

FAMILY DEVOTIONS | JESUS IS LIFE

READ:

John 11:32-44

Because Jesus lived as a man, He understands the pain of mankind, including the pain of death. When Jesus raised Lazarus from death, He showed that His is “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). But Jesus’ power over death did not stop Him from feeling the very human pain of death. Jesus understood the hurt. Death, while never final for a follower of Christ, is still painful for those who are left behind. Jesus knew this, and He wept for the pain of Mary and Martha.

DISCUSS:

Why do you think Jesus brought Lazarus back to life?

How would you have responded if you had seen Lazarus raised from the dead?

Do you think witnessing this event would have changed your life? Why or why not?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to start conversations about how “Jesus is Life” in your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE:

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

John 11:25-26a

Work together as a family and put some awesome dance moves to this verse to help you remember it!

CONNECT:

Play a game of hide and seek with your children; you can do this inside or take the game outside! When you can’t find each other, call out, “Come out, come out, wherever you are!” After the game, talk about how Jesus called for Lazarus to come out of the grave and gave him a brand new life!

BLESSING:

Look your children in the eye, call them by name and speak these life-giving promises of God to them. Ask the children to make fists and hold them in a “power” pose and bless them with the following words:

May you know God has power over death and that He alone gives life. May you know His love and feel the comfort of His Holy Spirit in your struggles.