

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 190: THE SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIN
LUKE 7:11-17

The next day Jesus and his disciples, or followers, went to a town called Nain. A big crowd was traveling with them. When Jesus came near the town gate, he saw some people carrying a dead body. It was the only son of a woman who was a widow. Walking with her were many other people from the town. When the Lord saw the woman, He felt very sorry for her and said, "Don't cry." He walked to the open coffin and touched it. The men who were carrying the coffin stopped. Jesus spoke to the dead son and said: "Young man I tell you, get up!" Then the young man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. Everyone was filled with fear and amazement. They began praising God and said, "A great prophet is here with us!" and "God has come to His people." This news about Jesus spread all over Judea and to all the other places around there.

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"After Jesus raised her son from the dead,
the widow of Nain glorified God."

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MEMORY VERSE:

“Then fear came on all, and they glorified God, saying, ‘A great prophet has come among us’; and, ‘God has come to His people.’” LUKE 7:16

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples went with Him.
2. When He came near the town gate, he saw some people carrying a dead woman.
3. The dead man was the only son of a widow.
4. When the Lord saw her, He felt very sorry for her and said to her, “Don’t cry.”
5. But Jesus wouldn’t come near them and He walked away.

Questions

1. What did Jesus and His followers see near the town gate when they went to Nain?
2. Who was in the coffin?
3. How did Jesus feel when He saw the woman? What did He say to her?
4. What did Jesus do to the coffin? Did He touch it?
5. What did He say to the young man?
6. What happened after He told the young man to get up?
7. After Jesus gave the young man back to his mother, what did the people do and say?

Lesson 190 Activity

Ancient Widow Skit

Pick four boys and one girl to be in your skit. Have one boy be the husband and the girl to be the wife. Have the other three boys represent the ancient Jewish culture.

Have the husband and wife stand together with the husband holding what looks like a money bag, a small house, and an apple.

Direct the husband to go sit down and hand those things to the girl. Explain to the class that the husband has died and now the wife is a widow.

Have the second boy come and ask the girl where her husband is.

Have the girl respond that he is dead. Have the second boy tell her that in that case she can no longer have her money. Have the girl give the money to the boy. Have the third boy ask the same and take the house and the fourth boy ask the same and take the apple.

Thank all of the children and have them sit down. Explain to the class that an ancient widow had no rights and no one to protect her. A widow would be in danger of losing everything, especially one without any sons.

Jesus felt compassion for this widow, which means He felt very sorry for her. The Bible says that Jesus was a man of sorrows and He understood grief (Is. 53:3). Jesus was not sorrowful because people did not listen to Him, but Jesus was sorrowful because He made other people's sorrows His business. He sympathized with others when they were sad. Jesus knew the pain the widow was feeling and had compassion on her. John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." God knows what it is like to give up His Son to death.

But Jesus is always there for us. He speaks comfort into our lives when it seems we are at the end of ourselves. He tells us not to cry because the Holy Spirit is our great Comforter. He tells us not to worry because He is in control; He loves us. This widow loved her son. Did you know that God loved her son more than she loved him? God loves you more than anyone else does, even your Mom and Dad, if you can believe that!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus' power over death, hell and the grave. Acknowledge that He is able to accomplish anything in our lives He wills to. If there are children who wish to receive Christ as Savior, pray with them too.