

Date – February 7, 2021

Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

Raising Lazarus from the Dead

Children's Illustrated Bible p. 236-237

John 11: 1-44

God in Jesus has power over sin and death

Workshop Name

Jesus Raising Lazarus from the Dead – Resurrection Mosaic

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to see your amazing power and to feel your love. Amen

Objectives

Find the story in the Gospel of John.

Retell the story in their own words.

Know that Jesus is human: he had friends, he felt sadness.

Know that Jesus is God. He performed the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead, demonstrating his power over sin and death.

Understand that we have a new way of living: Jesus sets us free, unbinding us from our sins.

Supplies – The supply bag will include the air-dry clay, some wax paper and a few stones. You will need at home a rolling pin, a knife to cut out the clay into a square or a rectangle, and maybe a stick to write in the clay if that is what you decide to do.

Activity

For Discussion prior to the construction of the mosaic.

Who were the people in the story?

Jesus

Mary

Martha

Lazarus

disciples

friends

How are Mary, Martha and Lazarus related?

How do you think these people felt about the death of Lazarus?

Why did Mary and Martha send word to Jesus?

What does Jesus say Lazarus is doing?

What does Jesus tell Mary and Martha when he arrives?

Do you think Mary and Martha really believe Jesus could bring their brother back to life?

What did the people think when Lazarus walked out of the cave alive?

What was Jesus demonstrating to the people?

What was the reason Jesus gave for raising Lazarus from the dead?

Do you think Lazarus deserved to be raised from the dead? What do you think he was thinking when he came back to life? What did he think about Jesus?

Suggestions for how to make the mosaic. We are not professional artists here. Hoping the kids will have fun with this project and thereby remember the important story about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

The Workshop Rotation website recommended rolling out the clay on wax paper to make it easier to lift off without tearing. The clay was pretty expensive so you will probably only be making a rectangle that might be like 3 x 3. It will take about 24 hours for it to dry.

On the mosaic the kids might want to write something and you can help them spell something out. Perhaps they would like to make a cross, dove, fish, heart, etc. by outlining the object with the stones.

Reflection/Evaluation

Do you think Jesus let Lazarus die? Why?

Jesus healed Lazarus and he returned him to life. What does this story teach us about God and Jesus?

Lord's Prayer