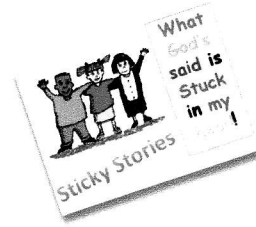


# JUNIOR CHURCH SERIES: STICKY STORIES

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## 6. THE GOD WHO HELPS

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Luke 7: 11-16

**PROPS:** Winnie puppet; folder, coloring sheets

### CLASS TIME

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| <b>ACTIVITY 1:</b> Opening Prayer  | (2 minutes) |
| <b>ACTIVITY 2:</b> Verse for the day<br><i>Luke 7</i><br><i>16. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."</i> | (5 minutes) |
| <b>ACTIVITY 3:</b> Today's Story- "Son Rise"   | (8 minutes) |
| <b>ACTIVITY 5:</b> Question time & draw the story  | (5 minutes) |
| <b>ACTIVITY 6:</b> Remember the verse- <i>Luke 7:11-16</i>   | (2 minutes) |
| <b>ACTIVITY 7:</b> Sticker Time.<br><i>(Where do you want your sticker- head, heart, or hand?)</i>   | (2 minutes) |
| <b>ACTIVITY 8:</b> Closing prayer and clean up   | (3 minutes) |

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### **SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 7:11-16**

- 11        *Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.*  
12        *As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out-- the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.*  
13        *When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."*  
14        *Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"*  
15        *The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.*  
16        *They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."*  
(NIV)

### **NOTE TO TEACHER:**

A folder is labelled, "Winnie's Folder". The teacher hides it somewhere in the class before the lesson. The folder is filled with the coloring sheets for the session.

### **LESSON:**

Teacher: You know kids we've...

Winnie: Boo, hoo, hoo...

Teacher: We've learned about...

Winnie: (Louder) BOO, HOO, HOO...

Teacher: What's the matter Winnie?

Winnie: Oh, nothing. Don't mind me.

Teacher: We've learned that Jesus cares, and that He can do anything...

Winnie: WAAAAH!

Teacher: Alright Winnie, let's have it. What's wrong?

Winnie: Well, if you must know, I've lost something.

Teacher: What?

Winnie: Kathy asked me to bring the coloring sheets for this week, and I forgot where I put them. (sob sob)

Teacher: Well don't cry Winnie. Say, maybe our story this week will cheer you up.

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Winnie: Really?

Teacher: Ya, it's about a town who lost something, or I should say, someone, and Jesus helps them get it back. Do you want to hear it?

Winnie: Well ok. Kids do you? ...Ok, read on Mistro.

Teacher: All right. It goes like this...

### **STORY:**

The town of Nain was usually a happy place. It sat on top of a hill and had a beautiful view. It looked down into the valley of the peaceful Yarmuk River. But today Nain was neither happy or peaceful. In fact, the city gates were filled with crying people.

An ox cart rolled out of the city gates and Jesus stepped out of the way. It was covered in flowers with a large wooden box carefully placed on the back. There was an old lady gripping the box so tightly, her knuckles were white and she sobbed deeply as the cart rumbled on. A large crowd followed behind the old lady, some were crying loudly. It seemed the whole town was rapped in the sadness of a terrible funeral.

Peter stopped a stranger and asked, "Excuse me friend, what's happened here?"

"A horrible thing", replied the stranger, "Jonathan, a young man from town, was killed in an accident. He was building a new house for his mother when a wall fell on him."

Everyone looked over to the woman who was holding tightly to the coffin. And that's not the worst of it", continued the stranger, "this poor lady lost her husband last year and now there is no one to care of her. How will she survive?"

"That IS terrible", Peter began, "I hate to hear... Jesus, where are you going?"

Without a word Jesus had left the group and was walking quickly to the front of the procession. Jesus placed His hand on the coffin and the ox stopped. Everyone looked up in surprise, especially the grieving widow. Jesus smiled at her and said, "Don't cry."

Everyone froze in amazement. Jesus had lifted the coffin lid and threw it to the ground. Then he reached in and put His hand on the dead man's head. Jesus looked into the coffin and spoke these words; "Young man, I say to you, get up."

Gasps rippled through the crowd as the man sat straight up -he even began to talk. The old widow cried with joy as Jesus helped her son out of the coffin.

"Why this... this is amazing... unbelievable... UNPRECEDENTED", stammered the stranger, "Who is this man?"

"Why He's the Son of God.", Peter answered.

The crying in the crowd was washed away by cheers. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

They invited Jesus into town and listened to everything He had to say. They listened to how God loved them and cared about them. They listened to how He sent His

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Son to save them; and many believed. After today, they would never see God quite the same; from now on He'd always be -THE GOD WHO HELPS.

Winnie: Wow that was a good story. Don't you think so kids?

Teacher: I do too. Say Winnie, I just had a great idea.

Winnie: What?

Teacher: We just learned God is a "God who helps", right? And He helped that widow find something right? -The life of her son. Well why don't we ask Him to help you?

Winnie: Ok... ummm... Kevin?

Teacher: Ya?

Winnie: How do I do that?

Teacher: Just ask Him. Say a quick prayer.

Winnie: All right. Dear Jesus. Could you please help us find those papers. Amen.

Teacher: Alright! So what do they look like?

Winnie: Well there in a brown folder and it says, "Winnie's Papers" on the front.

Teacher: Ok, everybody. Everyone look around the room and see if you can find them. ...*(Folder hidden in the room for children to find.)* ...Great, we found them!

Winnie: Wow, I guess it is true. Jesus does help.

Teacher: If the Bible says so, you can count on it Winnie.

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. What did we learn from this story?
2. Do you think Jesus would help everyone? Would He help you?