



LESSON 6 SNAPSHOT

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KEY PASSAGE:

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SUMMARY:

Lazarus was one of Jesus’ best friends. The news of the death of Lazarus brought Jesus to tears. But Jesus is even more powerful than death and brought Lazarus back to life.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for defeating death so that we can have eternal life with you!

In Jesus’ name,
Amen



MEMORY VERSE

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“On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Mark 2:17 (NIV)

“When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” Mark 2:17 (NLT)

“When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Mark 2:17 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Put the verse up on the big screen. Ask the kids to read it very slowly. Then ask them to read it very quickly. Ask the kids to read it very quietly. Then ask them to read it very loudly. Finally, ask the kids to read the verse while running in place.

SMALL GROUP:

Ask a volunteer to look the verse up in the Bible and read it to the group. Ask the kids, “When we follow Jesus, are we choosing life or death? Jesus defeated death on the cross, so when we choose to follow Him, we are choosing a path that leads to eternal life in heaven. Do you know any doctors that can offer that? God cares for us and takes care of our physical bodies...but even more importantly, God wants our spirit to live on. Jesus came to heal our spirits, not just our physical bodies. Can someone tell me what happens when we go to heaven...will we have a body? The Bible says we will receive a whole new body in heaven. There will be no pain, death, or crying!”



SKIT

What a mess!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Table, four chairs, four plates, and any other table settings you'd like to add.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

Boy - Landen

Girl - Audrey

Man - Dad

Woman - Mom

CHARACTERS:

Landen

Audrey

Dad

Mom

Mom, Dad, Landen, and Audrey are sitting on chairs around the table facing the audience.

MOM: I love dinner time. We get to sit together and chat.

DAD: How was everybody's day?

AUDREY: I got an A on my math test. I'm so glad. I thought I was going to do so badly.

MOM: That's great Audrey!

LANDEN: Awesome. We got to play dodgeball in the gym today. It was the best, I got 3 people out in a row.

DAD: You are like me, Landen. That was my favorite game in gym class too. In fact, that was my favorite subject in school.

MOM: Gym class? Haha.

DAD: Yeah, why do you think I spend so much time playing basketball on Thursday nights? I still love playing sports.

MOM: True. My favorite subject was English class, because I loved creative writing and also reading British Literature.

AUDREY: English is my favorite subject too. Right now we get to write stories.



SKIT

MOM: Oh, so much fun! I want to hear yours when you're done.

AUDREY: Okay, Mom.

LANDEN: You know, Dad. I can think of a pretty fun game that we could make up ourselves.

DAD: Oh yeah? What is that?

LANDEN: Well, we could take these sticky noodles and try to throw them on the wall to see how long they stick. Whoever's noodle sticks the longest wins.

DAD: Ha! That is hilarious. Do you really think Mom and I are going to let you throw your food against the wall at dinner time?

LANDEN: No. But it would be cool!

MOM: Oh, Landen. Maybe you want to save four noodles on your plate for later. Then you can take them out to the garage and play a noodle challenge out there.

LANDEN: Really? I can do that!?

MOM: Why not? Just not at the dinner table.

DAD: Good idea. I'll take you on Landen.

AUDREY: Who said you would win, Dad? I'll beat you both!

LANDEN: You guys don't stand a chance!

MOM: You all are going down!

LANDEN: Mom? You are going to play too.

MOM: Absolutely. And if I were you, I'd be shaking in my boots!

LANDEN: Fat chance!

(The family laughs together.)



SKIT

DAD: What in the world did you kids do with my hair gel?

LANDEN: Gotta go. We are going to be late.

AUDREY: Sorry Dad, I'll get you some more after school. BYE.

(Landen and Audrey run off stage. Dad looks in the mirror and does his hair the same way.
End scene.)



