



FAMILY TIME  
TRAINING

# Activity: Lazarus

**Teaching Goal:** Jesus has power over sickness and even death.

**Scriptures:** John 11:28-44 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

**Materials:** One roll of toilet paper for each person

Lesson and Discussion: Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. In your own words tell the story of Lazarus or invite a volunteer to read John 11:28-44. Highlight the following key points:

- Lazarus was a good friend of Jesus.
- Jesus was out of town when Lazarus got sick and died.
- Lazarus had been dead four days when Jesus came to town.
- Jesus was good friends with Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha.
- Mary and Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here my brother would not have died."
- They believed Jesus had the power to heal.
- Jesus cried and grieved over the death of his friend Lazarus.
- Jesus prayed for Lazarus to be raised from the dead.
- Jesus thanked God for hearing his prayer.
- Lazarus walked out of the tomb.
- Lazarus came out with strips of clothing wrapped around his hands, feet and face.

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**FAMILY FUN TIME ACTIVITY**

....Continued Lesson and discussion:

- When someone we know, a family member or friend is sick, we will pray and ask Jesus to heal them. The story of Lazarus shows us why we can ask Jesus for healing. He has the power to heal the sick even to the point of raising someone from the dead!
- B. ACTIVITY #1: **We are going to take turns being both Lazarus wrapped like a mummy and Jesus who raises his friend Lazarus from the dead.** Give each person a turn being Lazarus and a turn being Jesus. Younger children may not want their faces covered or may just want to be Jesus and not take a turn being Lazarus. Start at the head or feet and gently feed out the toilet paper as the person playing Lazarus carefully turns in a circle. After they are completely wrapped, ask the person to stand stiff and safely lower them to the ground.
- Act out the scene: Lazarus lies perfectly still on the floor. Jesus comes into the room, stretches out his arms and prays, **“Father, thank you for hearing my prayer. Lazarus, get up!”** Lazarus busts out of the toilet paper and stands up.
- Repeat the role play until everyone has had a turn being Jesus and Lazarus.
- Close in Prayer
- Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.