



GROW @ home: Ice-cream Son-daes Week 4

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Let's discover more about Jesus, the son of God.....

Warm-up: Play *Happy, Happy, Sad, Sad*, a game all about opposites.

Choose one person to be the leader. The leader says a combination of words (Happy/Sad, Stop/Go, Up/Down) and everyone else has to repeat the combination using opposite words. Start with simple combinations – Happy, Sad, Happy, Sad – and progress to more challenging combinations – Happy, Stop, Go, Sad OR Up, down, down, Sad, Stop. See if you can go faster and make the combinations longer. Have fun!!!

Opening Question: When have you felt really sad or really happy?

Bible Reading: John 11: 1-45: Full version (simplified version below)

John 11: 1-3, 20-27, 32-45: Shorter version

Wondering Questions:

- I wonder what part of the story you liked best?
- I wonder what part of the story you thought was the most important part?
- I wonder how this story made you feel?
- I wonder if you have any questions?

[Video One](#)

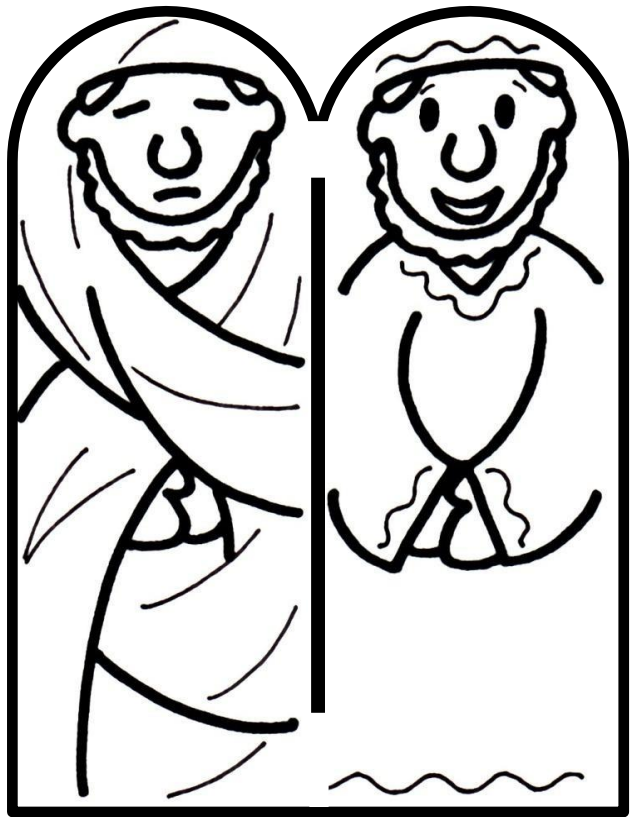
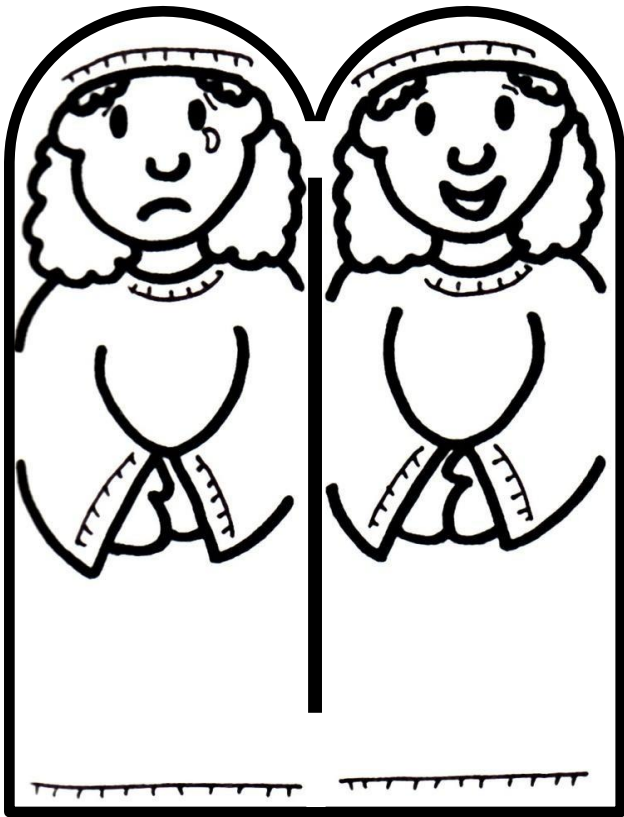
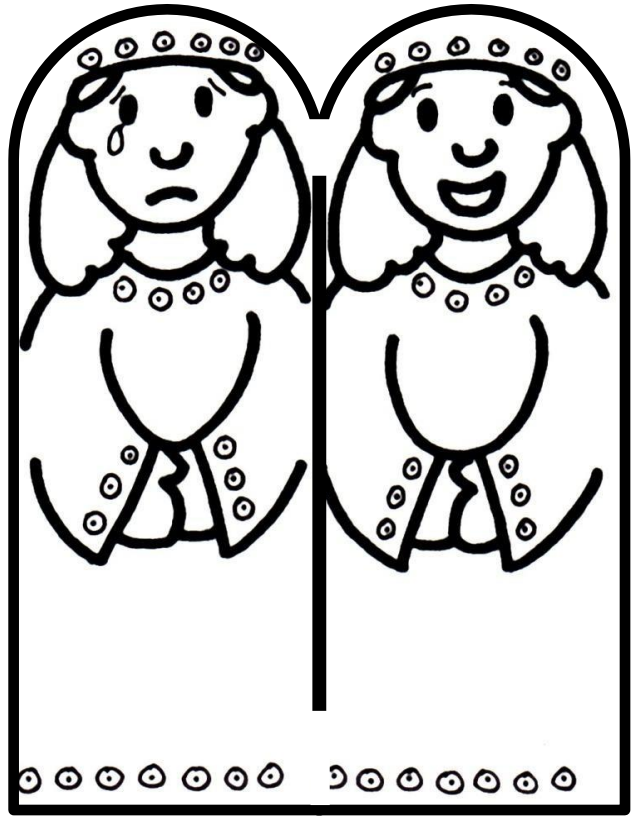
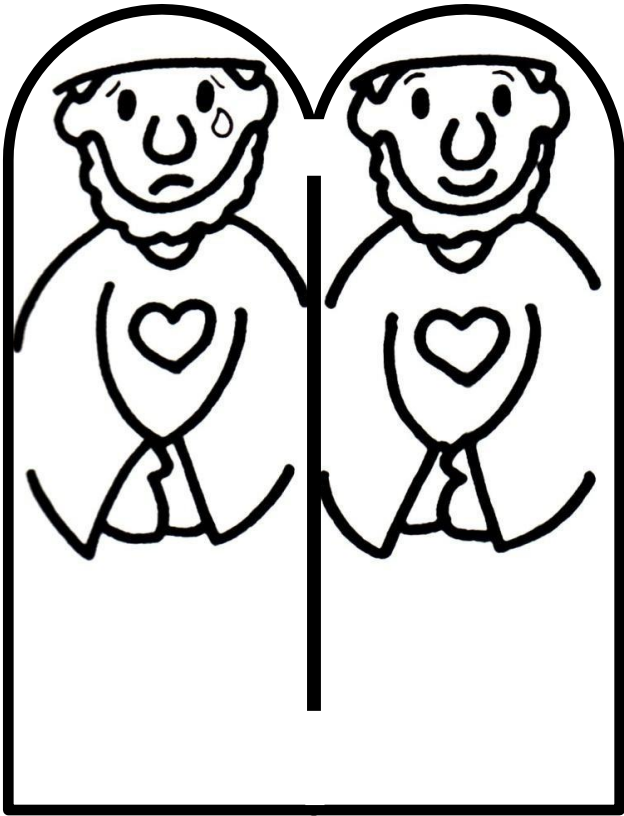
[Video Two](#)

Prayer: Say a prayer using water.

