My Best Friend Is Jesus Sun Am KZ Lesson 7/17/2022

Memory Verse:

Target Thought: We have no better friend than Jesus

Do you have a friend that you would say is your best friend? I hear a lot of people these days saying that someone is their "BFF". Do you know what "BFF" means? It means "Best Friend Forever". The idea of being "best friends" has been around for many, many years. What do you think it takes for someone to be a best friend?

There is a Sunday School song called "My Best Friend is Jesus. It goes like this:

My best friend is Jesus,
Praise him, Praise Him.
My best friend is Jesus,
Praise Him!

Can you imagine a better best friend to have than Jesus? Do you think Jesus had any friends that he might have considered a "Best Friend Forever"? Our Bible lesson today tells about Jesus and one of his friends. It tells about something very special that Jesus did for that friend. That friend's name was Lazarus.

Jesus received word from Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, that their brother was very ill. When Jesus heard about it, he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. This has happened so that God will receive Glory from this." Father God and Jesus love to do good things for us, it makes them happy and it gives them glory that other people can tell that they love us.

So, although Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus he stayed where he was for two more days. Finally, he told his disciples that he was going to Bethany to the home of his friends. "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."

The disciples said, "Master, if he’s gone to sleep, he’ll get a good rest and wake up feeling fine." Jesus was talking about death, but his disciples thought he was talking about taking a nap.

When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany, Martha ran to meet Jesus and told him that Lazarus had been dead for four days. "If only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again.""Yes," Martha said, "I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die."So, Martha went back and got her sister Mary and they took Jesus to show him the place where Lazarus was buried.

When He arrived at the tomb, Jesus told them to roll away the stone that covered the entrance. He prayed to His Father and then he called in a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!" Do you know what happened? Even though he had been dead for four days, Lazarus walked out of the tomb! He wasn't dead — he wasn't even sick!

Oh my! How would you like to have a friend like that? Well, I do, and so do you! "My best friend is Jesus. Thank him! Thank him! My best friend is Jesus, Thank him!"

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that Jesus is our Best Friend Forever. We praise him, we love him, and we thank him for dying on the cross so that we might have everlasting life. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Can you have a better friend than Jesus?

Does Father God and Jesus love to do things for us?

Completer this sentence Jesus said I am the resurrection and the \_\_\_\_\_.