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- 4) Other _____

Recall a difficult time in your past. How did God show that He cares for you?

When have you waited for Jesus to do what you asked, and then felt like it was too late for Him to answer your prayer?

When it gets personal:

In John 11:25, Jesus asks Martha a very difficult question. What would your answer be today if Jesus explained eternal life to you and then asked you, "Do you believe this?" [] YES [] NO

Compare the words of Job from Job 19:25, 27 (one of the oldest books in the Bible) with the words of Jesus in John 11:25 and John 14:6. What do these verses, and this story teach you about your own eternal life?

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Why were some of the Jewish leaders so angry about this miracle?

What did they begin to do (John 11:53)?

Raising Lazarus

BETWEEN THE LINES

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HAT DOES IT SAY?

Have you ever experienced the death of a family member, friend or neighbor? If so, what did you feel or think about death?

Which verse in John 11 tells you about Jesus' relationship to Mary, Martha and Lazarus?

When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany, how long had Lazarus been in the tomb?

Mary and Martha each went to meet Jesus. Write below the first thing each woman said to him.



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After hearing about Lazarus, why did Jesus say He would stay where He was? (See John 11:4, 14.)

What does Jesus' reaction of sadness tell you about Him?

Why do you think the bystanders obeyed and rolled away the stone?

Jesus began to pray. According to John 11:41-42, why did He do this miracle?

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