

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Lazarus

from John 11:1-45.



Lent 5

Jesus comes to share our grief and give us life, now and forever.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Lazarus
- Life
- Martha
- Asleep
- Resurrection

When people died in Bible times, their tombs were not always closed right away. Sometimes, family members would leave tombs open for three days. They would visit the tomb every day to make sure the person was really dead.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 440-443

Spark Bible pages 1186-1187

Family Prayer

Jesus, we love you very much. We are glad you came to share with us. Help us share our lives with you. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What makes you sad? How do you think that thing makes Jesus feel?
- 2 Have you ever wanted to help someone, but weren't able to help them in time? How did that make you feel?
- 3 Has someone you've known ever died? What did the people around you do during that time?
- 4 Look through old family photographs. Talk about people in your family who have passed away, or those you haven't seen in a while. Share stories of those people.



Eye Spark

Look for smiling faces all around. When you see a happy face, say, "Jesus wants me to be happy. He loves me."



Ear Spark

Listen for people asking others for help. Whenever you hear someone ask for help, think, "Jesus helped Lazarus! I can help too."

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Choose a safe spot in a park, neighborhood, or trail to go for a family walk at night. Before you leave home, look up John 11:7-10. On the walk, use flashlights to discover things in the dark. After the walk, thank Jesus for being the light to guide us and for the things you discovered on your walk.

For younger kids

Lazarus was wrapped in cloth. We use cloth all the time—in our clothes, towels, and dish rags. Help your family do laundry this week. As you help, think about all the things you do in your clothes—fun things and not so fun things. Remember that Jesus shares all those things with you.

For older kids

With adult permission, use an online search engine to learn about other people that Jesus raised from the dead. Tell your family about those stories, then read the stories together from your Spark Bible.

