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Unit 9-Lesson 4: Lazarus (John 11:1-44)

brite* Idea: Nothing is too hard for Jesus

In this story, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Word is sent to Jesus that Lazarus is sick. Jesus waits two days before He goes to Lazarus and by the time He gets there, Lazarus is dead. Mary and Martha, Lazarus's sisters, and his friends are so sad. Everyone believes that if Jesus had come when Lazarus was sick, Lazarus would be healed, but now Lazarus has been dead for four days. Jesus goes to the tomb and tells them to roll the stone away. Then He prays and calls out, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus comes out with his grave clothes on! Lazarus is alive!

He We Me Questions

This story helps us address 3 kinds of questions that kids may have. They are our He (God question), our We (people question), and our Me (purpose question) for this week.

- Our **He** Question about God: Can anything stop Jesus?
 - We learned that Jesus has power over everything, even death, because He is God and nothing is too hard for Him.
- Our **We** Question about people: How can we help those who are hurting?
 - We learned that we can share with them that Jesus is powerful, and He cares for them.
- Our **Me** Question about our purpose: When I face something really hard, how can Jesus help me?
 - We learned that we can know that Jesus cares and is more powerful than anything we face, and we can trust Him.

Memory Verse

John 11:25— **Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die**

Discipleship Conversation Starters For Parents

1. Think of your family, friends and neighbors. Who might need help? How might God want to use you to help them?
2. God uses miracles to help people understand what is true about Jesus. How could the help you give someone do the same?
3. Mary and Martha believed nothing was too hard for Jesus. They asked Jesus for help. Share what you are asking Jesus to help you with today.

Encouragement for Parents

Some parenting styles focus on rule following, loving children from a place of control when rules aren't obeyed. The probable result? Resistance. The autonomy parenting style brings children to a place of being fed. Providing unconditional love as children are included in dialogues while parents demonstrate empathy and employ active listening skills, will teach children to make informed, uncoerced life decisions. Children will ask questions, think critically, and make wiser decisions. **Jesus loves from a place of autonomy, not control.** His result? Our wisdom to believe and follow in the One God sent, Jesus!

