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JESUS RAISED LAZARUS

GAME TIME

MAKE BLOCK TOMBS

Invite kids to make a tomb or cave with interlocking blocks. Cut a circle from cardboard for children to use as the stone covering the opening. Offer people figures for kids to play out the Bible story.

SAY: Jesus told Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus walked out alive! Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead to show that He has power over death. How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made. Those who trust in Jesus will live forever with Him.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Raised Lazarus John 11

Lazarus and Jesus were friends. One day, Lazarus got sick. His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent a message to Jesus. "Lord, Your friend Lazarus is sick," they said.

Jesus said to the disciples, "Lazarus' sickness will not end in death. This sickness will show how great God is and how great the Son of God is."

By the time Jesus got to the place Lazarus lived, he was dead and had been buried in a tomb for four days. Martha hurried to meet Jesus. "Lord, if You had been here, my brother Lazarus would not have died." But Martha knew Jesus could do a miracle. "I know God will give You whatever You ask from Him," she said.

Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha believed Jesus. She thought Lazarus would rise from the dead at the end of time. But Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." He said that people who believe in Him may die in their bodies, but God will raise them from the dead. "Do you believe this?" Jesus asked.

Martha said, "Yes, Lord. I believe You are the Messiah—the Son of God."

Then Martha went home to get her sister, Mary. Mary came and fell at Jesus' feet. She said, "Lord, if You had been here, my

OPTION 2: WRAP HIM UP

Form pairs and give each team a roll of toilet paper. Pairs will select a volunteer to wrap tightly with the paper. When you say go, give the teams a few minutes to wrap their volunteer. At the end, award titles such as "Fastest Wrapping" or "Neatest Wrapping." Give the wrapped kids a chance to break free and then time them to see how long it takes to clean up!

SAY: In Jesus' day, when a person died, he would be wrapped tightly in cloth. Since the person was dead, no one had to worry about wrapping the person comfortably or making sure he could get out. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, Lazarus came out all wrapped up and needed help getting out! It was a true miracle. Jesus has power over death. Everyone who has faith in Him will live forever with God.

brother Lazarus would not have died!" Mary was crying. Jesus cried too.

Mary took Jesus to the cave where Lazarus was buried. A big stone covered the opening. Jesus told the people to move the stone.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me." Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!"

Lazarus came out of the tomb, wrapped in cloth. He was alive! Jesus said, "Unwrap him and let him go."

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He showed that He has power over death. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. Those who trust in Jesus will live forever with Him.