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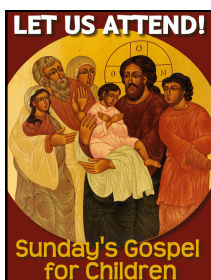
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. When Jesus arrived at the city of Nain, what did He see?
2. What did Jesus say to the mother?
3. What did Jesus do next?
4. What happened after that?
5. What did the people do?
6. How do you think his mother felt?
7. A miracle is something that is amazing. Jesus did many miracles. They showed that He was God. They showed that God loves His people.



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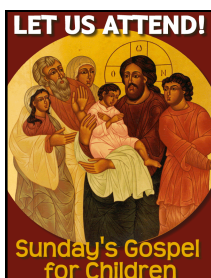
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2. Who was following the open coffin?
3. What do we know about the dead boy's mother?
4. How did Jesus feel about what had happened to the boy?
5. What did Jesus say to the dead boy in his coffin?
6. What happened then?
7. The people were amazed when they saw this. Would you have been amazed? Why or why not?



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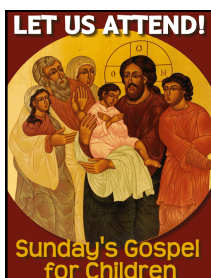
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why does Jesus raise the young man from the dead? Who does He do it for?
2. Who is a widow?
3. Do you know anyone who is a widow? Does that person need help from other people to get things done? Who helps her?
4. If the people who normally help the widow you know were no longer there to help her what would she do? How do you think she would feel?
5. After the dead man in the gospel sits up and speaks what does Jesus do? Why do you think He did that?
6. If the young man in the gospel is given life so he can help his mother why do you think Jesus gives us life?
7. Who can you help this week, as a way to thank Jesus for giving you life? What can you do to help that person?



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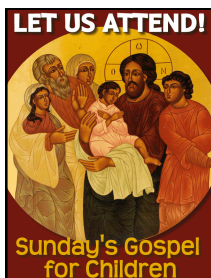
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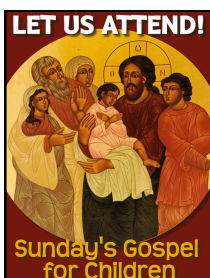
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1. What does Jesus do after the young man sits up and speaks? Why do you think he does that?
2. Does Jesus raise the young man from the dead because that is what the young man wanted? Who does he do it for?
3. What does that suggest about what the young man should do with the life he has been given?
4. What do you think about that? Is it fair? Right? Just? Why do you think that?
5. If our lives are a gift from Jesus Christ just like the young man's life was a gift from Jesus, what does that suggest about what we should do with the lives we have been given?
6. What do you think of this idea that our lives aren't ours but are rather a gift to other people?
7. If a person agrees with this idea, what actions would she do? What actions have you seen people do that shows they think their lives are a gift from God for the sake of other people?
8. What action might you do this week to show you think your life is a gift from Jesus to other people?



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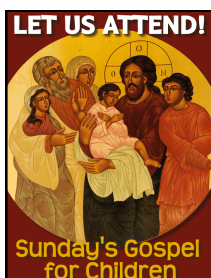


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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What does Jesus do after the young man sits up? Why?
2. Does Jesus raise the young man because that is what the young man wanted? Why does Jesus raise the young man from the dead?
3. What does that say about the purpose of the young man's life?
4. What do the people in the crowd do after Jesus raises the dead man? Why do you think they did that?
5. If your life is a gift from Jesus for the sake of another person, who do you think your life is given to? Why do you think that? Do you think your life is always given to one other person or does it change depending on the situation? Explain.
6. What action might you do this week to demonstrate that your life is a gift to another person? What action might you do this week to thank God for the gift of life?
7. Are thanking God for your life and demonstrating that your life is a gift to another person completely different actions or are they related? Explain.



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