



Welcome to Families on Faith Adventure@ Home

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Bible context –John

The book of John is believed to have been written by John the disciple of Jesus around 90 AD. John wants his readers to realise that Jesus was God, part of the Trinity. John was a normal, working class fisherman when he met Jesus and became a disciple. John's writing relates well to everyday people and is often the first book in the Bible that new Christians will read.

Online versions of the story

Watch and listen

Cartoon version by Crossroads Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FT04jjh3Q8>

Cartoon by Saddleback kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dca8SSxXCmM>

Retold by children https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBGkca_OXQ

Dance and sing

Every move I make <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

Healer by Kids Praise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9iL88qxjHo>

Nothings too big by Dog Horley

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yopo6DvV9Z8&list=RDYopo6DvV9Z8&start_radio=1

The story sung by Carman <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWR534c5cr4>

Rise up by Cain <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw8IqPHRBr4>



The Story → John 11 (adapted from the New International Readers Version)

A man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister



Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See ~~how~~ much he loved him!"

But some of them said, "He opened the eyes of the blind man. Couldn't he have kept this man from dying?"



Ideas to retell/explore the story

Impossible challenges

Miracles are God doing the impossible. Have some fun exploring that idea with these 'impossible'





Pray Together

Bread Prayers

God provides for all our needs; satisfying our hunger, both physical and spiritual. Jesus will be with us through the difficult times and the good. Nothing is too big or impossible for God but we must learn to trust and to be patient.

When you make bread, you mix up the ingredients and they come together the yeast works with the other ingredients and makes the bread rise.

Have a go at making some bread. If you do not have the ingredients, you can get a packet of bread mix which is all ready and you just have to add water.

As you knead the mix and then knead the dough, ask God to help you in the difficult times.

As you mould the dough into a loaf or some rolls, ask God to mould you and be your guide.

As you wait for the dough to rise, take time to be still with God. Find somewhere quiet and talk to God about the things you find impossible or too big to deal with. Ask God to help you and know that, no matter what, God is always with you. But as the dough takes time to rise, so you cannot hurry God. God will act when the time is right.

When the bread has proved, you can bake it.

Share the bread together and give thanks for all that God provides.







TO DO TOGETHER...

Messy play for Lazarus

Cogs

You will need:

Or alternatively

Cog template
Some thick card
Cocktail sticks
Pringle lids
Ice lolly sticks
Milk Bottle tops
Pop bottle tops

What you do:

Cut the individual cog shapes out carefully.

Stick them onto some thick card and cut the shape out. (This may need a grown up)

Cut a hole in the base board the size of a marble. Place the biggest cog over the hole so that, when the cog turns, you can see the hole in the base board through the hole in the cog once every rotation.

Decorate your cogs. Position them so that they connect using a drawing pin, and then secure them in place using cocktail sticks.

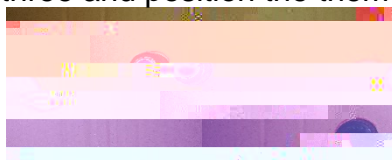
Place a marble in a cut out on the last cog.

Turn the first cog and see them all turn in different directions, and wait, wait, wait until plop, the marble falls.

Alternatively... Cut slits around a Pringle lid and insert the half ice lolly sticks.

Secure them in the middle using glue or strong tape - we don't want the sticks moving about. Attach a milk bottle top to the cog with the open side outwards.

Glue a pop bottle top onto the base board in the correct position to stop the cogs moving about too much, but so they can rotate freely. Make three and position them in the same way as above.







Our Walking the Way Challenge
this time is..



Adventurers Go!

You've shared together, now share with us!

Why not send photos of your crafts, your treasure boxes, your Walking the Way challenges or dress up to make a tableau of the Big Story and take a photo to send in.

Email your photos to lorraine.webb@uc.org.uk



Templates

