



LESSON 10: JESUS HEALS A BLEEDING WOMAN AND RESTORES A GIRL TO LIFE

ACTIVITY: WHY DOESN'T JESUS BRING PEOPLE BACK TO LIFE ANYMORE?

SUPPLIES

- Dirty pennies
- Cups
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup of water
- paper towels
- measuring cup
- teaspoon

PREP

Pour ¼ cup of white vinegar and 1 teaspoon of salt into a cup. Put your penny in the white vinegar mixture.

Today we're learning that Jesus has power over sickness and death. We learned that Jesus brought a little girl who died back to life! But does Jesus have that kind of power today? You might know of someone who died—and didn't come back to life. Why doesn't Jesus bring people back to life anymore? Does he *really* have power over death? Let's dig into that.

TALK ABOUT IT

Think about a story you've heard, maybe in a book or online, where someone claimed that they *did* die and come back to life. Colton Burpo, a little boy from the book and movie *Heaven Is for Real*, takes a trip to heaven while in a life-or-death surgery but comes back to life on earth to tell about it.

Do you believe those stories? Why or why not? Why do you think people have a hard time believing stories like that? How are those stories like what happened in today's Bible story? How are they different?

Whether or not we believe *those* stories, we can believe everything the Bible says. We know Jesus had power over death when he raised Jairus' daughter back to life. And we can learn some other things about what Jesus does for us when we die.

EXPLORING 1 CORINTHIANS 15

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

42 It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. 43 Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. 44 They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

What do you think of the idea of being brought back to life like this? How is this different from being brought back to life on earth? Let's see what else this part of the Bible says about Jesus bringing us back to life. Listen for what this says about new bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:52-53

52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53 For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

Our earthly bodies aren't perfect. We get sick sometimes. And even though Jesus has power over sickness and death, it's no fun to be sick. As we age, our bodies get weaker. But these verses talked about *new* bodies—ones that won't ever die!

Those pennies are kind of like our bodies on earth. They're all dirty, which can remind us of the fact that our bodies can get messed up. We can break bones or stub our toes. But Jesus has power over sickness and death, and when you die he'll bring *you* back to life! So Jesus *does* bring people back to life—anyone who believes in him gets a new life—forever! Wow!

INSTRUCTIONS

Pull your penny out.