

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of John, Jesus had a friend named Lazarus. One day, Jesus got some bad news about Lazarus. Lazarus was very, very sick. When Jesus heard the news, He and his disciples went to see Lazarus. Lazarus had two sisters named Martha and Mary. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him. Martha told Jesus some very sad news—Lazarus was already dead. It was a sad, sad day.

A short time later, Mary came out to see Jesus, too. Mary said to Jesus, "Lord, I wish you had been here! Then my brother would not have died." Mary was crying. Martha was crying. All of their friends were crying. When Jesus saw everyone crying, He cried too.

Jesus went to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. A tomb is like a small cave where people are put when they die. Jesus said, "Open the tomb." But Martha said, "Lazarus has been dead for four days. It will be REALLY stinky in there."

Jesus said to her, "If you believe me, you will see how amazing God is." So the people opened the tomb where Lazarus was buried and Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" Then something amazing happened—Lazarus came back to life and walked out of the tomb! Everyone was amazed that Lazarus was alive! Lazarus had been dead, but Jesus made him alive again. It was a miracle—something only Jesus can do!

THE BIG IDEA: GOD IS WITH ME WHEN I AM SAD!
BIBLE BASIS: JOHN 11:1-44

ACTIVITY: JULY 5, 2020

FEELING SAD (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Question: How do you think God can help you when you feel sad?

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of a sad face. While they're drawing, ask them to share about something that makes them feel sad.

Say: It's okay to feel sad. Even Jesus felt sad. Whenever we feel sad, we can pray to God and tell Him about it. Let's say a prayer right now and tell God about the sad things we shared.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by telling God about some of the sad things shared by the children. Thank God for being with the children when they feel sad.

**WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA?**

