

FAMILY DEVOTIONS | JESUS IS LIFE

READ:

John 11:17-36

In John 11:33 we see that when Jesus arrived on the scene, He was “deeply moved.” Through the brief phrase “Jesus wept” in John 11:35, we can grasp the love and respect Jesus has for us. Jesus knows our weaknesses and struggles, and that’s because He has shared them. But when we choose to follow Jesus, we are choosing life... and He’s there to help us through all those weaknesses and struggles. He loves us so much that He is willing to give up His own life, to give us eternal life with Him in heaven.

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

Draw a hopscotch board outside with the words to this verse inside the squares. Take turns saying the verse as you jump through the board.

DISCUSS:

What are some ways we need Jesus’ power in our lives?

How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus wants to be with you forever?

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.

CONNECT:

Gather some tissue paper for this activity, the more colorful the better!

Make a fist with one hand and hold a piece of tissue paper in the other hand. Stuff the center of the tissue into the middle of your fist, release your fist and twist the bottom of the tissue so it looks like a flower. Make several of these and place them into the shape of a cross. Just as the flowers are bringing beauty and life to the cross, Jesus is life and gives life to us!

Encourage your family to think of areas that they need Jesus to bring life to or ways that Jesus has brought life to them and that they want to thank Him for.

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.