

Lazarus: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: I will spend time with Jesus.

SuperVerse: “There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:42 (NLT)

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

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

We have a new Superbook adventure today about a man named Lazarus. He lived with his two sisters, and they often had a very special guest come and visit them.

- Joy’s school service club is chaperoning disadvantaged kids to an amusement park, but her mother’s car breaks down and she misses the bus. Joy hears that one of the little girls was too shy to come and also missed the bus. At first, Joy doesn’t see what she can do for the girl.
- 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. Learning that God’s timing is always right, Joy, Chris and Gizmo visit the shy girl and create a memorable experience.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Pogo Relay (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to bounce and serve.

- Chris was trying to beat the world record for pogo stick jumping. Martha was busy preparing to serve a big meal to Jesus and His disciples. This game combines both activities into one game.

Game Instructions:

- You will take a turn holding one plate in the palm of each hand to serve. You must hop or jump up and down as you balance the plates while moving from one line to the other.

Teaching: Priorities (15 minutes)

Objective: The most important thing.

- Martha welcomed Jesus into her home, yet she placed a higher priority on serving a meal instead of spending time with Him. The world’s things will pass away, but Jesus’ Words remain forever.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The challenge is to think about what weights or chains are holding you back in your Christian walk. Take your craft home, then read and discuss these verses with your family. Ask God to help you identify things that may weigh you down in your daily walk with Jesus.

SuperVerse: Superbook Discovery (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Spending time with Him will fill us with God’s truth and strength. Jesus came to give us peace that the world cannot give. The things of God are eternal; no one can take them away.
- As children cover their eyes, use the list to change one word of the SuperVerse on the board to alter the meaning of the verse, then have the children look at the board to discover what word needs to be changed to fix the SuperVerse. Write in the correct word, then repeat the process.

Prayer: Presence Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Martha chose to be busy with preparing a meal for important guests, while Mary recognized that the preparations could wait. Each day, we make a choice to spend time with Jesus or not.
- Let’s close our eyes and spend time with Jesus right now. First, let’s thank God that He wants to spend time with us. Then, we will thank Jesus for dying on the cross to pay the price for our sins, so that we may enter into God’s presence and have a relationship with Him and God the Father.

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

Action Game: Play a game of priorities. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Object Lesson: Present an object lesson about spending time with Jesus. | **Grades 1–6** | 5 min

Coloring Activity: Color a picture about spending time with Jesus. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Study: Look deeper into intimacy with Jesus. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Unbreakable plastic plates: two per group of 4 or 6 children, depending on class size
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Table
- Two paper towels or napkins
- Permanent marker
- Small bowl of water
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Discipleship Challenge materials:

- Lazarus Tomb Pattern
- Small envelopes, one per child plus extras
- Children’s scissors
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Optional: crayons, colored pencils, or washable markers if the pattern is printed in black and white

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

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

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App