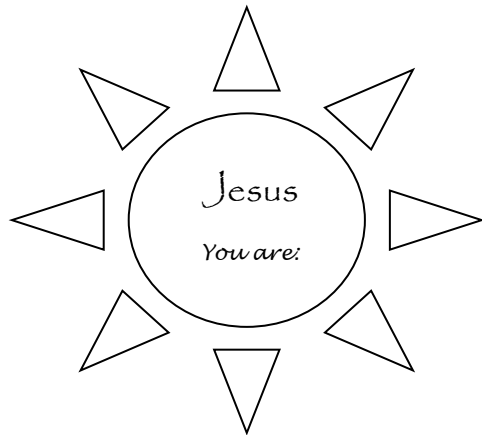


## PRACTICAL ACTIVITY

On a piece of paper, the children write down the word "JESUS" in the middle of a sun whose rays are the different titles that we give him or that he gives himself. They will then be able to call out to Jesus in their heart, using the different names that belong to him.



Write on the rays the different titles:

- Ray 1: Saviour
- Ray 2: Light
- Ray 3: Peace
- Ray 4: joy
- Ray 5: Almighty
- Ray 6: Lord
- Ray 7: Truth
- Ray 8: Life
- Ray 9: Way
- Ray 10: Love



Session 20

## Faith (B)

### THE WIDOW OF NAIM'S SON

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LORD JESUS,  
The Only Son of God  
*You personally call each man  
to follow you.  
You invite us to enter into  
the kingdom of God.*

*You reveal the fullness of the Father's love.  
You desire the conversion of our hearts.*

***You announce salvation through your  
Word and through many signs.  
You await our response of faith.***

**I believe in you, Jesus our Saviour. You have defeated death.**

### **THE WORD OF GOD** (Lk 7: 11-17)

Soon afterward Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the town gate, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother (who was a widow), and a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came up and touched the bier, and those who carried it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" So the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has appeared among us!" and "God has come to help his people!" This report about Jesus circulated throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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### **Theme of the Session**

Jesus is filled with compassion for the poor widow who has just lost her son. He understands her pain. He has come to earth in order to free man from death and to give him eternal life. He announces this by bringing the young man back to life.

### **Your Word is a light for my life today**

Sometimes we experience suffering and death in our family and among our friends...When facing death, we have to remember that Jesus is always there with us. He sees our pain and he understands our questions. He says to us: "Do not weep". We believe in Jesus. He is the Life and he gives us eternal life.

### **PRAYER TIME**

*Jesus, we believe in you.*

*You are the Son of God,*

*You are our Saviour.*

*You are the Lord of life, you have defeated death.*

*Yes, you are the Saviour who purifies our heart.*

*Yes, you are the Saviour who forgives our sins.*

*Yes, you are the Saviour who gives us eternal life.*

*We glorify God for his marvellous works.*

*What a joy to know that we are made for eternal life!*

### **CHOOSE AN APPROPRIATE HYMN OR SONG**



*I say to you:  
Get up!*

I trust in the word of Jesus. I believe in him: "He is the Resurrection and the Life."

### RECALLING THE LAST SESSION

Jesus is moved by the faith of the paralytic and heals his body, but most of all he heals his heart. He shows that the Son of God has the power to forgive sins on earth. I believe that the word of Jesus is true. He alone can heal my heart by forgiving my sins.

### THE SESSION

Today, we are going to learn about another sign given by Jesus, which show us that Jesus is stronger than death.

*Let us prepare our hearts. Let us listen to the Word of Jesus.*

*Moment of silent prayer*

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the town gate, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother (who was a widow), and a large crowd from the town was with her.

What is happening in this passage?

Jesus faces one of the tragedies that we sometimes meet in our own life: a mother loses her only son and she is already a widow.



How does Jesus react to such suffering, to this evil that God did not want man to experience?

When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep."

The heart of Jesus is full of love for this woman. He has compassion for her: he understands and shares her suffering.

He tells the poor mother:

"Do not weep." Then he came up and touched the bier, and those who carried it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" So the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Jesus does something extraordinary for this poor woman: he brings her son who was dead back to life.

"Get up!"

The young man rises up: he is alive! The word of Jesus always comes true. Through this sign, Jesus tells us something amazing, something no one could ever have imagined. By bringing the widow's son back to life, Jesus announces his own Resurrection. Jesus is really the only Son of God. He is the Lord, the master of life.

How do the people react when they see such a great miracle?

Fear seized them all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has appeared among us!" and "God has come to help his people!" This report about Jesus circulated throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

When they see this sign, the people are astonished. They understand that they are in the presence of a man who acts in the name of God. This is such Good News! God visits his people. He keeps his promise and he does not abandon the sinner to death. Through the sign of the resurrection of the widow's son, Jesus tells us that he has overcome death: he gives us eternal life.