

Story Time

Head over to the Small Nations website to watch the story video from this week's smAll Nations.



Song Of The Week

Alive by Hillsong

Listen to our smAll Nations playlist at:
www.allnationselim.org/smallnations



Memory Verse

A real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24



Prayer For The Week

Thank you Jesus that you are my friend, and you are the best friend anyone could have. Thank you that you didn't come to earth to get but to give. Amen.



Show Us

Send us pictures of you and your family watching smAll Nations, dancing, joining in with the game and making the craft. Ask a grown-up to email them to:
smallnations@allnationselim.org



Bible Time

That is a pretty amazing story about Jesus and another example of how he is God. But that's not what we're focusing on today - our question is - is he our friend? We can see quite clearly in this story that Jesus really was Lazarus' friend. There are lots of times in the Bible when Lazarus and his two sisters Mary and Martha appear. They are often entertaining Jesus at their house and talking to him, I imagine they were all very good friends so it's not surprising that Jesus was incredibly sad when his friend Lazarus became very ill and then died.



The surprising thing is that Jesus waited before he went to see them. Surely, he should have got there earlier and then he could have healed Lazarus before he died? But Jesus knew that his friends trusted him, they knew he was God's son and by waiting he could show everyone how powerful God was - that he could raise people from the dead.

So, Jesus was a good friend to Lazarus, Mary and Martha but is he our friend? The answer is yes, and he is the best friend you could ever have. He will always be with you; he won't let you down and will do what he promises. He loves everything about you and will still be your friend even if you make a mistake. Even better than that he wants to be friends with everyone - so you need to tell everyone you know this amazing news.

Chat Time

Chat about the story. Use these questions to help you get started:



Who were Jesus' friends?

What was wrong with Lazarus?

Why did Jesus wait before going to see Lazarus?

What happened when he got there?

What sort of friend is Jesus?

How can Jesus be your friend?

Puzzle For The Week

Every week our detectives are trying to find a letter to fill in our mystery word. Can you tell from the shapes of the objects below which letter we are looking for? Add it to box number four below!



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