

DL AT HOME

Parents: This is a modified version of the lesson that our volunteers receive each week. The at-home lessons will follow the regular Discovery Land curriculum plan; we are thanking God that this first lesson is so fitting for the days we are in. This is an amazing time for you to SHINE as a parent by spiritually leading your kids. If you don't feel confident, ask God for help – He will give you what you need. We are praying for you!

LESSON 4 - MARCH 22, 2020

John 11:1-53

Know Right:	Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.
Think Right:	“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6
Do Right:	I will trust Jesus through the good and bad times in my life.
Feel Right:	I can feel hopeful because I trust Jesus.

We will all walk through challenging times. How do you prepare your children? Teach them to think about their circumstances through a Biblical worldview using the 4 Rights. If they can press into what they “Know” is true and “Think” about God’s Word, they will be able to “Do” what would be honoring to God. Then they can “Feel” right and live a victorious life in Jesus!

Parent Preparation

Pray: Pray that your child will always return to what they know is right, before making decisions based on their feelings. Ask God to quickly bring truth to their mind during all seasons and circumstances throughout their life.

Read: John 11:1-53

Read the Lesson Summary: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

In addition to His twelve disciples, Jesus was close to two sisters, Martha and Mary, and their brother Lazarus. When Lazarus became ill, the sisters sent word to Jesus. Instead of rushing to the rescue, Jesus deliberately delayed until Lazarus had died. Upon Jesus’ arrival, both Martha and Mary expressed their steadfast faith in Him, mixed with the bitter pain of losing their dear brother. In what would be the pinnacle of His miracles, Jesus brought His dead friend back to life. From their deepest grief, the sisters were able to experience their greatest joy, and teach us to trust Jesus through good times and bad.

Gather Supplies for the Discover Time Hands-On Activities:

Gather LEGO bricks if you want to follow along with the video OR if you do not have LEGO bricks or you’d rather lead it yourself, read the Discover Time options below and gather the supplies for the one that will work best for your family.

Discover Time Hands-on Activity: Good and bad!

Goal: To reinforce our need to **trust** Jesus through the good and the bad times in our lives.

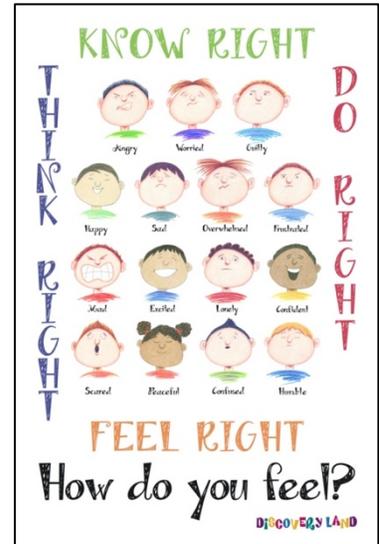
Option 1: LEGOS

Supplies:

- LEGO bricks
- Feel Right poster (poster is included at the end)

Instructions:

1. Review the Feel Right poster with your family.
2. Ask your children to give examples of something that might make them feel a certain emotion (for example: getting a good grade on a spelling test, the death of your grandmother, receiving a gift you had hoped for, having to miss an exciting event, etc.).
3. Using LEGO bricks, try to create as many faces as possible from the Feel Right poster – one point per face. For bonus points, add a body to the face.
4. The person with the most points in ten minutes wins! Tip: Pair small children up with an older sibling or a parent.
5. Discuss that Jesus knows how you feel, no matter what emotion you are experiencing. He is the one to **trust** every day!



Option 2: Food

Supplies:

- Feel Right poster (poster is included at the end)
- Small round sugar cookies or vanilla wafers (three cookies per person)
- Frosting
- Edible decorations such as M&M's, chocolate chips, pretzels, sliced fruit, and/or licorice whips (whatever you have on hand)
- Paper plates
- Plastic knives (to spread frosting)

Instructions:

1. Review the Feel Right poster with your family.
2. Ask your children to give examples of something that might make them feel a certain way (for example: getting a good grade on a spelling test, the death of your grandmother, receiving a gift you had hoped for, having to miss an exciting event, etc.).
3. Have each person pick three feelings to create on their cookies.
4. Pass out plates with three cookies each and begin to decorate your feelings cookies.
5. Discuss that Jesus knows how you feel, no matter what emotion you're experiencing. He is the one to **trust** every day!
6. Enjoy your feelings cookies.

