

Lazarus – 5th and 6th grade Sunday School
March 29, 2020

Object of the lesson: Jesus gives us hope. We can live through difficult situations knowing that God is in control and God loves us and takes care of us.

Read the Bible Story - John 11: 1-45

Discussion Questions:

- Do you think Mary and Martha had faith that Jesus could save Lazarus?
- Would you have faith that Jesus could heal someone without seeing it for yourself? Why or why not?
- Do you think Mary and Martha were disappointed in Jesus when Lazarus died before He got there? What do you think people in the crowd were thinking? (who is this guy Jesus? Does he not know that Lazarus is dead?! This is amazing/this is terrifying!)
- What would you think if you were in the crowd?

Activity: Oh No!/Hope poster or paper

- Get a big piece of paper or whatever you have and ask your child to write in dark marker “Oh No!” on one side of the paper and HOPE on the other.
- With the dark marker on the OH NO side of the poster, write or draw all the things that are hard about living with COVID-19 (no sports, no seeing our friends, not going to school, being stuck at home, etc.).
- On the HOPE side of the poster draw or write in a brightly colored marker things you look forward to when the virus is over.
- Pass the OH NO side around the family inviting each person to voice a prayer about one of them. Turn the paper to HOPE and pass the paper around inviting each person to voice a prayer about one of them.

Activity: Offering Hope!

- Make a card or write a message to send to your family doctor or someone you know who is working hard in the medical profession or send to a local grocery store or leave out for the postal workers and package delivery people.
- Using sidewalk chalk, write messages of hope and love for others to see. Examples of what to write: Wishing you Calm, In this together, Stay Strong, Be Well, etc.
- Or you can send a card to one of our church members who is alone and may need some hope (Mary has some ideas for who this might be).
- When you finish, say a prayer for that person/s.