

Jesus Brings a Young Man Back to Life

Lesson 4



Scripture: Luke 7:11-17

Bible Memory: Psalm 147:5

"Our Lord is great and very powerful." (ICB)

"Great is our Lord, and of great power." (KJV)

Focus: ♥ Jesus always cares for us.

Heart to Heart Teacher Devotion

The loving-kindness Jesus shows to us is so prevalent that we sometimes take it for granted. Jesus uses others' hands to administer His care for us: spouses, children, medical personnel, friends. Recognize Jesus' loving-kindness toward you in this day. Thank and praise Him for that care.

Bible Background for the Teacher

It was the oldest son's responsibility to care for his widowed mother. She depended on him to be the support in her old age. Bible-times burials usually happened within 24 hours of death because of the warm climate. Friends usually hurried to the home, and the body was washed and wrapped in cloth. The body was put into an open coffin and carried to the grave site, followed by mourners weeping and lamenting. It was just such a procession that Jesus met outside of Nain, a small village south of Nazareth in Galilee.

Lesson 4 at a Glance

1 GETTING STARTED

Use one or more of these learning centers to help children *explore caregivers*.



Quick Step

"Somebody Loves Me" Book



Pretend Play



A Caring Portrait

Immerse Materials

• *Make-n-Share* and stickers for lesson 4

Other Materials

• crayons, blunt-tip scissors, yarn, hole punch

• dolls, toy food, washcloths, family living items

• paper, pencils, crayons

2 BIBLE DISCOVERY

Use all these activities to help children *tell what happened when Jesus met a sad mother*.



Sing and Pray



Bible Time



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Bible Review

Bible Memory

• *Resources* CD; *Teaching Pictures* 1-4; *Resources* sheet 4 Jesus bottle puppet, sheet 2 Bible story card 1g (Jesus), sheet 3 Bible story cards 4a-4c; *Resources* CD Unit 1 Bible Memory Motions printable file

• CD player, Bible, towel, box of tissues

3 GROW AND GO

Use one or more of these learning centers to help children *name ways Jesus cares for them*.



Quick Step

Ways Jesus Cares



Bible Memory Game



Who Cares for You?

Closing the Hour

• *Resources* CD Jesus Helps Game Cards printable file
• *Heart Tugs* issue 4

• scissors, paper lunch bag

Getting Started (10–15 minutes)

- 1** Use one or more of these learning centers to help children explore caregivers.

Focus

♥ Jesus always cares for us.

Welcome

- Use a Scamper puppet to greet the children.
- Place a name tag on each child, gather necessary information from the adult bringing the child; then guide the child to a learning center.
- Provide a container in which children can place their contribution money.

Quick Step “Somebody Loves Me” Book

Before class, cut yarn into 12" lengths, two per child.

SAY: ♥ Jesus always cares for us. Today's Bible story is about a time when Jesus cared for a mother and her son. Mothers and other people do special things to show they care for us. Let's make a book that shows how people love us.

Help children as needed in assembling the pages of the book. Guide as they finish the activities on each page and add stickers. Talk about parents, grandparents, and other caregivers as you work. Look at the completed books together.

ASK: What is your favorite thing to do with someone who cares for you?

Note: As you teach today's story about a mother and her son, remember that many children today live with fathers, grandparents, or guardians. Include these people in your discussions of those who care.

Pretend Play

Before class, gather several items from the family living center.

SAY: Today's Bible story tells about a mother who met Jesus. Let's look at how mothers and other family members care for children.

♥ Jesus always cares for us.

Show the items you have provided. Guide the children to talk about what mothers, fathers, and other caregivers do to help their children. Have the children pretend to be mothers, fathers, and children.

ASK: Who cares for you at home? What does that person do for you?

How do you show love to that person?

A Caring Portrait

SAY: ♥ Jesus always cares for us. Today we are talking about mothers and other people who care for us at home. Let's draw pictures of people who care for us.

Give children the art supplies and have them draw pictures of their mothers, fathers, or other caregivers. Encourage them to add specific details such as hair or eye color, glasses, favorite color of clothing. Next, have the children draw themselves standing beside the adult caregiver.

ASK: What is something you love about the person in your drawing?

What does that person do to care for you?

Especially for 2s!



Some children may need help drawing. Before class, draw circles on paper as heads. Let the children add simple details.

Save all visuals for reuse throughout the quarter.

Materials

Make-n-Share and stickers for lesson 4, crayons (or washable markers), blunt-tip scissors, yarn, hole punch



Materials

dolls, toy food, washcloths, family living items



Materials

paper, pencils, crayons (or washable markers)



Cleanup

Sing “Cleanup Song” found on the Resources CD
Teacher Helps printable file.
Encourage children to work together in straightening the room as they sing the song with you.



Focus

♥ Jesus always cares for us.

Bible Discovery (20-25 minutes)

2

Use all these activities to help children **tell what happened when Jesus met a sad mother.**

Materials

Resources CD tracks 2 and 5, CD player, Teaching Picture 4, Bible



Materials

Resources sheet 4 Jesus bottle puppet, Teaching Pictures 1-3, towel, box of tissues



Teaching Tips

If you did not make the Jesus bottle puppet for lesson 3, prepare it for this lesson.