Option 3: Missions

Learn about Burkina Faso Africa and pray as a family for this country by watching this video: <https://youtu.be/rox6UoCgLHA>. Currently there are over 50,000 children in Awana in this country. Pray for their safety and that they will learn the truth about Jesus. Discovery Land Global will be partnering with several churches in Burkina Faso this year to help them begin their own Discovery Land program. Pray that God will provide teachers and that the children will be excited to attend.

Option 4: Art

Supplies:

- Feel Right chart (poster is included at the end)
- "How do you feel?" activity sheet (activity sheet is included at the end)
- Colored pencils

Instructions:

1. Challenge your children to draw sixteen emotions on their activity sheet.
2. The person with the best emotions/pictures will win.
3. Remind children that no matter what type of day they have, they need to **trust** in the Lord.
4. Have children hang their chart by their bed so they can remember that no matter what, they can trust God.

Preschool Option: Play-Doh Station

Supplies:

- Song "Jesus Loves Me" by Go Fish
- Play-Doh

Instructions:

1. Have your children sing "Jesus Loves Me" as they make a Play-Doh figure of themselves.
2. If they have time, have them create more people like their mom, dad, sister, brother, friend, etc. Fill your table with people that Jesus loves!
3. Remind children that Jesus loves them morning, noon, and night, no matter how they feel!

Bible Lesson

This lesson will be taught on the video. We're including the entire lesson plan below if you'd like to review it with your children or want to teach it yourself.

Creative Ideas:

1. This is a lesson loaded with feelings: sadness, fear, excitement, anxiousness, happiness, etc. Create an emotion chart on a whiteboard to keep track of the emotions people have as you go through the lesson. Around the edge of your chart, write the words, "I will trust in God - Proverbs 3:5-6."
2. Have a family drama! Create simple costumes. Have each person silently act while you read the Scripture, and then freeze while you recap each section.
3. **Preschool Option:** Create people out of lunch bags. Put weights in the bottom of the bag and draw faces/clothes on the bags. As you teach the lesson, move the people. To create a tomb, use a box or a large paper bag with a hole cut in it to represent an entrance.

Lesson Introduction

Connecting the DT to the Lesson:

Life is filled with ups and downs. You can have great days, crummy days, lonely days, and exciting days. No matter what type of day you have, you can trust in Jesus. In today's lesson we'll learn about some people who had big emotions. We'll discover how people trusted Jesus in the ups and downs of life.

Note: If you chose the Burkina Faso Discover Time, remind your children that all people everywhere have good and bad days. No matter what kind of day you have, Jesus loves you and you can trust Him.

Pray: Encourage one of your children to boldly pray and thank God for all the emotions He gave us.

Find It: Today, we are going to study the Bible in the book of John, chapter 11. John is in the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. As a family, find John 11 in a Bible.

Introduction to the Bible Lesson:

Right now, I want you to close your eyes. *Make sure everyone has their eyes closed.* Now imagine what it would have been like to actually see Jesus. Wow, wouldn't that be exciting? Can you imagine seeing Him do a miracle, like healing a paralyzed man so he could walk and jump? And can you imagine what it was like when He healed a blind man so he could see?

Open your eyes back up. Do you think you would have believed Jesus was God's Son? Would you have decided to be one of His followers? Today, we are going to learn about what Jesus did for some of those people who believed in Him.

Scripture Outline for the Lesson

John 11:1-53

Jesus receives the message that Lazarus is sick

Read John 11:1-3

Recap: Where did Lazarus, Martha, and Mary live? (Bethany) Bethany was very near Jerusalem, and some of the Jews in Jerusalem wanted to kill Jesus. How do you think Martha and Mary felt about Lazarus being sick? (Scared, sad, etc.) Listen to what Jesus said when He heard about Lazarus.

