

Family Lenten Reading and Conversation



This spring, read through the Gospel of John together with your family. As you read, watch for and talk about the claims Christ made about who He is and what He has done. Consider ways you can respond to Him together and benefit those around you. Each week there will be questions provided here for discussion.

Talk about your favorite Bible stories. If possible, retell them in your own words. What do each of these stories tell you about God?

This week's questions come from John 11:1-44. Read the passage aloud together or read the story of Lazarus from a Bible storybook.

- Why did Jesus wait so long to go to Lazarus?
- How do you think you would have felt if you had been Mary and Martha?
- Can you think of a time when you asked Jesus for help, and it seemed like He waited a long time to answer?
- How might this story help your faith?
- Jesus spoke and Lazarus came to life. What does this story tell you about Jesus?
- Why might it have been important for the people to see Jesus raise a man from the dead before raising from the dead Himself?
- Talk about how Jesus is the life.
- Jesus called Himself the resurrection and the life. Read Jesus' words in John 11:25-26 again. What do you think Jesus is saying here? At Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Resurrection means being raised from the dead. Because of Jesus' resurrection, all those who believe in Him, will one day be raised from the dead and live in heaven forever with Him. He gives a life forever close with God to anyone who believes in Him!

Discuss ways you can thank Jesus for what He has done. Jesus has given us His Word, the Bible so we can know who He is and what He has done. Talk about ways your family can read the Bible together on a regular basis to know Him better.

