may print it out or show it on your phone/computer/tablet. Below is the lesson our large group leader would use to tell the story. You are welcome to use it as a script, or if you are more comfortable, this is a link to a video which tells the same story: <https://youtu.be/Dca8SSxXCmM>

**This week's story taken is from John 11:1-44:**

Do you ever wish that you knew what was going to happen in the future? A lot of people try to figure out what is going to happen before it happens. In our story today, we learn that Jesus knows what is going to happen in the future. Jesus is all knowing.

Hold up your Bible and say, What is this book? (The Bible) What do we know about the Bible? (The Bible is God's Word. The Bible is always true, and the Bible is always right). Let's open our Bibles to John chapter 11 and hear this true story that happened a long time ago:

Jesus was with his friends when a servant came running up to Jesus and said: "Lord, the one you love is sick." The one who was sick was Lazarus. Lazarus had two sisters Mary and Martha. Jesus loved them. Jesus told the servant that the sickness would not end in Lazarus' death. Jesus tells them that the reason Lazarus got sick was for the glory of God and to bring glory to the Son of God. Then Jesus stayed two more days right where he was. Jesus was not worried because he already knew what was going to happen.

After two days, Jesus started back to Judea where Lazarus was. His followers were scared. They knew that there were men in Judea who wanted to hurt Jesus, but Jesus was not scared. He knew that one day he would go to the cross but not before it was his time to lay down his life.

Jesus told his followers “Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going to wake him.” Jesus’ followers were confused. Why did they need to go to a place that was dangerous for Jesus if Lazarus was getting better? Jesus then told them plainly “Lazarus is dead, but I am glad that I was not there so that you may believe.”

Jesus’ followers were still worried. Thomas even said, “Let us go, too, we will die with him” Poor Thomas is very scared of what is going to happen! Thomas forgot that Jesus knows everything. Nothing surprises Jesus.

When Jesus arrived in town, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Many people were there crying. Martha came running to meet Jesus. She was so sad. Let me see your super sad face! Jesus told her that Lazarus would rise and live again. Martha was confused. Then Jesus told her the truth. He said “ I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will have life even after he dies.” Martha believed Jesus!

Then Mary came out to Jesus and she was crying so hard. Jesus wept with her. Then he asked them to lead him to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Jesus told them to remove the stone in front of the tomb. Jesus looked up at the sky and said a prayer for everyone to hear. He said, “Thank you, Father, that you hear me, that you are always near me.” Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice “Lazarus come out!” Jesus did not go into the tomb, he did not even touch Lazarus. Lazarus woke from the dead and walked out of the tomb. Lazarus still had all the burial cloths wrapped around him from when he died. Jesus told them to “take the cloth off and let him go.”

Before Jesus came to Judea, He knew that Lazarus was going to die, but Jesus was going to raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus knew that his followers were scared of the men who lived there, but Jesus knew it was not time for him to go to the cross, yet. Jesus knew that Mary and Martha were sad and he wept with them, but Jesus knew how it would all end.

Jesus wanted all of them to see the glory of God. Martha saw it, Mary saw it, Lazarus lived it, the Jewish people there saw it, and Jesus’ followers saw it.

Jesus cared for Martha, Mary and Lazarus. He also cared for his followers and the Jewish people who were witnesses to the glory of God. Jesus wants us to know that He cares for us, too. When we believe in Jesus, we have life. When we trust in God, we have peace because God knows everything, and Jesus cares for us. Let’s say “Jesus cares for me” together on the count of three. 1, 2, 3 “Jesus cares for me!”

**Pray:**

We thank you, Father, that you are God who is near and that you hear us. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, who gives us life when we believe in Him. Jesus, thank you for caring for us. Help us to see your glory this week and remember how much you love and care for us. In your name we pray, Amen.

**Questions:**

1. Who was sick in our story today? (Lazarus)
2. Who was worried about the men who wanted to hurt Jesus? (Jesus’ followers)
3. Who was sad because Lazarus had died? (Mary & Martha)
4. Who knew everything that was going to happen? (Jesus)
5. Who had the power to call Lazarus out of the tomb? (Jesus)
6. Who cares for us? (Jesus)

**Jesus said:  
Lazarus, come forth!**



