

# Preschool Story 5

## Lazarus (John 11)

### **Mazzie, Lazzie and Martie**

Once there was a family. There were two sisters Mary and Martha and one brother Lazarus. Those are their proper names. But I am going to call them Mazzie and Martie and Lazzie. Like nick names that their friends would call them.

Martie and Mazzie and Lazzie had lots of friends, including their very extraordinary very special friend Jesus.

Here is the story of

Mazzie, Lazzie and Martie,

Who would open their doors

and throw a great party,

or a quiet dinner

with one or two guests

And if Jesus could come,

that was always the best.

But life as you know

Is not always easy

One day poor old Lazzie

began to feel queasy

His body felt bad

With such terrible sickness

And Martie and Mazzie

had to act with great quickness

They sent off a message

asking Jesus to hurry  
(you can always call Jesus  
if something's a worry)  
But Jesus was somewhere  
far off and away  
And he didn't start travelling  
until the next day  
Martie and Mazzie  
they looked after Lazzie  
but he lay in his bed  
and then he was dead.  
Lazzie had died,  
the worst of their fears,  
Mazzie and Martie  
were full full of tears  
They wrapped up his body  
Placed him in a grave.  
Their friends gathered round  
As they tried to act brave.  
But Jesus was out  
on the road coming soon  
He arrived at the funeral,  
on the fourth day, by noon.  
But no one was happy  
to see Jesus now  
Lazzie was totally  
dead anyhow.

Mazzie and Martie

met him at the gate.

“Jesus, you’re here,

but you’ve come way too late!”

“Lazzie is Dead! Nothing more you can do.”

Though they had a strange feeling,

that wasn’t quite true.

Martie spoke up

through her tears and her grief

“I know you’re from God,

that’s my solid belief.”

And though Jesus cried

at the death of poor Lazzie,

He said something strange

to Martie and Mazzie.

“Open the grave

and move back the rock”

“But Jesus, the smell

will be worse than a sock!”

“He’s dead as doornail,

he’s dead as a dog”

“If you think you can help him

You’re quite off your nog!”

But Jesus is someone

who knows about death

And he’s knows about life,

that we live by God’s breath

So they opened the tomb  
and Jesus called Lazzie  
And he came out alive  
back to Martie and Mazzie.  
Now imagine the Party  
with Mazzie and Martie,  
And Lazzie And Jesus  
their life giving friend,  
who shows God's great love,  
and that death's not the end.