Jesus tells the purpose of Lazarus' sickness

Read John 11:4-6

Recap: Jesus already knew exactly what was happening with His friend Lazarus before it even happened. What did He say about Lazarus' sickness? (It would not end in death) How did Jesus feel about Martha, Mary, and Lazarus? (Jesus loved them) How many days did Jesus wait before He went to Lazarus? (Two) Why didn't He hurry to Bethany and help His friend Lazarus get better? Let's keep reading and see if we can figure it out.

Jesus follows His Father's plan

Read John 11:7-16

Recap: Why were the disciples scared about Jesus going to help Lazarus? (Because the Jews in Jerusalem wanted to kill Jesus) Even though this was true, Jesus was not afraid. He knew He had a great plan for Lazarus, even though Lazarus was dead. The disciples went to Bethany with Jesus. Let's see what happened when they got there.

Jesus arrives in Bethany

Read John 11:17-24

Recap: How long had Lazarus been buried in the tomb when Jesus got to Bethany? (Four days) Yikes, that's a long time. Even though it was a very bad time, did Martha still trust in Jesus? (Yes) What did Jesus tell Martha would happen to her dead brother? (He would rise again or come back to life) Martha thought Jesus was talking about when He will come back again to get everyone who believes in Him and take us to heaven. But that's not what Jesus was talking about. Let's keep reading to see what He meant.

Jesus is eternal life

Read John 11:25-27

Recap: Jesus told Martha two very important truths. First, when we trust in Him to save us from our sin, even when our bodies die, we will be alive again one day. Second, the people who are alive and believe in Jesus when He comes back will go straight to heaven without their bodies dying first!

Parent note: also see 1 Corinthians 15

When you have bad times in your life, will you remember to trust God and have hope?

Jesus wants to see Mary

Paraphrase of John 11:28-37:

Jesus sent Martha to get Mary. When she came to Jesus, she was crying and told Him that Lazarus wouldn't have died if He had been there. When Jesus that His friends were sad, He was sad, too. They went to Lazarus' tomb. Jesus was so sad He cried.

Jesus raises Lazarus

Read John 11:38-44

Recap: Wow! Isn't that amazing? Lazarus had been buried in the tomb for four days, and Jesus brought him back to life! Can you imagine how happy and excited Martha, Mary, and Lazarus must have felt? Do you know that Jesus, the same Jesus who loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus, loves you, too?

Some believe, but others still don't

Paraphrase of John 11:45-53:

Many people had seen Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, and they believed in Him. They put their faith in Jesus to save them. Bu others *still* didn't believe Jesus was God's Son. Instead, they went back to their town and told the leaders what had happened. And, instead of being excited about what Jesus had done, they planned to kill Jesus! That is awful, but God had a bigger plan for Jesus.

Conclusion:

Martha and Mary are great examples to us on the importance of trusting in Jesus. Jesus showed His awesome power to everyone who was there, when He raised Lazarus after he was dead in the tomb for four days!

Do Right and Feel Right:

What about you? Do you trust in Jesus through both the good and the bad times? I'm sure many of you are walking through some hard times right now. Maybe you feel lonely or someone you love is sick. Let's stop and pray that God will help you. *Give your children time to quietly reflect and pray.*

But what if you've never trusted in Jesus to save you from your sin? Who are you going to count on in the bad times and the good times in your life? Jesus is the only one who will always be there for you. When you trust in Jesus, He is your Good Shepherd. Would you like to ask Him to forgive your sin and make Him the leader of your life today? Pray with your child if they would like to trust in Christ.

Elementary Review Questions: What did you discover today?

1. When Jesus was told Lazarus was sick, how long did He wait to go to Lazarus? (Two days)
2. What had already happened to Lazarus before Jesus went to him? (He had died)
3. How did Jesus feel about Martha, Mary, and Lazarus? (He loved them)
4. Even though this was a bad time for Martha and Mary, what did they do? (They trusted in Jesus)
5. How long was Lazarus in the tomb when Jesus got there? (Four days)
6. What did Jesus do as soon as He got to the tomb? (He raised Lazarus from the dead)
7. Name some bad times in your life. Do you trust in Jesus no matter what?
8. When you've trusted in Jesus as your Savior, do you feel hope because you know Jesus loves you and you will live again forever, even when you die?

Preschool Review Questions: What did you discover today?

