

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

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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

HeartShaper Materials

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

Other Materials

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

2 BIBLE DISCOVERY

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



Sing and Pray



Bible Time
Jesus Brings a Young Man Back to Life



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

• none

• none

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

• none

• none

• scissors, paper lunch bag

• none

Getting Started (10-15 minutes)

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

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 offering 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.

Focus

♥ Jesus always cares for us.

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

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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. 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

♥ Jesus always cares for us.

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?

Epecially 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.heartshaper.com.

Materials

none



Materials

none



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.

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Lesson 4 Extra Hour



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Lesson 4 at a Glance—Extra Hour

1 MORE! GETTING STARTED

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



Books

Quick Step
Finding People Who Care for Us



Food

Caring Crackers



Craft

A Caring Gift

HeartShaper Materials

- none
- none
- none

Other Materials

- children’s picture books
- crackers, canned cheese spread, plastic knives, raisins, napkins
- black construction paper, scissors, colorful construction paper, glue sticks

2 MORE! BIBLE DISCOVERY

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



Sing & Pray

More! Sing and Pray



Bible Time

Bible Time—Another Way!
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Bible Review

More! Bible Review



Bible Memory

More! Bible Memory

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

- CD player, Bible, magnifying glass, colored masking tape

3 MORE! GROW AND GO

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Scamper

Quick Step
Scamper Puppet Story



Puzzles

Caring Things

Saying Good-bye

- none
- *Heart Tugs* issue 4
- *Heart Tugs* issue 4

- Scamper puppet, tissue
- crayons
- hopscotch grid from *More! Bible Memory*

More! Getting Started (10–15 minutes)

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

Transition Time

- Greet new arrivers, giving each a name tag.
- Have children act out being adult caregivers. Suggest actions adults do to show care. Then have them act like children with their caregivers.
- Serve a snack. Follow your congregation's policy for restroom breaks.

Quick Step Finding People Who Care for Us

SAY: Today's Bible story is about a time when Jesus cared for a mother and her son. ♥ Jesus always cares for us too. Our parents, grandparents, and other adults care for us too. Let's find some pictures that show adults caring for children.

Guide the children as they look through the books. Ask them to find pictures of adults with children and describe what they are doing together.

ASK: What do mothers or fathers do for children?

What do your grandparents do?

What other adults help to care for you?

Caring Crackers

SAY: Today's Bible story is about a time when Jesus cared for a mother and her son. ♥ Jesus always cares for us too. Our mothers, fathers, and other adults care for us too. Let's make fun snacks and draw food pictures of adults who care for us.

Give each child a napkin and two crackers. Have children use the cheese spread to draw faces of someone who cares for them. Use raisins for eyes. Talk about what mothers, fathers, and other caregivers do to care for them.

ASK: How does your mom or dad care for you?

What is your favorite thing to do with your grandparents or other people who take care of you?

Especially for 2s!

Have the snacks prepared before class. Children can tell who their crackers represent—a mother, father, other caregiver. Have children take turns telling what those people do to care for them.

A Caring Gift

SAY: ♥ Jesus always cares for us. Other people care for us too. Someone in your family cares for you by fixing meals. Let's make place mat gifts for our special caregivers.

Have the children glue geometric shapes onto black construction paper, leaving spaces between each piece for the black to show through. The finished place mat will look like a stained-glass window. You may want to cover the finished place mats with clear adhesive covering to make them more durable. As children work, talk about what their caregivers do for them. (Examples: prepare food for them, buy clothes for them, play with them, teach them)

ASK: How does your mother take care of you?

Who buys clothes for you? plays with you? teaches you?

Focus

♥ Jesus always cares for us.

Save all visuals for reuse throughout the quarter.

Materials

children's picture books



Materials

crackers, canned cheese spread, plastic knives, raisins, napkins



Teaching Tip

Check food allergies before serving and have an alternative snack available.

Materials

11" x 17" sheets of black construction paper, scissors, colorful construction paper cut into geometric shapes, glue sticks (optional: clear-adhesive covering)



The versatility and free-form nature of this special craft ensures success for learners of all abilities. Be prepared to provide additional assistance with grasping the geometric pieces.

Focus

♥ Jesus always cares for us.

More! 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 track 2,
CD player, Bible



Teaching Tip

Be sensitive to those children who recently have lost someone they are close to.

Materials

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



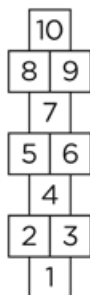
Materials

Teaching Picture 4,
magnifying glass



Materials

Resources CD Unit 1
Bible Memory
Motions
printable
file, colored
masking tape



More! Sing and Pray

Sing “Jesus Went Around Doing Good.”

