



### **Series Overview:**

Getting invited to a party is one of the best feelings, and being left out is one of the worst. But there's good news—Jesus never leaves anyone out! He invites everyone to spend time with him, experience his love, and share it with others. This series will remind kids that Jesus' invitation is always open, and we're never too far away to join the party! In this 5-week series, kids will learn that they are invited to believe in Jesus, to love like Jesus does, to experience Jesus' miracles, to ask Jesus for help, and to worship Jesus.

**Series Memory Verse:** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. – John 1:12

### **Today's Lesson...**

Bible: Jesus and Lazarus: John 11:1– 45

Big Idea: I'm invited to ask Jesus for help.

### **Lesson Guide:**

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.

- Celebration  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTUGqEzJCu4&list=RDoTUGqEzJCu4&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTUGqEzJCu4&list=RDoTUGqEzJCu4&start_radio=1)
- The Joy Joy Joy Joy Down in my heart!  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imK7pAMf61E&list=RDimK7pAMf61E&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imK7pAMf61E&list=RDimK7pAMf61E&start_radio=1)

2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

- [TeachingVideo4\\_ YoureInvited\\_Preschool\\_GrowKids | Videos & Movies on Vimeo](#)

### 3. Review the Bible story like this:

#### **\*Supplies = a Bible**

- Open the Bible to John 11 and show your family where today's story comes from.
- Ask the following questions to review the story...
  - **Who asked Jesus for help in the story? Mary and Martha.**
  - **Why did they need help? Their brother, Lazarus, was very sick.**
  - **How did Jesus help? He brought Lazarus back to life.**
  - **Who helps us? Who are some people we can help? Parents, grandparents, teachers, siblings, or friends.**
  - **Who always invites us to ask for help? Jesus.**
  - **I'm invited to ask Jesus for help.**

### 4. Practice the March Memory Verse like this:

#### **\*Supplies = a Bible and toilet paper or streamers or even a sheet**

- Look up John 1:12 and read the verse and teach the motions to go along with it.  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bCjVxfqGKwqPfrv47>
- Have your family stand in a line, shoulder to shoulder, and wrap them (as a group) a couple of times (don't wrap too many times so that you have more paper to play several rounds) to pretend they are wrapped up like Lazarus...They should be standing straight with their feet together and arms at their sides).
- To play, **have a leader stand in front of your family and have them say the memory verse together.**
- Then the leader should call out a number of hops or leg kicks or squats the kids should do in place.
- Then, when the leader yells, "Lazarus, come out!", have your family break the wrap around them, step forward, and spread out from each other, loosen their arms and legs and dance with joy, as if they were healed like Lazarus.
- Repeat a few /several times.
- Talk about...
  - Today, we heard a story about a man named Lazarus. He had been dead for a long time when Jesus came to his home. His sisters were so sad because they thought nothing could be done.
  - But Jesus can do anything! Even when it seemed too late, Jesus did something amazing to help. Sometimes, Jesus surprises us with miracles to show love and care for others.
  - When we can't do things on our own, the best thing we can do is to keep asking for help. **I'm invited to ask Jesus for help.**

### 5. PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!