LESSON 10: JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD
CRAFT: POWER PADDLEBALL

SUPPLIES

- 5x10-inch pieces of corrugated cardboard (you can cut up large boxes)
- [Power Paddleball handout](#)
- scissors
- markers
- string
- ping-pong ball
- tape

Make a Paddle

Cut a paddle shape out of their cardboard, using the template on the handout as a guide. Make the handle fairly wide at the bottom so that you can cut a hole big enough to fit a ping-pong ball, as shown on the template. Poke a small hole in the center of the paddle for the string to go through later. Decorate your paddle with phrases like "Jesus has power over death".

Add the Ball

Cut a piece of string about 2 feet long and tape one end of the string to a ping-pong ball. Then have kids each poke the other end of the string through the hole on the top of their paddle, tie a knot on the other side, and tape the knot down on the back of the paddle.

Play Games

Have kids play with their paddle balls by hitting the ball with the paddle to try to keep it from dropping. Challenge them to see how many times they can hit the ball in a row.

For a second game, have kids each wrap the string twice around the handle of the paddle and then hold the paddle with the handle facing out. They'll try to lift the paddle quickly enough that the ball swings up, and then they'll try to catch it in the hole. When they catch it, you can make a connection that Lazarus went into the grave. As they pull it back out, you can remind them that Jesus brought Lazarus out of the grave—alive!

Talk About It

What keeps your ball from falling? Although gravity wants to pull your ball down, the paddle has the power to keep it up. How does that remind you of the way Jesus brought Lazarus back to life?

Although you couldn't see it, when you moved the paddle it created a force that could hit the ball and keep it from falling. Jesus' power is kind of like that. You can't see it, but you can see what it does! You can see that <u>Jesus has power over death</u> because he brought Lazarus back to life.