OBJECT LESSON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Large Plate
Giant Stack of spaghetti with sauce
Fork
Cloth napkin or paper towel
Table and chair

Mmmmm mmmmm! Doesn't this plate of spaghetti look good? I'm going to tuck this napkin under my chin into my shirt here...just in case I make a mess. Spaghetti sauce can be so messy. This is my favorite meal. What is your favorite meal? Raise your hand and I'll call on a few of you to tell us. Yum. Those all sound so good. Spaghetti is my favorite meal because it is so tasty and fun to eat.

(Spin your fork in spaghetti to twirl noodles onto the fork. Take a big bite.)

Mmmm. Soooo good. As I eat my meal, I am reminded of how big of a mess that spaghetti can really be. I mean all of this sauce has the potential to get everywhere. It is a lot like the mess we are in as people. We have a mess of sin and the potential for things to go badly. Sin leads to death after all. Just like there is the potential for this delicious meal to end up going badly and getting all over me instead of in my belly. Like for instance...if I didn't have a fork. What would happen to my dinner?

(Put a fork to the side and start eating spaghetti with your hands.)

Yeah...look at this. What a mess. My hands are getting all saucy. Hmm...maybe if I don't use my hands...kind of like a cat or a dog...how would that go?

(Put your face in the spaghetti and take a bite or two. Get messy!)

Wow. This isn't going very well is it? What an OOEY GOOEY MESS! This is going to sound like an odd comparison but just like we need a fork to not get messy eating spaghetti...we need Jesus to save us from our mess of sin. That mess of sin is a really big mess because it leads to death. Without Jesus, we would be stuck in our mess forever. With Jesus...and we can have eternal life in heaven! So, next time you are eating spaghetti...please use a fork...and please remember how important Jesus is to keep us from our mess!



LARGE GROUP GAME

Noodle Contest

ITEMS NEEDED:

Noodles
Food coloring
Large Bowls
Wall or board to stick noodles too

Instructions for noodles: Use a kind of noodle that sticks well, like spaghetti. When cooking noodles, don't add any butter or oil so that they remain sticky. Keep noodles in an air-tight container so they don't dry out. It also helps to keep them refrigerated until the game begins.

Recommendation: Test the game out ahead of time to see what variation of the game works best for the type of noodles and wall you are using!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Split kids into two teams. Give each team a large bowl of noodles. Give one team red noodles and the other team blue noodles. This will help keep it straight whose noodle sticks the longest. Have kids line up and face off against one another, one from each team. At the same time, tell them to throw a noodle at the board. Set a timer for 10 seconds. If both noodles remain for 10 seconds, each team gets a point. If someone's noodle falls before the 10 seconds is up, the other team gets a point and they don't. If both noodles fall before the 10 seconds are up, whoever's noodle sticks the longest gets the point. If they both fall at the same time, neither team gets a point. Continue until everyone has had a turn to face off against the other team.

VARIATIONS:

For small groups, play multiple rounds! For a large group, just be sure everyone gets one turn.

If you are finding that the spaghetti is sticking to the wall too well and everyone is getting points. instead, switch the game to how many total noodles stick to the wall and hold by the end of the line. Count the noodles up and whichever team has the most wins!

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Sin sticks to us just like a messy noodle sticks to a wall. We need just to help us with our sin...EVEN DEATH IS NOT TOO BIG OF A MESS FOR JESUS!



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INTRO:

Is everybody having an OOEY GOOEY time today!? What a mess! We have been having lots of fun getting messy lately, haven't we? Today we are going to talk about how Jesus is there for us to save us from our mess. The mess of sin can be a very sticky mess. It is easy to get caught in it, just like it's easy for a noodle to stick to a wall. The good news is, Jesus is way more powerful than our sin is.

But before we dive into our Bible lesson. I want to ask you a messy question! What is the messiest thing you can do with water? Raise your hand if you have a cool messy idea. I'll call on a few of you to share.

Wow! Those are very messy things. Like if your bathtub overflows and water gets into your house...that is a big mess to clean up! It's funny because usually, we think of water as something that cleans us. When we take a shower or a bath, when we wash our hands with soap and water, or when we rinse off our sweat on a hot day in the pool. But water can become messy when it's in the wrong place at the wrong time!

