

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 | John 11:17-44

SESSION SUMMARY

This week's session brings us to a Bible story many of us are likely familiar with: Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus mourned the reality of sin's effects on the world and that it brought death to one of His friends and grief to those who remained. But Jesus knew what they didn't: He had the power to raise Lazarus from the grave. And beyond that, through the power of the resurrection of Jesus, death is not the end for believers who will live eternally with Him. Because of Jesus's authority, we have hope in death. Here are the main points:

- Death stings now (John 11:17-37).
- Death has lost (John 11:38-44).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When has grief hit our family? How did we respond? Did it bring us closer to Jesus and each other? Why or why not?
- How could it change our family's response to death to remember the hope of Jesus, even when we grieve the loss of those we love?
- Why does it matter that Jesus cares and grieves with us when we lose loved ones?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Jesus showed up for His friends when they were grieving. Though only Jesus can return a loved one to life, we can still show up for our friends and grieve with them just as Jesus did. We can also invite others into our grief, allowing them to show us the love of Jesus when we're hurting. Think about people who have shown up for you if you've lost a loved one. How can you express your gratitude for their support? Then, think about people you know who might be grieving right now. How can you support them? Brainstorm practical ways to show up for the hurting people around you.