



All-Powerful – Lesson 5

Memory Verse: Luke 18:27 “Things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”

Key Point: God is the only one who has the power to do miracles!

Bible Verse: John 11:17–44

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from John 11 in the Bible. **Jesus had some friends named Mary, Martha, and Lazarus** (1). Lazarus is a very dear friend of Jesus, but **one day, Lazarus gets very, very sick. Mary and Martha want him to get better so they send a message to Jesus** (2). When Jesus hears that Lazarus is sick, he says, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory. God’s Son will receive glory because of it.” Even though **Jesus** loves Mary, Martha, and Lazarus a lot, he **waits a few more days before going to see them** (3). **By the time Jesus gets to** where **Mary and Martha live, Lazarus has already died** (4).

Mary and Martha each go out to meet Jesus. Martha says to him, “Lord, if you had been here Lazarus would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” **Mary and Martha know that Jesus is all-powerful and could have kept Lazarus alive. But, now they are wondering why Jesus didn’t keep Lazarus from dying and heal him** (5) while he was sick, like Jesus healed other people.

Jesus says to Martha, “Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live forever even after dying on earth. **Do you believe this?** (6)” “Yes, Lord,” she tells him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.”

Jesus goes to the tomb where Lazarus is, and he tells the people, “Take away the stone. (7)” **Martha says, “But Lord, by this time there will be a bad smell. Lazarus has been dead in the tomb for four days.** (8)” Then Jesus says to her, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe you would see God’s glory?” So they open the tomb by rolling the stone away. Then, **Jesus looks up and says, “Father, I thank you for hearing me.** You always hear me, but I said this aloud so the people standing here will believe that you sent me.” Then Jesus says in a LOUD voice, **“Lazarus, come out!** (9)” Lazarus comes walking out with strips of linen around his hands and feet and a cloth around his face! **Jesus had raised Lazarus from death back to life** (10). It was another miracle!

Key Point: God is the only one who has the power to do miracles!

Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Were Mary, Martha, and Lazarus Jesus’ friends? (Yes)	What were the names of Jesus’ friends in the story? (Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.)
What happened to Lazarus? (He died)	What happened when Jesus told Lazarus to come out of the tomb? (Lazarus walked out, he was alive.)
Did Jesus immediately go to Mary and Martha? (No)	Who gives us life? (Jesus, God.)
Who did Jesus thank and pray to before raising Lazarus? (God)	Who can we trust to take care of us? (Jesus!)
Who raised Lazarus from the dead? (Jesus)	Who can do anything? (God; he is powerful!)