

Life of Christ

A man is alive!

Luke 7:11-17

Younger Verse

Give me life through your word. Psalm 119:37

Older Verse

Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word. Psalm 119:37

Lesson Goals

To see how Jesus was gentle in the lesson
To take action and be kind this week—so that all can see!

Welcome Time

Have you ever had a sad time in your life? Jesus experienced them too. Let's see what He does...

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Today we are again learning what it means to be thankful. There is an example of this in today's lesson.

After Jesus made the army man's servant well, He went to another town. His friends came with Him, as well as a big crowd of people. They probably wanted to know more about Jesus and listen to Him speak about God.

On the way to the town, they saw a funeral. A son was being carried out in a coffin. There were many people filled with much sadness. The man's mother was there. She was by herself because her husband had already died. Lots of people from the town were with her, caring for her.

When Jesus saw the mother, He was sad too. He wanted to help her. Jesus said, "Don't cry." Jesus had an idea.

He went up to the coffin and touched it. The people carrying it stood still. They were probably wondering what Jesus was going to do.

Next, He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

Suddenly, the dead man was alive! He sat up and began to talk. Jesus helped him out and walked him back to his mother.

His mother was filled with joy! She couldn't believe that her son was alive again. All the people were excited too. They thanked God and were amazed at what happened. They knew that Jesus was no ordinary person. They said, "A great prophet is with us." Then they said, "God has come to help His people."

Jesus was very caring to the mother. He did something that no other person could do. He made the son alive. Jesus cared for the woman and wanted to help. He was even gentle in the way that He talked to her.

In the end, everyone thanked God for what happened. Jesus was pleased with this.

He always wanted God to get the credit for any special thing that happened. It is important to always thank God for how He has blessed us. God loves it when we tell Him “thank you!”

The people knew that Jesus was special. Jesus really did come to “help God’s people.” He did this in a way that seemed a little strange to some people. Jesus knew that the only way for us to go to Heaven was for us to be clean. That meant He had to get rid of all our sins. The only way to do this was for Him to die for all our mistakes. Jesus did this to help us. When He died, He died for all the bad things we have ever done. The best thing is that He didn’t stay dead. He came back to life! Jesus made a bridge for us to go to Heaven. If we believe in Jesus and know that He died for us, we can go to Heaven and be with Him forever. If we pray and ask God to forgive us for all our sins, He cleans them out of our lives. He makes us clean on the inside and gives us a place in Heaven.

When Jesus comes to live in our heart, He gives us a new life. And even when we die and leave this earth, if Jesus is in our heart, we are given new life in Heaven. Would you like to go there too? If you want to know more, talk to us anytime.

Learning Activities

Try a variety of activities to help the kids learn what it means to be thankful and how Jesus helped us get to Heaven if we believe.

Memory Verse Activities

This verse was on the back of our camp T-shirts this year. Wear the shirt (if you have) one so that they can see the verse. Talk about what it means to turn our eyes away from worthless things.

Prayer Time

Pray that we can be thankful this week.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Thank God for the snacks. Be sure to ask the kids to help clean up!

Planning for December 1st
God Promises Jesus
Micah 5:2; Is. 7:14, 9:6-7, 53
1st Advent: Promise

Preschool Lesson
for
A boy is alive!

Today we are again learning what it means to be thankful.

After Jesus made the army man's servant well, He walked to another town (make walking noises). His friends came with Him, as well as a big crowd of people. They probably wanted to know more about Jesus and listen to Him speak about God.

On the way to the town, they saw a funeral. A son was being carried out in a big wooden box. There were many people filled with much sadness (make crying noises). The man's mother was there. She was by herself because her husband had already died. Lots of people from the town were with her, caring for her and crying with her (make crying noises).

When Jesus saw the mother, He was sad too. He wanted to help her. Jesus said, "Don't cry." (make sniffling noise) Jesus had an idea.

He went up to the box and touched it. The people carrying it stood still. They were probably wondering what Jesus was going to do.

Next, He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

Suddenly, the dead man was alive! He sat up and began to talk. Jesus helped him out and walked him back to his mother.

His mother was filled with joy! (Make celebration noises like Yea! Hurray! Wow!) She couldn't believe that her son was alive again. All the people were excited too. They thanked God and were amazed at what happened. They knew that Jesus was no ordinary person. They said, "A great prophet is with us." Then they said, "God has come to help His people." (Clap for Jesus!)

Jesus was very caring to the mother. He did something that no other person could do. He made the son alive. Jesus cared for the woman and wanted to help. He was even gentle in the way that He talked to her. In return, the woman was very thankful for what Jesus did. She joyfully told Jesus "thank you" for making her son well.

Sing, "Jesus in the morning." Be sure to sing the verse using "Thank Him."

Hands-on Activities
for
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Talk about what it means to be thankful. Share how wonderful it feels to hear someone tell you “thank you.” Encourage everyone to be thankful especially this Thanksgiving.

Make the “Open Eyed Treats” and talk about what it must have been like to be at that funeral.

This is a fun story to act out. Take turns. You may want to bring a big box for the coffin.

Create the man puppet using a paper sack. Be sure to write the verse on the sack.

In the story, the news spread quickly about Jesus. There are two ways to illustrate this. Using washable markers, draw on coffee filters; dip in water and watch the colors spread! Bring a glass and fill with water. Place one drop of food coloring in the water. Watch the color spread until the whole glass is colored! Talk about how the word about Jesus spread. Ask them why they think it spread so quickly.

Jesus touched the coffin box and knew what He could do to help. Play the guessing game, “Who touched me?” One person closes his eyes in the middle of a circle of people. A chosen person gently touches him and runs back into the circle. When you say, “Get up” the person tried to guess who touched him. He can ask you yes or no questions about the person.