

CHILDRENS PROGRAMME

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? I AM RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

JOHN 11:25-26

Opening Prayer

Dear God,
We are thankful you are the God we can know.
You are with us here and everywhere we go.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Starter:

Instructions:

Watch this clip- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhhflBmivAs>

Who had fallen off?
What did you think would happen to him?
Was it a surprise that he came shooting back up?
How did the other animals feel about that?

What happened in this clip was unexpected: you don't expect that someone who you think has died will come back. Of course, in this clip the mammoth didn't actually die - he just appeared to.

In today's story, someone really did die but then came back from the dead. When someone comes back from the dead we say that they have been resurrected.

Bible Story

Can you name some people in the bible who were raised from the dead?

Maybe have a look at some of these stories for some more people!

- 1 Kings 17:17-24 (Elijah and the widow's son)
- 2 Kings 4:31-35 (Elisha and the rich woman's son)
- Mark 5:37-43 (Jesus and Jairus's daughter)
- Luke 7:1-17 (Jesus and the widow's son)
- Acts 9:36-42 (Peter and Dorcas)
- Acts 20:7-12 (Paul and Eutychus)

Today we are going to be looking at when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus had three very close friends who lived in Bethany. They were Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. One day, while Jesus was on the other side of the Jordan, Mary and Martha sent him an urgent message: 'Lazarus is very sick. Please come quickly!' But Jesus did not go right away. He waited for two more days and then said to his disciples: 'Let's go to Bethany. Lazarus is sleeping, and I am going to wake him up.' The apostles said: 'If Lazarus is asleep, that will help him to get well.' So Jesus told them clearly: 'Lazarus has died.'

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus had already been buried for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus had come, she rushed to meet him. She said: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus told her: 'Your brother will live again. Do you believe this, Martha?' She said: 'I believe that he will rise in the resurrection.'

Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life."

Jesus went to the tomb, where a large stone covered the entrance. He commanded: 'Roll the stone away.' Martha said: 'But it has been four days! His body will smell.' Still, they rolled the stone away, and Jesus prayed: 'Father, thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me.' Then he called out in a loud voice: "Lazarus, come out!" Something amazing happened: Lazarus came out of the tomb, still wrapped in linen cloths. Jesus said: "Free him and let him go."

What did Jesus mean when he said he was the resurrection?

Well, what is special about today?

Today we remember that Jesus rose from the dead as well. He did this to wipe away all our sins so that we can know God and go to heaven if we believe in him. This is why he said he was the resurrection – because he was resurrected too and he allows us to be with God after death.

Response: Memory verse

Can you learn this memory verse?

“I am the resurrection and the life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die.” John 11:25

You may want to make up your own set of actions for the verse to help you remember or write it down in lots of colours and put it in a place you will see lots.

Craft: Making an instrument of praise.

Make a percussion instrument using yogurt pots, toilet rolls, jars or other junk. Fill these with seeds/rice/pasta/ beads/water or anything else small your parents say you can use.

Think about what you have learned about Jesus being the “resurrection and the life” and make up a short piece of music expressing Jesus’ power over death.

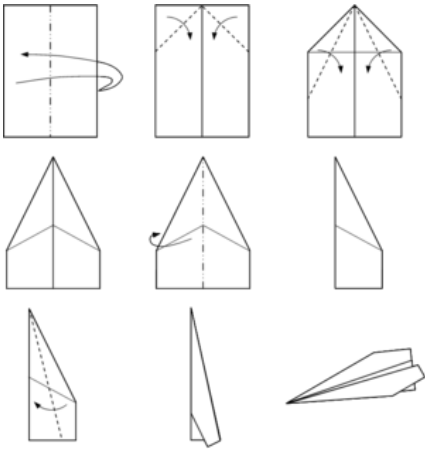
The piece might start off quiet, as if people are sleeping or dying and then build up to a crescendo showing someone coming alive again.

You might like to draw pictures that can be held up as you play your piece of music, or you might want some of your family group to perform actions to it.

If you film it you could share it with us on Facebook or email Talitha to put it on the Google Classroom so we can all see.

Extra Game:

Make a paper aeroplane using the instructions below.
How far can you get it to go?



Now try making another one using a different pattern?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54noZe-0B1c>

Which goes further?

Which one do you prefer?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

I thank you for this glorious day we call Easter, where we celebrate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus!

Let us rejoice in you and not forget why we're gathering on this Sunday.

In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen!

