

## City LG—April 3rd, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** You Raise Me Up (Lazarus Raised) • *John 11:1-45*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Whatever happens, remember how powerful God is.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world.* John 16:33b (NIRV)

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

**WORSHIP: Hands Toward Heaven and Alive**

**CG: Camp Manitoqua Slide**

"Camp Manitoqua is a great opportunity for you to meet new friends and learn more about Jesus! You don't want to miss it! Also, Parkview Kids, Camp is just for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade friends here in the City. Don't worry 1<sup>st</sup> Graders! We'll still have Summer Jam coming up and all kinds of other fun things for you too! You can look forward to going to Camp next year. All of the information is on this card (*show postcard*). Make sure you grab one before you leave today!"

"Hi, everyone! (*Hold up Bible.*) I love it when we look at different stories from the Bible, because these stories always fill me with hope. They remind me that God is powerful, and that God can bring something good out of something bad. That was certainly true about Jesus when He lived here on Earth. Wherever Jesus went, people followed. They were curious about who Jesus was, and they wanted to hear what He had to say. Before we get into our story today, I have a question for you..."

**CG: Question Slide ("If you could have one super power, what would it be?")**

Wow. So many good options. 3 minutes on the clock. Talk about it with your Small Groups! GO!"

**CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)**

"Today, we're looking at what happened with Jesus and His close friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were sisters and brother. Jesus often stayed with them in their town, Bethany, which was two miles outside of Jerusalem.

"The last time Jesus had been in Jerusalem, the religious leaders were angry because they didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God. In fact, they picked up stones and threatened to KILL Jesus. But Jesus and His friends left town and crossed the Jordan River. While Jesus and His disciples were gone, Lazarus got very sick."

"Mary and Martha were doing everything they could to take care of Lazarus. We don't know exactly what they did to take care of him; but maybe they took him some soup to eat.

"Maybe they gave him some medicine.

"Maybe they sang him a song to try to make him feel better.

"Unfortunately, no matter what Mary and Martha did, Lazarus did not get better. I wonder what happened next. Let's take a look at this week's video to find out!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:30)**

“It was a miracle. Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life! Many of the people who had come to comfort Mary and Martha saw the incredible thing Jesus had done. These people had started their day in sadness and heartbreak because they had lost their friend. But they ended the day celebrating that their friend, Lazarus, was alive again! Jesus had done the impossible—and they had seen it. And so they believed in Him.

“We can find hope when WE face tough situations in life. We just need to remember that God is with us, and that God is POWERFUL. We can choose to believe that God can bring something good out of something bad. Let’s learn this week’s Bottom Line!”

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Whatever happens, remember how powerful God is.**

“Let’s pray.”

**PRAY:** “Dear God, You are so powerful! You can do ANYTHING. It’s amazing to hear how Jesus used Your power to bring Lazarus back to life. Help us remember that You can do things that seem impossible. Help us remember that **we can trust You no matter what** and because of You, we can have hope in any situation. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow! What a story! It’s so good to remember that God is more powerful than anything—even death! When Lazarus died, it wasn’t the end. After four days, Jesus brought Lazarus back from the dead, through God’s power. Because of that, we can know just how powerful God is. God can make something good come out of something bad.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Whatever happens, remember how powerful God is.**

“Sometimes things in life don’t happen the way you think they should . . . and it just doesn’t make sense. You might feel like you’re stuck—like you can only see one piece of a big puzzle. You may not understand exactly how God is working in your life. When you find yourself in one of those tough times, it’s important to remember that God is with you, God is powerful, and God can see the bigger picture of what’s happening in your life. Listen to these words of hope that Jesus said to His disciples not long before He died on the cross for our sins. This is our memory verse for this month, John 16:33.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

*“In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world. (John 16:33b, NIV)”*

“You see, Jesus knew that His friends would have trouble and that we would, too. He knew that we would need hope. We can always remember that Jesus loves us and that He is with us through any challenges we might face.”

#### **OFFERING:**

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now! Have fun in Small Groups!”

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