



News of sadness turns to great joy as God restores a life! You're about to explore the resurrection of Lazarus. Join your kids as they discover Jesus is worthy of our praise!

So, choose your Exploration Stations, practice the story, gather supplies, and set up your classroom. It's time to go exploring!

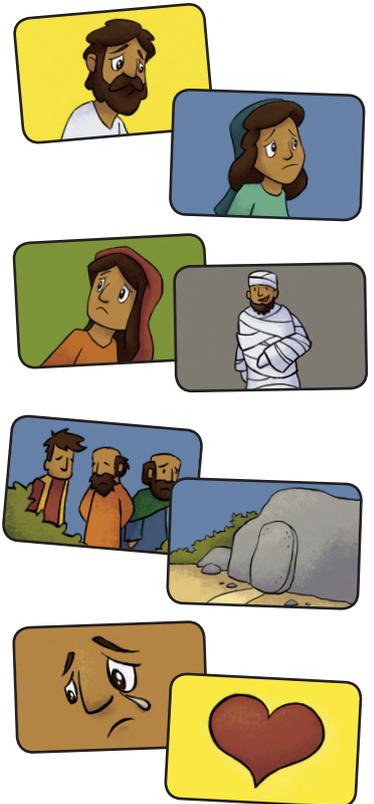
Before You Explore

The Basic Supplies

- Discovery Guide* for each kiddo
- Story Cards*
- Eureka! Jr. Stamps*
- Eureka! DVD or CD*
- DVD or CD player

Exploration Station Supplies

- Watch It Grow**
 - Cups, dirt, grass seeds, water, spoons/trowels
- Let's See! Story**
 - *Story Cards*, 17-24
- Picture the Story**
 - *Discovery Guides* and crayons
- Sculpt the Story**
 - Play-Doh
- Build the Story**
 - Blocks or building bricks



1 Here We Go!

- ❑ Play a game of Hot Potato using a Kai or Scout card (#49-52). Kids sit in a circle. Play the *Eureka! Theme Song*. Kids pass the card around until the song stops. The one holding the card is out. When just a few kids are left, start all over.
- ❑ Option: Hide the Kai and Scout cards from the **Story Card** deck. Have kids try to find the cards when they arrive.
- ❑ Play *The Come Along Song* from the *Eureka! Jr. DVD* or **CD**. Invite kids to come to your gathering spot (at a table, on the floor, etc.).

2 What's That Word?

- ❑ Show the Bible picture from page 1 of this lesson. Invite kids to find the hidden word in the picture. Say **Palm Sunday** out loud as a class. (Option: Pass out the **Discovery Guides (DG)** now and let kids find the hidden word in the picture on their own **DG**.)
- ❑ Chat about the word. **Does anyone know what Palm Sunday means?**
 - **Palm Sunday is when we celebrate Jesus arriving in Jerusalem. It's also the beginning of Holy Week, when we remember the events that led to Jesus's death and resurrection.**
 - **Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem. People waved palm branches and praised Him.**
 - **Jesus is our King! He is stronger than anything, even death!**
- ❑ Later today, listen for the word **Palm Sunday** during the Goodbye Blessing.

3 Remember Verse

- ❑ Invite everyone to stand up. Play the **Remember Verse Video** for **Psalm 95:3-4** on the *Eureka! Jr. DVD*. (Find descriptions of the motions on FoundryLeader.com.)
- ❑ Ask for volunteers to say the verse from memory.
- ❑ **"For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him."**
Psalm 95:3-4 (NIV)



4 Happy & Sad

- ❑ Invite kids to share something happy and not-so-happy that happened this past week. Pray together.

5 Explore the Story

- ❑ Prepare kids to listen to this week's passage. Gather them to a place where they can move around. Remind kids to follow Scout's exploring instructions while they listen.
- ❑ Play the **Let's Go! Bible Story** audio from the *Eureka! Jr. DVD* or **CD**. Follow Scout's instructions along with the kids.
- ❑ Option: Read (or have another adult read) the **Let's Go! Bible Story** script on page 3. The exploring instructions are italicized.

