

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Luke 7:11-17

SESSION SUMMARY

We hear about Jesus's resurrection often, and that's a good thing! However, before His resurrection, Jesus sometimes showed His power over death by raising the dead. While we might be more familiar with the story of Lazarus, here Luke introduces us to the story of a widow who had lost her son. Thankfully for her (and for us), Jesus stepped in with the gift of life, showing He has all authority over life and death. In these verses, we see that when we face the reality of physical death, we can cling to the hope of eternal life. These are the main ideas:

- Death is the effect of sin (Luke 7:11-13).
- Jesus has authority over death (Luke 7:14-17).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When has our family faced unexpected and difficult loss of a loved one? What was our response?
- How often do we consider that the penalty of sin is death and that we all sin and deserve death? How does remembering this truth change our attitude about what Jesus did for us?
- What does Jesus's interaction with the widow teach us about the relationship between grief and hope for those who trust in Him as Savior?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Think of someone who has lost a loved one recently. Pray over that person or family. Then, brainstorm ways you can show up for them: taking dinner, putting together a care basket with some of their favorite things, babysitting for an overwhelmed mom or dad, setting up a meal train, or taking them to get coffee. Consider writing a note to let them know you're praying for them and are happy to show up in ways that are helpful to them. Take extra care with your words, making sure not to tell people how to feel or to assume you know how they feel.