

Encounters with Jesus- Jesus, Mary, Marth and Lazarus

Family Activities - John 11

Activities/Games

Breaking Free

In the Bible, they would wrap bodies in burial cloth before putting them in tombs. Find material to use as burial cloth (maybe toilet paper if you can spare some) and wrap up your Lazarus. Then break forth from the cloth like Jesus commanded.

[Lazarus Come Out, Lazarus Go In](#)

Place a line of tape down the middle of your playing area. Designate one side "inside the tomb" and the other side "outside the tomb". Have the children stand anywhere they would like. Tell them that when you say, "Lazarus Come Out", they should all jump to the "outside of the tomb" side of the room. When you say, "Lazarus Go In", they should all jump to the "inside" side of the room. You will try to trick them to jump on the wrong side depending on what you say. If a child jumps to the wrong side, he is out. Keep playing until only one child is left. When you say "Lazarus go in or go out" always jump to the opposite side. The children may automatically follow you to that side even though you said something different.

Read the story from "The Beginner's Bible." Act it out!

Make [Lazarus Mummy Dogs](#) using hot dogs, cheese, and crescent rolls.

Make some [Yummy Mummy "Lazarus" Bananas](#)

Memorize a verse from the story: "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;" John 11:25

[Check out Bible memory verse games you could play.](#)

John 11:35 is the shortest Bible verse, "Jesus wept." Jesus shows emotion, and we can too! Parents, have a conversation with your child(ren) on what they are feeling. If your child is feeling afraid, worried, or anxious about what's going on, here is a [great resource on how to help your child deal with his fears.](#)

[Upcycling project](#) - give new life into something old. It can remind you how Jesus gives us new life!

Crafts:

[Craft Stick Lazarus](#)

Grab a craft stick, plastic spoon, or empty toilet paper tube. Give it some googly eyes or draw eyes on. Use some glue and wrap the rest in white cloth strips (felt, strips of old t-shirt, gauze, yarn, etc.) Be creative with what you have around the house!