If you have a smaller class, provide toy people to use for acting out the Bible story.

Materials

Resources sheet 2 Bible story card 1g (Jesus) and sheet 3 Bible story cards 4a-4c



Materials

Bible, Resources CD track 5 and CD Unit 1 Bible Memory Motions printable file, CD player



Sing and Pray

Sing "Jesus Went Around Doing Good" and "Our Lord Is Great."

PRAY: Dear God, we praise You for caring about us. ♥ Jesus always cares for us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Show the teaching picture. Ask children to describe what they think is happening in the picture. **SAY: Our story today is found in the book of Luke in the Bible. Show Luke. It's about a time when Jesus helped a mother and her son. Let's find out what happened.**

Bible Time

Show the Jesus puppet. **SAY: Let's name some great things Jesus can do.** Show pictures 1-3 to help children. **One day, Jesus and His 12 special helpers were with a big crowd of people, walking toward the city of Nain. Let's act out the story and learn another great thing Jesus can do.**

Select one child to lie on a towel on the floor. Divide the rest of the class into two groups. Group 1 will pretend to be Jesus' helpers. Group 2 will be from the city of Nain. Give each person in Group 2 a tissue. **As Jesus and His helpers were walking** (walk in place), **they met a woman and her friends.** Have the two groups wave hello to each other. **The woman's son had died. The woman and her friends were crying.** Have children in Group 2 dab tissues to their eyes.

Jesus felt sad for the woman. He cared for her and wanted to help her. Jesus said to the woman, "Don't cry." Group 1 repeats "Don't cry."

Jesus walked over to where the son's body was lying. Walk over to the child. **Jesus said, "Young man, get up!" Guess what happened! The young man sat up and started talking.** Have the child sit up. **The mother was surprised to see her son alive. Everyone was happy.** Have all children clap and cheer.

The people thanked God for Jesus and His great power. They told other people what Jesus had done. ♥ Jesus always cares for us too.

Bible Review

SAY: ♥ Jesus always cares for us. Let's use some cards to remember how Jesus cared for the mother and her son. Show the story cards. Let children tell what they see on each card. Mix up the cards and let the children put the cards in story sequence order.

ASK: What did Jesus say to the mother who was sad? ("Don't cry.")

What great thing did Jesus do? (brought the son back to life)

Why could Jesus do this? (Jesus is the Son of God.)

Bible Memory Psalm 147:5

Before class, print and display the motions from the CD.

Show Psalm 147:5 in the Bible to the children. Say the Bible Memory together. Sing together "Our Lord Is Great" while doing the motions. When the song is over, say the first part of the Bible Memory verse. Let the children respond to complete the verse.

Grow and Go (15–20 minutes)

- 3** Use one or more of these learning centers to help children **name ways Jesus cares for them.**

Focus

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Quick Step Ways Jesus Cares

SAY: ♥ Jesus always cares for us. Let's move and name some ways Jesus cares for us.

Have children do the actions that apply to them as you name ways Jesus cares for children. (Examples: Turn around in a circle if someone helps you get dressed. Jump if someone drives you to Bible school. Pat your head if you visit a doctor when you are sick. Hop on one foot if a babysitter has taken you to a playground. Pretend to eat if your grandmother has made you a meal.) Reinforce to the children that Jesus cares for them through other people.

ASK: **Name someone who takes care of you.**
Who does Jesus use to care for you?

Bible Memory Game

SAY: ♥ Jesus always cares for us. Jesus uses His great power when He cares for us. Let's play a game to remember our Bible Memory words about Jesus' great power.

Have the children stand in a line. Tell them to take one small step forward for each word in the Bible Memory verse. Say the verse one word at a time, allowing the children to advance one step for each word. Repeat, taking a big step, a hop, or a jump forward for each word of the verse.

ASK: **Name a way that Jesus shows His great power.**
How do you know Jesus cares for you?

Especially for 2s!

Younger children may not wait to say a word before they advance. Say the verse for them as they move forward.

Who Cares for You?

Before class, print and cut apart the Jesus Helps cards. Put the cards in a bag.

SAY: ♥ Jesus always cares for us. Jesus sometimes uses people to take care of us. Let's thank Jesus for some ways He cares for us through other people.

As children take turns reaching in and pulling out cards, they can name ways Jesus cares for them through the people pictured on the cards. Pray together, thanking Jesus for taking care of us through other people.

ASK: **How does Jesus take care of you?** (through other people, through good things created in our world, through His power)
Name someone who takes care of you.

Closing the Hour

• Be sure children who are leaving have their activity projects and this week's *Heart Tugs*. Encourage parents to do the Caring Things activity with their children. Note: A *Family Together Time* page is available online for families to download. See www.21stcc.com.



Materials

Resources CD Jesus
Helps Game Cards
printable file, scissors, paper
lunch bag



To help children with limited verbal ability, allow them to take a card, and then you provide the ways Jesus takes care of them through the people pictured on the card.

Teaching Tip

The Jesus Helps cards were also used in lesson 2.