



# Lesson Ten

## Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

### Heart Preparation & Bible Background



#### Bible Truth

Jesus showed his power over death by bringing the widow's son back to life.

#### Scripture

Luke 7:11–17



#### Lesson Focus

Jesus has power over death.

#### Goals for the Children

- Understand that Jesus did miracles to show people he is God.
- Understand that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God, their Savior.
- Thank Jesus for his power over death.



#### Memory Minute

[The people said] “God has come to help his people.” Luke 7:16b

When we lose a loved one to death, we are grateful for the compassion of others. Even then, the sympathy and care we are given cannot take away the pain or loss we experience. Human comfort takes the edge off our grief but it is unable to change the situation.

However, with the Lord Jesus, it is very different. He not only understands and sympathizes with our sorrow; he can bear it for us and ultimately take it away. The miracle at Nain illustrates this beautifully.

When Jesus saw the suffering of the widow who had just lost her only son, his heart went out to her. “He knew much better than any of us the consequences of sin and He was able to take that burden fully upon himself. . . . He could bear the cross of our grief because He had taken upon Himself the cause of our grief, namely, our sin, and would make atonement for it.” (S. G. De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Vol. III, p. 361)

Jesus *could* console the widow by saying, “Don’t cry,” because he was about to turn her mourning into great rejoicing. He was about to demonstrate that he has authority over death itself, revealing the power of his resurrection.

Jesus commanded the dead man to get up, and the young man—restored to life—sat up and began to speak. Jesus gave the son back to his mother, and showed the widow, her son and those present a glimpse of the glory of God’s grace.

No wonder, then, that those who witnessed this were both amazed and fearful. “God has come to help his people,” they declared when they saw what Jesus did.

What great hope we have in Jesus, the One who died so that we might have life that lasts forever. In our need, temptation and suffering, we can go to him with hope and confidence, “so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

*He* is truly the only One who can help us. *He* is the only One who can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.



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### ☆Let's Talk and Wonder

**SAY** When Jesus and his disciples came near the town of Nain, they saw a funeral. A widow's only son had died.

**ASK** *What do you think Jesus did?*

**SAY** Jesus comforted the widow. Then he raised her son back to life!

**ASK** *What do you see in the picture?*

**SAY** The young son sat up and began to talk. The mother was very glad to have her son alive again! All the people who saw what Jesus did were amazed. "God has come to help his people," they said and began praising him. Soon the good news about Jesus and his power over death spread throughout all the towns and cities!

### ☆Let's Sing and Move

Lead the children in singing the following active song to the tune *London Bridge Is Falling Down*.



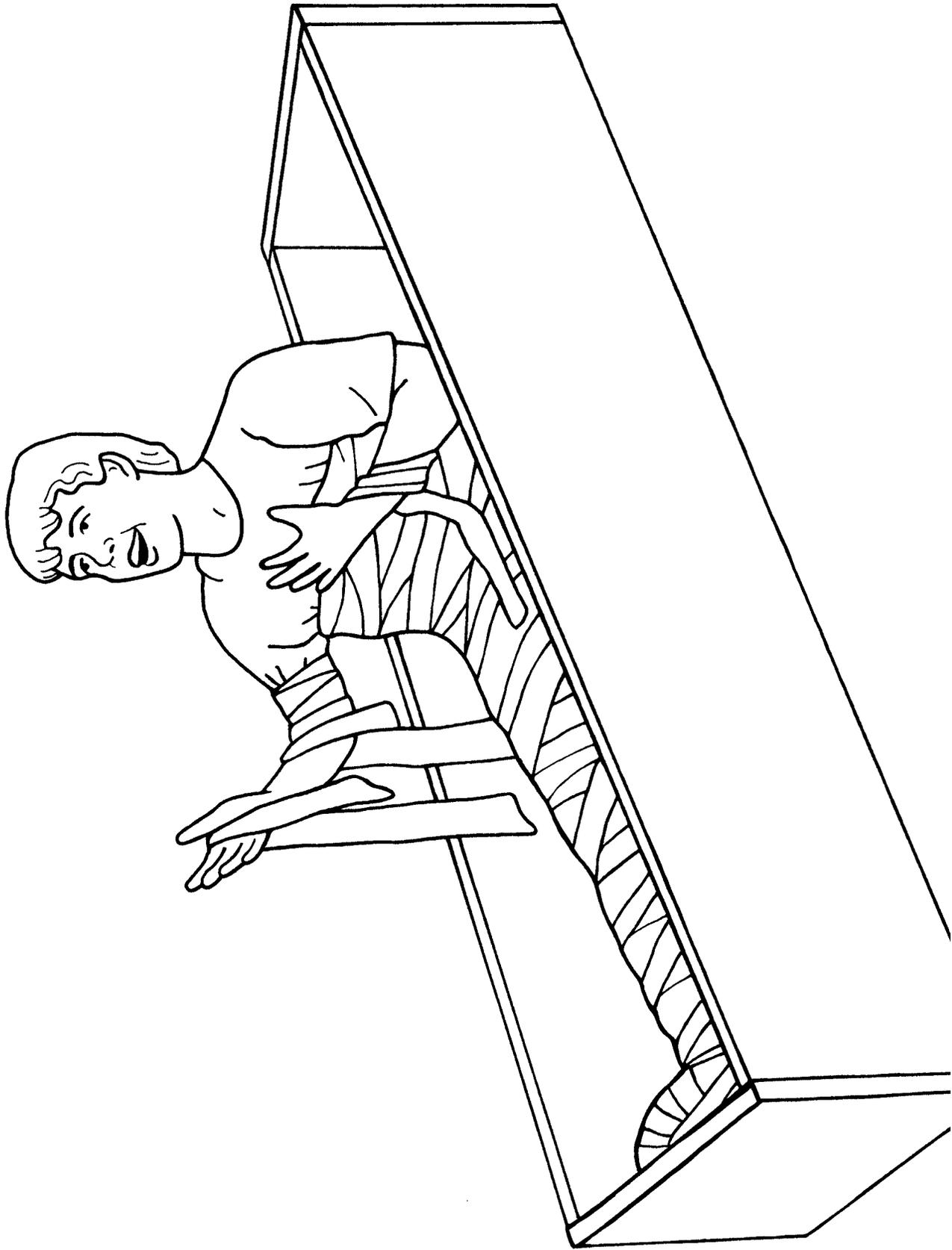
**1** Aren't you glad to be alive?  
Shake your fingers in the sky.  
Aren't you glad to be alive?  
Stretch your arms. Reach up high!

**2** Aren't you glad to be alive?  
Make your feet go in the air.  
Aren't you glad to be alive?  
Shake your head. Pull your ear!

**3** Aren't you glad to be alive?  
Hug a friend and neighbor, too.  
Aren't you glad to be alive?  
Thank you, God; we praise you!

### ☆Let's Spread the Good News

Play *Telephone*. Sit in a circle. Whisper "Jesus came to save his people" to the first child. He whispers what he heard to the next child. Continue in this way until the message reaches the last child, who calls out what she heard. Repeat the activity more than once, whispering a different sentence about Jesus each time.



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