

## UNIT THEME: JESUS, OUR JOY-GIVER

**UNIT AIM:** To let the pupils know that true joy only comes from Jesus, our God; that J-O-Y can be obtained only through honoring JESUS first, serving OTHERS and thinking of YOU or yourself last.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Jeremiah 31:13

- **Primary:** *I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.*
- **Preschool:** **Jeremiah 31:13b**  
*“I will turn their sadness into joy.”*

**LESSON SCRIPTURE:** Luke 7:11-17

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## LESSON PROPER

### PRESESSION ACTIVITIES

- a. Circle Time (Greetings, Pupil Preparation or Motivating Activity)
- b. Singing songs: “Joy, joy, down in my Heart”
- c. Short Clearing of Difficult Word in the Bible Story: “widow”

\*Explaining thru pictures: What is a widow?



### **What to do:**

1. Print a bigger picture of a little family like the one on the left.
2. Point every person in the picture and tell your pupils that you call the man in the picture “father” then the woman is the “mother” and the boy in the middle is the “son” – a boy child).
3. And cut or remove the picture of the father (telling that the father went faraway and died and so you call the mother now, a widow.)

## INTRODUCTION: A True Story from China

**From Hunan TV, March 20, 2023**

- *A little boy in China is found doing housework by his surprised mother late one night when she came home from work, moving her to tears.*
- *A video his mother took shows the boy scrubbing his trainers in a plastic basin and has melted hearts after she shared the clip on mainland social media*



*“He grew up overnight”: said the widowed mother in China, then bursts into tears finding son, 5, up late doing housework to help her out.”*



A five-year-old boy in China who was discovered by his mother to be staying up late at night doing housework to help her manage after his father died has touched Chinese social media.

A video taken by the boy's mother one night, after she returned home from work at about 11 pm on March 20, showed the boy squatting on the floor in their bathroom washing a pair of white trainers, with another pair already cleaned in the sink, Hunan TV reported.

The woman, surnamed Su, lives with her son in the Ningxia Hui autonomous region of northwestern China, said her husband had recently died, leaving her as the sole breadwinner.

## Short Discussion

**Teacher:** *Here is a true story about a little boy who at a very young age, understands the need to help his working mother for them to live. Surely, when this boy grew up he would surely take care of his mother in her old age.*

**Bible Story** (Show a picture while telling the story.)

**The Widow of Nain** (*pronounced with a long a sound as in “name”*)

Jesus went to a town called Nain (Na'in). His disciples and a large crowd followed Him. Jesus could heal the sick and perform many miracles. Jesus came to the town's gate, He saw a dead person being carried out with a large crowd following behind. When Jesus saw the widow, His heart went out to her. He had compassion on her. And He said, “Don't cry.” Jesus understood what the widow feels. Jesus knew that the woman will be helpless without her son.

Then Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Those who saw this miracle were filled with awe and praised God. And news about Jesus spread throughout the surrounding country.

**\*Discussion / Interaction about the JOY JESUS gave to the widow of Nain**

**EVALUATION:** Ask the ff. questions.

1. What do you call a mother whose husband died?
2. Who was the next loved one of the widow whom Jesus raised up from death?
3. After sadness what did Jesus give the widow?

**ENRICHMENT & CARRY-OVER ACTIVITY:** Teacher's options