Today we are going to read about a big mess that Jesus encountered. The mess of death. This is a difficult one to talk about because death is such a sad thing. Let's read what happens.

READ JOHN 11:17-44

MAIN POINT:

Did you notice what Jesus did? He cried first. He cried because death is sad, and he felt that sadness too. No one likes to lose a loved one, and Lazarus was Jesus' cousin. This must have been very hard for him to see that his cousin was dead. Then Jesus went and raised Lazarus from the dead. The reason Jesus could do this is because He is perfect and able to defeat death...Jesus has no sin the way we do. When Jesus died on the cross for us, he took our place, He conquered death, and now we, like Lazarus will be raised from the dead and be in heaven one day.



LARGE GROUP LESSON

Jesus also takes the time to comfort the sisters of Lazarus. This shows just how much God loves us. Even though it is our sin that has brought us to death, God cares and comforts us. When we lose a loved one and they die, God is there to comfort us too. We can pray to Him and He will be there with us. Even though death is a result of our messy sin, this doesn't stop God from being a good father and comforting us. He loves us so much. And God didn't stop there...he sent his son to die on the cross to defeat death. One day death will be no more because of what Jesus has done for us!

DRIVE IT HOME:

Death might be the messiest mess yet. It is the mess we are in because of the mess of sin. But because of Jesus, we are free from this mess. **EVEN DEATH IS NOT TOO BIG OF A MESS FOR JESUS!** We can accept Jesus into our hearts today and ask Him to save us from our sins. We can live a life free from fear of death because we know we will rise again to be in heaven. If you want to ask Jesus into your heart today, you can do that right now. Pray this prayer with me:

"Dear Jesus, thank you for dying in my place, defeating death, and rising again. Please forgive me for my sins. Help me to follow you all the days of my life. Amen."

That's it! Once you pray that prayer, you are saved. And if you have already prayed that prayer, Jesus is in your heart now. He will never leave you. You can trust Him because He is a good and perfect God!

EVEN DEATH IS NOT TOO BIG OF A MESS FOR JESUS! And because of this, we can put our hope in Jesus. **OUR HOPE IS IN JESUS!** Let's pray and thank God for cleaning up our mess and never leaving us, even when we make mistakes.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for defeating death so that we can have eternal life with you!

In Jesus' name,
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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION K-2ND

ICEBREAKER:

What is your favorite messy dinner? Sloppy joes, spaghetti and meatballs, tacos..?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Mark 2:17

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SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

(Ahead of time, get a deck of playing cards and a stack of papers.)

Hold up a deck of cards. Ask the kids if they have ever played the game 52 Pickup. Before they have a chance to answer, throw the cards into the air. Challenge your small group to work as a team and clean up the card mess as fast as they can. Then hold up a stack of papers and toss those into the air. Challenge the kids again to clean up the mess as fast as they can.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read John 11:17-44

Who is the only one who can clean up the mess of sin?

If you haven't, we invite you to accept Jesus into your heart. You can ask your small group leader to pray with you.

How does it make you feel to know Jesus has defeated death and we will be raised from death to be in heaven?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for conquering death and sin! We praise you God!

In Jesus' name,
Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION 3RD-5TH

ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever made a mess in the kitchen? If so, what were you trying to make or eat? What is your favorite messy dinner? Sloppy joes, spaghetti and meatballs, tacos..?

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What mess did Jesus face? What is death a result of? (Hint: It goes way back to the Garden of Eden.)

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

Death is too messy for Jesus to handle.
FALSE

God comforts us when we lose someone we love.
TRUE

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead!
TRUE

Jesus has come to get sinners to follow Him.
TRUE

Our hope is in ourselves ...working hard enough on our own to be good.
FALSE

MAKE IT STICK

OOEY GOOEY LESSON 6

5 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

5 Simple Ways to Make This Week's Lesson Stick



IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week:

Is there anyone more powerful than death? YES! Even death is not too big of a mess for Jesus! John 11:17-44, Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real: Exodus 2:1-10, The Birth of Moses

Ask your kid if there is any sin or fear that seems too powerful.

