



Overview - Lesson Two

Wow Theme Verse:

I can do all things because Christ gives me the strength.

Philippians 4:13 NLV

Key Word: Hope

Confident trusting in the promises of God.

Message: God Gives us Hope!

Lesson Verse:

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." – Isaiah 40:31 NIV

Story:

Paraphrased from John 11:1-44 - Jesus calls Lazarus out of the grave.

Two sisters had lost hope until Jesus came and brought life to Lazarus.

There was a man by the name of Lazarus and he was very sick. Martha and Mary the sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus to come and help. They were afraid their brother was going to die. But before Jesus came, Lazarus died. When Jesus arrived and found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live." Just then Mary came out and when she saw Jesus she fell at his feet and said, "Jesus, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her crying he cried.

Then Jesus came to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," Jesus said. So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father God, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." All who saw were amazed and they believed and put their faith in Jesus.



Go Deeper - Lesson Two Family Guide

Today's word of the day was **HOPE**!

In the video, we heard the story of Jesus calling Lazarus out of the grave. *CAR BREAKS SCREECHING SOUNDS* WHAAAAAT? Jesus literally just shouted into a grave, and Lazarus, a man who had been dead for a few days, came back to life and hopped right out! WOW!

Lazarus' sisters had lost all **hope** before that moment, and understandably so. One of the sisters, Martha, even met Jesus on the road when he was on his way to see them to tell him off: "If only you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died!"

But Jesus wasn't done with this story yet. Lazarus would live again, and Jesus would show them the power of God.

Part of the power of this story is in a tiny little verse in John 11:36: *Jesus wept*. His friends were grieving and hopeless. His buddy Lazarus had died. Everyone mourned him. And Jesus cried, too.

We'd like to think of **hope** as a shiny, perfect thing that never sees any hard times. But even here in this story, Jesus shows us the reality: sometimes, things are sad. Or hard. Or frustrating.

But Jesus is right there with us, crying alongside us. That's what **hope** is: believing that Jesus is still right there with us, preparing life for us on the other side of this hard time.

The end of this story is LIFE and JOY and CELEBRATION, and our story is, too!

As a family, talk about some times when you've had great **hope** and when you felt like there wasn't much **hope** at all. Were there times when you recognized that Jesus was with you, even when things were hard?

Work together on memorizing Isaiah 40:31 – "Those who **hope** in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Can you come up with FIVE different ways you can share **hope** this week?

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Take a moment to pray for **hope**, both for your family and for our world.



Go Deeper - Lesson Two Game Activity

Today's game is simple – imagine what it would have been like to be wrapped up like a mummy, and then called to walk out of the tomb!? That must have been nuts!

In a space with plenty of room (outside, or in the hallway, or in a big room), set up a start line and a finish line.

For this race, all participants must keep their ankles together and their hands together the entire time. Hop, hop, hop your way down to the finish line!

You can make this game more complicated by telling the participants to keep their eyes closed for the race, too. Who knows, maybe Lazarus' eyes were bound up, too!

Have fun!

Go Deeper - Lesson Two Craft Activity

PAPER BIRD

Click the link to view the craft video for lesson two: <https://youtu.be/ZcAz10iWeL8>

Materials Needed:

- 8x11 paper
- Scissors





Quiz - Episode Two

- 1 What is the color of the shirt Dan Warlow is wearing?
- 2 What is the word for the day?
- 3 What did Tim Hannig put back together?
- 4 Fill in the blank
“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will
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they will walk and not be _____.”
Isaiah 40:31 NIV
- 5 What was the beautiful insect that David Laflin talk about in his story?

