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Jesus and His Friend

I want to tell you a story about Jesus and His friend, a man named Lazarus. In this story you will see that Jesus wants to help His friends, that Jesus has power to help when you have a problem, and that Jesus is your friend.

1. Jesus wants to **help** His friends.

a. **John 11:11** *“These things He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up*

2. Jesus has the power to help you **overcome and remove every problem**.

a. **John 11:43** *“43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 “And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”*

3. Jesus is **your friend** too.

a. **John 15:13** *“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”*

Conclusion: So this is the story of Jesus and His friend Lazarus. Children, Jesus is the best friend you will ever have. Just like Lazarus, Jesus has the power to help remove your every problem. There is no problem too big for Jesus. Go to Jesus and He will help you remove problems. If you go to Jesus and it seems Jesus is not helping you, then go to your parents or children's church teacher and Jesus will help you through them just like He helped Lazarus through others. Do not be ashamed or afraid to ask for help. We all have problems and need help.

Parents: When your children come to you with problems, be sure to bring Jesus into the situation. Ask Jesus to lead you and give you wisdom to help solve their problems. Remind them Jesus is their God and friend and He will help them. The best way to bring Jesus into the situation is to take your child to the Bible and show them what God and Jesus say and how God will help them. Then pray with them and ask God to help in Jesus' Name.

Discussion questions:

1. Based on the story of Lazarus, how will Jesus express His friendship to us?
2. How can we be sure Jesus is our friend too?
3. For children: What should you do when you have a problem?
4. Parents: What should you do when your children come to you with a problem?