Explore the Story

Let's Go! Bible Story

There was a man named Lazarus who was really sick. His sisters Mary and Martha were worried. They were friends with Jesus and they knew He could help. *Quick! Let's write a letter to Jesus and ask Him to come. Pretend to fly your letter to Jesus like a paper airplane.*

Jesus heard the news and thought of His friends. He loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He was sad that Lazarus was sick. He wanted to help but instead of going, Jesus waited. *Hold up two fingers. 1, 2!* That's how many days Jesus stayed away before going to help Lazarus. He did this because He wanted to teach others about God's love and help them have faith in Him. During this time Lazarus died. *Show me your sad face.* Mary, Martha, and their friends buried Lazarus. They wrapped him in burial cloths and placed him in a tomb. **I wonder what happened next?** They rolled a big stone in front to seal the tomb. *Let's all roll this large stone together.* It's really heavy!

Finally it was time for Jesus to go. *Let's help Him and His disciples pack their suitcases.* **I wonder what things they will need to bring?** Jesus told the disciples He was going to wake up Lazarus from his sleep. The disciples were confused. They didn't understand how Jesus could wake up someone who was already dead.

When Jesus arrived, Martha ran to meet Him. She was crying. *Let's comfort her. Hug someone next to you to show that you care.* Martha was sad because Jesus didn't make it in time to help her brother. But Jesus replied that He came at the right time. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die."

Jesus sent for Mary. She ran and fell down at Jesus's feet. *Let's get down and kneel with her.* She looked up at Jesus and shared how much she missed her brother. She was also sad Jesus hadn't come to heal her brother in time. *Show me on your face how Jesus must have felt.* Jesus understood Mary's pain. He was sad too. Jesus cried.

Jesus went to the tomb and asked for the stone to be rolled away. *Hold up your hands to stop Jesus.* Don't do that, Jesus! The tomb is stinky. *Hold your nose, everyone!* Martha tried to stop Him. But Jesus asked Martha, "Do you believe in me?" *Nod your head up and down to show you believe in Jesus.*

Jesus thanked God for always hearing His prayers. He asked God to allow a miracle to happen so the people would believe. **I wonder how the people felt when Jesus prayed?** After praying, Jesus shouted toward the grave. *Let's do this with Jesus. You'll have to be loud! On the count of three we will say, "Lazarus, come out!" 1, 2, 3. "Lazarus, come out!"* All of a sudden Lazarus came walking out of the tomb alive! What a sight! It was a miracle! Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave! *Clap your hands to celebrate God's amazing love and power!* God answered Jesus's prayer. That day many people who saw what happened believed in Jesus.



6 What's This Say about God & Us?

- ❑ I wonder what part of the story you liked best?
- ❑ I wonder who you are most like in this story?
- ❑ I wonder what Lazarus's first words were when he was brought back to life?
- ❑ I wonder what we learn about God through this story?

7 Exploration Stations

- ❑ Introduce the Exploration Stations you'll be doing. Review your rules for the Exploration Stations (quiet voices, share items, etc.).
 - **Watch It Grow Station:** Help kids plant grass seeds in a cup to take home. Talk about how these seeds look dead right now but will grow into new life soon! Talk about how faith in Jesus can bring new life to each of us!
 - **Let's See! Story Station:** Re-create the story with the **Story Cards**.
 - **Picture the Story Station:** Color the picture on your **Discovery Guide**.
 - **Sculpt the Story Station:** Use Play-Doh to make something from the story.
 - **Build the Story Station:** Use the blocks to build something from the story.
- ❑ Invite kids to choose which station they go to. Kids can stay at one or visit multiple stations.
- ❑ As kids play, visit each station and ask questions about their play and how it relates to the story.
- ❑ Allow 15-20 minutes to explore. Announce when it's almost time to stop. Bring kids back to the gathering area before cleaning up.

8 Share Your Discovery

- ❑ Invite kids to share what they discovered about the Bible story. Share what you discovered as you interacted with the kids.
- ❑ Remind kids to use their **Discovery Guide** to keep exploring at home. Pray as a group, thanking God for leading their discoveries.
- ❑ Use a **Eureka! Jr. Stamp** to stamp each kid's **Discovery Guide** to show that they completed today's expedition.
- ❑ Play *Tidy-Up Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** as the kids clean up the room.

9 Goodbye Blessing

- ❑ Using the other **Eureka! Jr. Stamp**, stamp each child's hand as you share the following blessing with each one.
 - **May you feel joy this Palm Sunday as you choose to follow Jesus! Sing praises to Him! Let your life shine as you share God's goodness with others!**