1. Who was sick in the lesson today - Lazarus or Tom? (Lazarus)
2. Lazarus had two sisters; what were their names? (Mary and Martha)
3. Who loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus? (Jesus)
4. Who died and was put in a tomb? (Lazarus)
5. Who came and "woke up" Lazarus when Lazarus was dead? (Jesus)
6. Who is very powerful? (Jesus)
7. Who loves you very much? (Jesus)

Songs Used in Today's Video

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“My God” by Go Fish

“Promises” by Uncle Charlie

“The Stand” by Maranatha Kids

KNOW RIGHT

THINK
RIGHT



Angry



Worried



Guilty



Happy



Sad



Overwhelmed



Frustrated



Mad



Excited



Lonely



Confident



Scared



Peaceful



Confused



Humble

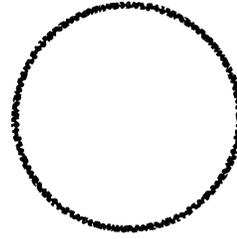
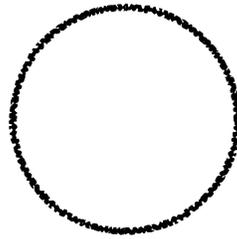
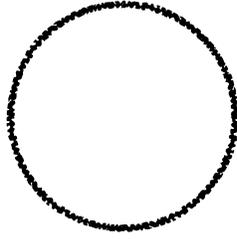
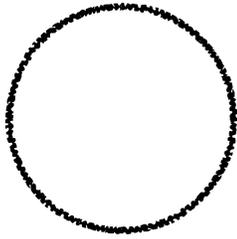
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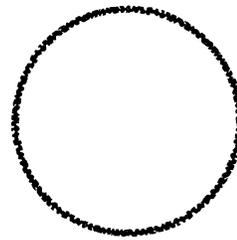
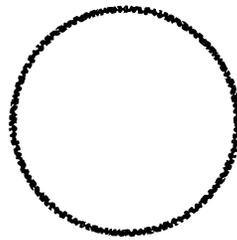
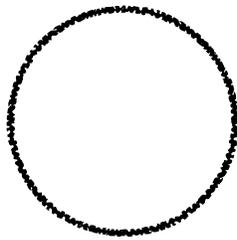
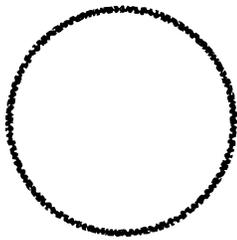
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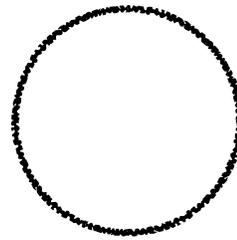
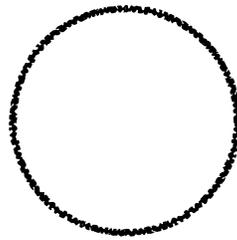
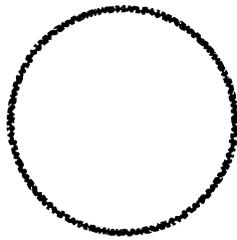
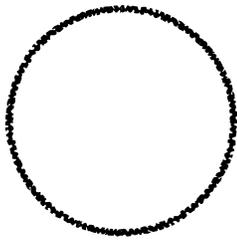
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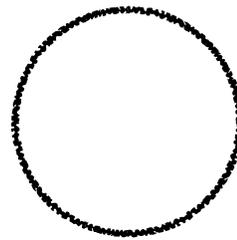
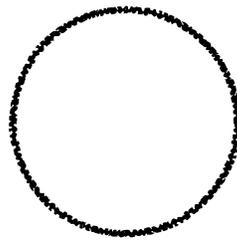
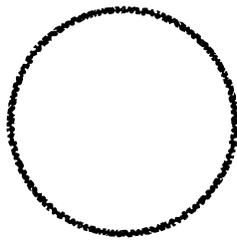
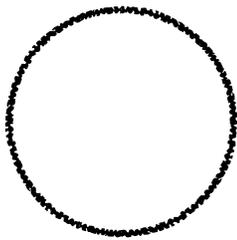
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