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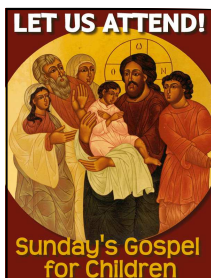
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What did Jesus and His disciples see when they entered the city?
2. Why was the mother sad?
3. What did Jesus say to her?
4. What did Jesus do?
5. A miracle is something that is amazing. Jesus did many miracles. They showed that he was God. They showed that God loves His people.
6. This miracle shows that Jesus has power over life and death. It makes us think about Pascha when we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead to give us life forever!



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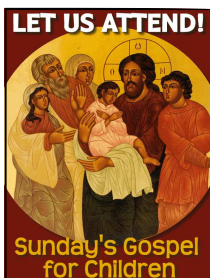
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Where did this story happen?
2. What did Jesus and His followers see at the city gate?
3. Why was the mother so sad?
4. How did Jesus help the mother?
5. What happened to the dead man? How did the people feel then?
6. Did you ever see a miracle? How did you feel then?



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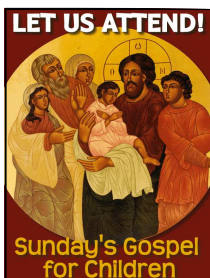
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Where did this story take place?
2. The dead man was the only son of a widow. How would his death affect her life?
3. Why did Jesus help the widow?
4. How did He help her?
5. What happened to the man who was dead?
6. What did all the people do?
7. Have you ever experienced a miracle? If so, how did you feel after it happened?



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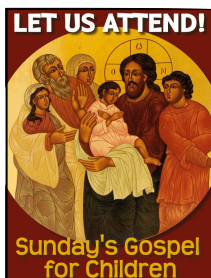
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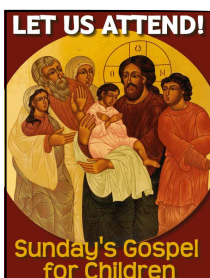
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1. Who travels to Nain with Jesus?
2. What does it mean to be a disciple?
3. Why would a person become a disciple of someone else? Why do you think these people are following Jesus?
4. What does having disciples tell us about whom Jesus is?
5. Can we be disciples of Jesus today? Why or why not?
6. If we can, how do we do that?



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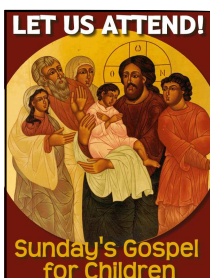


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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What does Jesus say to the dead man in this gospel?
2. Do you think this is a request or a command?
3. Can you walk up to a dead person and command them to get up?
4. In the Old Testament, who can command action? Who tells people to do things and they do it?
5. What does Jesus making this command tell us about him?
6. In the Old Testament, who saves the Israelites from death in the wilderness or raises them out of death in the red sea?
7. What does Jesus raising this man from the dead tell us about Jesus?



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