



JULY 26 TODDLERS

REMINDERS

- As kids arrive, be sure they are engaged in an activity. For any sad toddlers, try to engage them as quickly as possible.
- Limit TV to 1-2 songs over the course of the service. Sing along with them! Be careful not to rely on screens for the whole morning.
- Coloring sheets are always available. Please watch closely to make sure crayons don't go in mouths.
- Remove name tags when they leave.

STORY & SNACK TIME

- About halfway through the service, gather the kids to pray and eat snack together.
- Read *Lazarus Lives Again* in the Beginner's Bible. We will be in this story for two weeks. Focus today on how Jesus cries. He cares so much about you. He is sad when you are sad! Talk about how we can pray and talk to Him whenever we are sad.
- Not all kids will listen the whole time, and that's okay—still take time to read the story while they eat.

BIBLE STORY

John 11:1-37

BIG IDEA

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PK-TK

OPENING OPTIONS (first 25 minutes)

- Coloring Sheet and Table Games
- Bandaid Heart Art - Glue heart on cardstock. Color and add bandaids as desired. Talk about how Mary and Martha were sad that Lazarus was sick. Bandaids make our owies feel better just like how Jesus makes our hearts feel better when we are sad.

CLEAN UP SONG and BIBLE BOX

- About 25 minutes into the service, play clean up song and gather kids on carpet.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Pray on the carpet and head into snack time.

SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack as soon as they return
- Snack Discussion: Jesus cried with Mary and Martha. He was so very sad to see them sad. When you feel sad, who can you always talk to?

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

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BIBLE BOX

Hey friends, I'm so glad you came to church today!

Let's see what we have in our Bible Box today. *Hold stuffed animal and pretend to care for it with stethoscope.* . My animal friend is not feeling well. No one likes to be sick! I'm sad my animal is not well but I'm glad there are doctors and medicine to help my animal get better.

That reminds me of a story in the Bible about a sick friend. Can I tell you the story while my animal takes a nap? *put stuffed animal back in Bible Box*

Hold up Bible. Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus were good friends with Jesus. One day, Lazarus got very sick. Mary and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus. But it took Jesus a long time to get there.

When Jesus got to Mary and Martha's house. Mary and Martha were crying. Their brother Lazarus was dead and they had put his body in a cave. Jesus was sad, too, and he cried with them.

Jesus made a big promise to Mary and Martha. He promised them that anyone who trusts Him will live again.

Jesus was going to do something amazing!

I can't wait until next week to find out what Jesus does! What do you think might happen? *(allow kids to answer!)*

Prayer: Thank you God for loving me and listening to me when I am sad. Mary and Martha were sad and you promised to help them and I know you will help me when I am sad. Amen.

Song to Sing to the tune of The Wheels on the Bus Tune:

Lazarus was very sick, very sick, very sick
Lazarus was very sick, But Jesus had a plan

Mary and Martha were very sad, very sad, very sad
Mary and Martha were very sad, and Jesus cried with them



JULY 26 KINDER /1ST

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WORSHIP and STORYTIME

- Leave one volunteer to clean up during storytime so you are ready to go right into small group time. This volunteer should join the rest as soon as clean up and snack is set.

SMALL GROUP TIME (upon returning to your classroom, gather immediately on the carpet for small group time; you may not use all the questions, go through what you are able to)

- Who was sick in today's Bible story? (*Lazarus.*)
- Who were Lazarus' sisters? (*Mary and Martha.*)
- Did Jesus love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus? (*Yes! Jesus loved them very much.*)
- Did Jesus come right away when He heard Lazarus was sick? (*No. Jesus waited two more days.*)
- Why were Mary and Martha so sad? (*Their brother Lazarus had died.*)
- What is the shortest verse in the Bible? (*"Jesus wept." - John 11:35.*)
- Why did Jesus cry? (*Because He loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus and cared about their pain.*)
- Does Jesus care when we are sad or hurting? (*Yes! Jesus cares about everything that hurts us.*)
- What can we do when we don't understand why something hard happens and we are sad? (*Tell Jesus how we feel. Trust that He hears us and is working..*)
- Today's Big Idea was Jesus cares about our pain, and we can trust Him even when we don't understand what He's doing. How can we pray for each other to remember that this week? (*share and pray*)

CLOSING OPTIONS

- Finish craft

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2ND-3RD**

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- Jesus Wept: Add some glitter to a mini jar using a funnel, then add some water using a dropper. Add label that says "Jesus Wept". Remind kids that Jesus wept for his friends and we can remember that he has great compassion and care for us!

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- Why did Mary and Martha send for Jesus? (*Lazarus was sick and dying. They knew Jesus loved Lazarus and believed He could heal him.*)
- Why did Jesus wait before going to Bethany? (*He had a bigger plan that would bring glory to God and help people believe in Him.*)
- How do you think Mary and Martha felt while waiting for Jesus? (*They probably felt scared, confused, disappointed, and sad.*)
- What did Martha and Mary both say to Jesus when He arrived? (*"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."*)
- Was Jesus upset that Mary and Martha asked Him hard questions? (*No! Jesus listened to them, loved them, and cared about their feelings.*)
- What does the verse "Jesus wept" teach us about Jesus? (*Jesus is compassionate. He cares deeply about our pain and sadness.*)
- Even though Jesus knew He was going to raise Lazarus, why did He still cry? (*Because He loved His friends and cared about what they were going through.*)
- What are some examples of when it can be hard to trust God? (*When someone is sick, when prayers seem unanswered, when life is difficult, or when we don't understand why something happened.*)
- How can today's story help us when we are hurting? (*It reminds us that Jesus is with us, cares about our pain, and can be trusted even when we don't understand His plan.*)
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CLOSING OPTIONS

- Finish craft
- Lazarus Mummy Wrap: Divide into 2 teams. Give them 3-5 minutes (your choice) to wrap one teammate like a mummy. Then judge the best mummy

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4TH-5TH**

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CLOSING OPTIONS

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