PRAY: **Dear God, we praise You because You have power to care for us. We are so glad that You always care for us. In Jesus’ name, amen.**

Talk briefly to the children about someone dying. SAY: **When someone dies, he is not with his family anymore. People are sad because they will miss the person who died. Our story today is from the book of Luke in the Bible. Show Luke. It’s about how ♥ Jesus always cares for us—even when we are sad.**

Bible Time—Another Way!

Tell the Bible story, using the Bible story cards. Hold up a card and ask the children to respond with the actions as you tell the story.

Show card 1g: **Jesus was coming into the city of Nain.** Walk in place.

Show card 4a: **As He was walking, He saw a group of people. A mother was with them. She was sad. Her son had died.** Dab eyes as though crying.

Show card 1g again: **Jesus said, “Don’t cry.”** Pat each other’s shoulders and say “Don’t cry.”

Show card 4b: **Then Jesus said to the dead boy, “Get up!” And he did!** Show big smiles.

Show card 4c: **Now the mother was surprised and happy. The mother and her son probably hugged each other.** Give hugs. **They told other people what Jesus had done. They knew ♥ Jesus always cares for us.** Say to each other “Jesus always cares for us.”

More! Bible Review

Display the teaching picture. Hand the magnifying glass to one child. Ask that child to come and look closely at one person in the picture and tell how that person was involved in the Bible story. Continue until each child has had a turn looking at and telling about a person.

ASK: **What happened when Jesus met a sad mother?**

Why was she sad?

How did Jesus show He cared for the mother and her son?

More! Bible Memory Psalm 147:5

Before class, print and display the motions from the CD. Tape a simple hopscotch grid onto the classroom floor, using colored tape.

Read Psalm 147:5 to the children. Review the verse, along with the motions.

SAY: **Let’s play hopscotch as we say our Bible Memory.** Have the children practice playing hopscotch. Younger children can jump with feet together, feet apart through the grid. Older children can try to hop on one foot through the grid. Once the children have practiced, have them say the Bible Memory as they hop.

More! Grow and Go (15–20 minutes)

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Focus

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Quick Step “No More Tears”

Bring out Scamper with the tissue. SAY: **Scamper, why do you have a tissue? Have you been crying? Scamper whispers to you and you respond to him. You saw a child crying? What was wrong? Scamper whispers to you. Let’s tell the children what happened.**

Scamper was playing in his tree when all of a sudden he heard someone crying. Scamper looks surprised. He went to see what was going on. He looked to the left and to the right and down around the houses to see what he could see. Scamper does so. He listened and could still hear someone crying.

Then Scamper saw a young boy across the street. He was crying and running toward his house. Scamper went to see what was going on. Scamper runs to one side.

By the time Scamper got in the boy’s yard, the boy’s dad had heard the crying too. He came out of the garage to see what was going on. He was there just in time for the little boy to run into his arms.

Scamper watched as the father comforted his son. The boy cried a little more, talked to his dad, and then calmed down. His dad put his arms around him, held him close, and the boy felt better. Scamper felt better too. Scamper nods.

ASK: **How did Jesus care for this little boy?**

**When have you cried and needed someone to care for you?
Who cares for you?**

Materials

Scamper puppet, tissue



Caring Things

SAY: ♥ **Jesus always cares for us. Let’s name ways Jesus cares by looking at some pictures of things we have because Jesus cares for us.**

Guide children to look at the pictures found on Scamper’s page in *Heart Tugs*. Help them circle in each row the things that don’t belong. Talk about how Jesus cares for us through families who help us have food, clothes, and homes. Ask each child to pick a way Jesus cares and say a prayer, thanking Jesus for His care.

ASK: **How does Jesus care for you?**

Who does Jesus use to care for you?

Especially for 2s!



Some children can simply point to the pictures rather than circling them. Help them repeat this simple prayer in short phrases: **Dear God, thank You that Jesus cares for us. In Jesus’ name, amen.**

Materials

Heart Tugs issue 4,
crayons (or colored
pencils)



Saying Good-bye

- As children wait for parents to arrive, play the Bible Memory hopscotch game (see More! Bible Memory).
- Be sure children have projects made in class and this week’s *Heart Tugs*. Encourage parents to name with their children the ways Jesus cares in the Caring Things activity. Note: *A Family Together Time* page is available online for families to download. See www.heartshaper.com.

Cleanup

Remind children that we show Jesus we love Him when we care for the things He has given us. Have a caring cleanup time together.

