

A WIDOW'S SON

Luke 7:11-17



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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jesus raised a dead young man by His word.■ Jesus gives the boy back to his mother.
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One day the Lord Jesus entered a city called Nain. A great number of sad looking people came towards Him from the city gate.

Some strong men were carrying a bier. On the bier was the body of a young man who had recently died. He was the only son of a widow.

When the Lord Jesus saw the mother, He felt great compassion for her. Jesus went to her and said, "Do not weep!" Then He went over to the bier, on which her dead son lay and said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" The young man immediately sat up and began to speak.

He was alive again! Then Jesus presented him to his mother.

The people who saw this were filled with awe and praised God.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, a stretcher, pyjama....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What is a bier? (A movable stretcher on which a corps is placed before burial)
- What is a widow? (The husband has died.)
- How does she feel when her son also dies? (She feels alone, helpless, ...)
- How does Jesus feel? (He feels great compassion for the mother.)
- How does he react? (He says to her: "Do not weep!", and to the son: "Young man, arise!")

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus raised a dead young man by His word.
- Jesus gives the boy back to his mother.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus showed compassion to the mother.
- We also want to show compassion to others.
- How can we do this? (Visit the sick ones, comfort the sad ones, help the poor ones, ...)

Repeat the Message
Jesus' power is stronger than death.