



Jesus Brings Joy to Unhappy Sinners

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus displays the greatness of God in all He does.
- Jesus has power over death.
- Praise and worship express the true happiness we find in Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.—Psalm 92:4

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 92:4
- 2) Luke 19:28-40
- 3) John 11:1-43
- 4) John 12:17-18



LESSON SUMMARY

Imagine the joy of Lazarus' sisters and friends as they saw him brought back to life. Lazarus had been dead for days and was buried in the tomb—and then Jesus spoke His all-powerful words, “Lazarus, come out.” The great enemy of all people—death—had a Master. But this life wouldn't last. Lazarus would die again. Something more had to be done to defeat death forever, and secure lasting joy. Although it was not fully understood at the time, Jesus had come to save His people from eternal death and condemnation in order that His people might experience the greatest joy of all: eternal life with God.

The promise of eternal life with God has an irrepressible response: praise and worship of Jesus! In his book *Desiring God*, John Piper summarizes worship in the following manner:

Worship is a way of gladly reflecting back to God the radiance of his worth. This cannot be done by mere acts of duty. It can be done only when spontaneous affections arise in the heart.¹

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *that Jesus would speak life into your hearts, bringing new life and lasting joy.*
- *that your child would be captivated by the promise and hope of eternal life with Jesus.*
- *for hearts that increasingly express praise to the One who is worthy of our worship.*

1. Piper, John. *Desiring God*. (Sisters, Ore.: Multnomah Books, 1996), 83.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Read and talk about Psalm 92:4.

- What are some ways that we can show how happy we are? How could you show happiness in Jesus? What deeds and works has He done that should make you glad? What did Jesus do for Lazarus? Why was this so amazing? Why should it make us sing for joy?
- What are some ways that you could show other people how Jesus is the most special person of all because He can make you happy forever?
- Is there a song of praise we could sing to Jesus right now?

ACTION STEP

Choose a song of joyful praise to sing to Jesus. Have your family join you in singing it.

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made me glad
by your work;
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