

MIRACLES OF JESUS – LAZARUS, RAISED FROM THE DEAD

Teaching point: Nothing is impossible for God whose power was revealed in this miracle.

Games: Are you sleeping? One child lies in the centre of the circle whilst the rest of the group walk round and say, “Are you sleeping? You can’t catch me!” They run away and the person lying down leaps up and chases them. The first child caught then becomes the sleeper.

Sleepy lions: All the children lie down in a space and keep as still as possible. A leader walks round the group and gets children to sit up if they are seen moving.

Introduction: Play a game of **Mummy!** Divide the group into teams of 4 or 5 and give each team a toilet roll. One child from each team volunteers to be wrapped up like a mummy. Give the teams a few minutes to create the best.

Story: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead: John 11 verses 1-45 Use one of the mummies from the previous game and let the children act out the story or watch scene 11 of “The Miracle Maker” until Jesus says, “Let him go.”

Application: Is there something you can tell the children about, that seems unbelievable but you have proof of? Maybe you’ve met someone famous and have a photo. Tell the children about it and have another leader interrupt and demand proof which you can then produce. We often need proof of things before we believe them and Jesus knew how disbelieving people would be about His claim to be God come as man. He performed miracles to show people the power of God. In today’s story, Jesus showed that nothing is beyond God’s power, not even death and many people came to believe who Jesus was after Lazarus was brought back to life.

Memory verse: Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies.” John 11 verse 25. Write out the whole verse twice on jigsaw puzzle pieces and divide the children into two teams. Have a relay race where each child takes it in turns to collect a piece of the puzzle and the first team with the completed verse is the winner.

Prayer: God answers all our prayers although not always in the way that we might hope for or expect. Make bracelets with the letters P.U.S.H. on (Pray Until Something Happens) and thank God that He can make anything possible because He is all-powerful. (For bead suggestions visit: www.bakerross.co.uk)

Song: “Jesus is Greater” – track 9 The Best of Spring Harvest Kids Praise CD2

Final Game: Pick a favourite Kingsquad game from this year.

Resources: There is a fun sheet