Ask your kid when the last time they prayed to ask God's help with a difficult thing.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

How does it make you feel to know that death is not the end and that believers in Jesus will be raised from the dead? Do you have any questions about this?

Have you accepted Jesus into your heart, if not would you like to?

What are some examples of messy problems or sins that Jesus can help us overcome?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Because of sin, there is death. This is a sad and difficult predicament. We can let go of our fear of death as we replace it with trust in God. Encouraging your child to trust God will help get rid of any fears they have. But they will first need to learn why they can trust God in order to take that leap of faith. Reading God's word with your kids will really help with this. The more they hear God's promises and how He always does what He says He will do, the more they will have the confidence to trust God with their life. God is good and perfect, but until we truly learn this, we might be afraid to trust Him. This will help kids let go of trying to be in control and realize that it is God who has always been in control!! A good and loving Father!



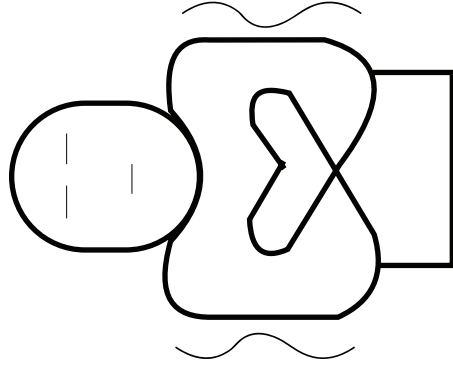
TAKE HOME

Supplies:

Paper plate and markers

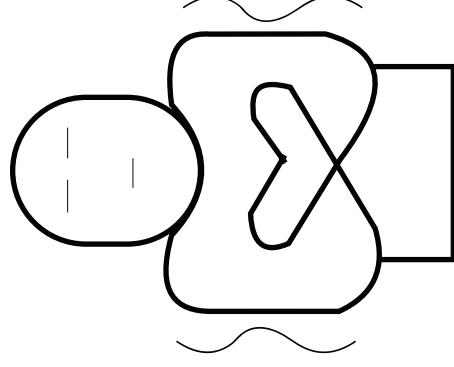
Tell kids to write the words, “MY MESSY PLATE” at the top of their plate. Then encourage them to draw the messiest meal they can think of on their plate. Some ideas include sloppy joes, spaghetti and meatballs, tacos, lasagna, and a banana split.

Tell the kids, “Just like our plates can get messy, our lives are messy without Jesus. We can trust God with our lives because He is a good God who always keeps His promises!”



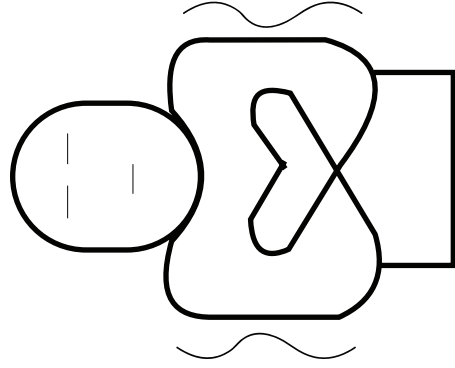
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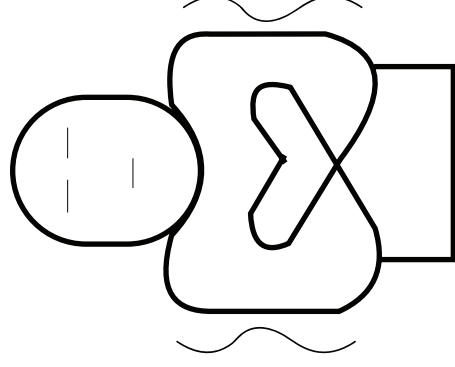
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