Bible background

Luke 7:11-17

Aim of lesson

To show that Jesus has compassion and can raise the dead.

Preparation required

Make up one activity sheet before class. You need four small pieces of paper to cover the dotted areas on each sheet. These should be taped at the side to form a hinge; you will need similar pieces of paper for each child.

Also colouring materials and sellotape are required.

Suggested outline of lesson

1 Ask the children if their mothers have ever been sad.

2. Tell them of the mother who was very sad. Use your activity sheet to tell the story. Explain the full story the first time, then go through it again using the poem. Have the class repeat the poem with you.

3. Ask the children to make their own activity sheet, colouring the pictures and covering the answers. Go through the rhyme again allowing the children to open the doors on their own sheet.

4. Encourage them to take it to show their families and friends after Sunday School.

Alternative activities

1. Make sad/happy faces on either side of a paper plate or circle of card. You could then use the faces with the rhyme in the Lesson Notes.

2. Make Plasticine models of Jesus, the mother and son. Make some figures to carry a Plasticine or cardboard bed for the boy to lie on.

3. Let the class draw pictures of things that they can do to make their parents happy. It will probably be necessary to give the children a few examples based on situations they are familiar with.

Relevance to the children's lives

Ask the children how they can make their mothers very happy.

Prayer

Ask who wants to say thank you to Jesus for raising the boy from the dead.

Verse

'When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said 'Don't cry.'' Luke 7:13.

Rhyme

  Do you know why the lady cried?
  Her only little boy had died.
  Who came just then to the town of Nain?
  Jesus, who feels for all our pain.
  What did Jesus give her then?
  Her only son, alive again!
  When that happened, what did they do?
  I expect you'd know if it happened to you!