

## Lazarus: Lesson 3

**SuperTruth:** I will honor God as my Creator and obey His Word.

**SuperVerse:** “You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God.” Deuteronomy 28:2 (NLT)

**Bible Story:** John 10:22–40; Luke 10:38–42; John 11:1–52

### LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Jesus had an even greater miracle in store for Lazarus—giving him new life! And we can all have new life in our hearts when we invite Jesus to be our Lord and Savior!

- Superbook takes Joy, Chris and Gizmo to meet Jesus, who is told that his friend Lazarus is sick. Jesus delays visiting, and when He arrives, Lazarus has died. Jesus gives Lazarus an even greater miracle than healing—by raising him from the dead.
- Now let’s learn how raising Lazarus from the dead was a Signpost to Jesus’ own death and resurrection.

### SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** In and Out Of the Tomb! (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Play a game about Lazarus.

- Lazarus was alive again because Jesus is the source of life! Lazarus was in and out of the tomb, and that is the name of our game.

**Game Instructions:**

- The leader shouts a command and ends it with either “In the Tomb” or “Out of the Tomb.” Upon hearing the command, the children jump from one side to the other and do the command. If the children stay on or jump to the wrong side, they must sit out of the game for one command and then may return.

**Teaching:** Raised to Life (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Lazarus points to Christ.

- When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He was preparing people for His own death and resurrection? After Jesus died on the cross, He was wrapped in grave clothes and put into in a tomb. He rose again to conquer sin and death forever!

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge** (2 minutes)

- Our final challenge is to learn about the importance of spiritual food. Read 1 Peter 2:2–3. These verses will help us to understand how important it is to read and study God’s Word.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Shout (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- All who have Jesus have eternal life in heaven with God—it’s that simple! Now, that is something to shout about! And, that is exactly what you will have a chance to do!
- Have the girls sit on one side of the room and the boys on the other. Read the verse slowly, pointing to the boys, then girls to say the word assigned to them. Repeat the verse several times, going faster each time.

**Prayer:** Glory Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Communicate with God.

- Jesus wanted everyone to understand that His power comes from God, and that He is God’s Son. After Jesus raised Lazarus to life, God received glory; many people believed Jesus is God’s Son!
- Go around the circle and have each person say the name of someone who needs prayer, or a situation that needs prayer. We know God can do anything, so be bold and ask God for something that may seem very difficult or even impossible. When the prayers are answered, we will give God all of the glory!

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES** (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Game:** Review the Bible story with a game. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Activity:** Play a game about Jesus’ life-giving power. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Coloring Activity:** Color a picture of Lazarus being set free. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Bible Activity:** Race to find Scriptures about Jesus’ resurrection power. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

#### Game Materials Needed:

- String or painters tape

#### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Lazarus Tomb Pattern for any children who missed the previous lessons

#### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

#### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Three volunteer readers