Take it in turns to use a small cup to scoop water from a larger water container. As you scoop the water say a prayer out loud, or silently. When you've finished your prayer, pour the water back into the container and say, "Thank you for hearing my prayers".



Response: What is God saying to you today? You might like to draw a picture, write a letter to God, make something crafty, or act the story out with your toys or with the stick puppets below.



John 11: 1-45

Jesus had some very good friends. They were all brothers and sisters. Their names were Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus. Lazarus was a really good friend to Jesus. Jesus loved Lazarus.

The sisters, Mary and Martha, sent a message to Jesus. The message said, "Jesus, our brother Lazarus is very sick."

So, a couple of days later, Jesus and His twelve special friends walked to the city of Bethany. That's where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. Martha saw Jesus coming down the road. She ran out to meet Him. Martha was very upset. She was crying very hard. She put her arms around Jesus and said, "Oh, Jesus, I wish You had been here! My brother is dead! Dead, dead, dead. If you had just come earlier, my brother Lazarus would not have died. But I know that even now God will give You anything You ask for."

Jesus said, "Martha, please don't cry. Your brother, Lazarus, will come to life again." Martha didn't understand what Jesus was really talking about. She didn't understand that Jesus meant Lazarus would come alive again right now! Martha said, "I know Lazarus will one day come alive again." Jesus said, "I have the power to bring new life. People who believe in Me will live, even if they die.

Do you believe this, Martha?" "Yes, Jesus," Martha said, "I believe that You are the Son of God. I believe that You are the One God promised to send to us." After Martha said this, she walked back home. She went inside the house to talk to her sister, Mary. Martha said, "Mary, Jesus is here. He wants to see you."

Then, Mary ran out of the house. She ran down the road. She went to see Jesus. There were people in Mary's house who were trying to comfort her. When they saw her get up really fast and run down the road, they followed her. Mary came to the place where Jesus was. She fell at His feet and cried.

Mary said, "Jesus, if You had been here, my brother Lazarus wouldn't have died. Your friend Lazarus would not have died!" Mary cried even harder. All the people who had followed Mary were crying, too. Jesus was very sad. It was sad for Him to see Mary, Martha, and all the other people crying. And He was broken-hearted. His good friend Lazarus was dead. Jesus loved Lazarus very much.

Jesus said, "Where did you put Lazarus? Where is the grave?" The people said, "We'll show you." Mary got up and walked with Jesus to Lazarus' grave. All the people walked with them too. Jesus cried. Everyone knew how much Jesus loved Lazarus. Some people said, "Look at Jesus crying. See how much He loved him."

Some other people said, "Too bad Jesus didn't get here in time. Jesus made blind people see again. He healed people of skin sickness. He made people walk again. He would have been able to make Lazarus well again, too. Jesus could have kept him from dying if He had been here."

Jesus was very sad. He came to Lazarus' grave. It was a deep cave with a big stone blocking the entrance. He said to the people, "Roll the stone away." Martha said, "But Jesus, my brother Lazarus has been dead for four days. By this time, it will really stink in there."

Jesus looked at Martha and said, "Martha, remember what I told you? If you believe in Me, you will see God's power." So the people rolled the big stone away. Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank You for hearing Me. I know You always hear Me. But I want these people to know that You sent Me."

Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come on out!" Lazarus, the man who had died, walked out of the cave! His face, hands and feet were wrapped with strips of cloth. Jesus said, "Take the strips of cloth off of him, then let him go." Now they were able to see with their own eyes that Lazarus was alive! Jesus made Lazarus come alive again. He came alive again! The people were shocked and amazed. There were a lot of people who saw Lazarus come alive again. They knew that Jesus made Lazarus come alive. Many of them believed in Jesus. They believed He was the Son of God.