

## Family Talk–Peace

### READ TOGETHER

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#### John 11:1–44

1. Why did Jesus wait to visit Lazarus after hearing he was sick?
2. What did Jesus prove by raising Lazarus after he died?

### LIVE IT

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*"Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."* (v.21). How many times do we have something tragic happen in our lives, and we wonder why God let it happen? It could be the death of a loved one like this story with Lazarus. It could be finding out a best friend is moving away. It could be getting a bad grade on a test after studying hard or being made fun of at school. Where is God when sad things happen to us?

The answer: **He's right there with us.** We may not always believe this. We look at all the bad things that happen and think God must not care because He isn't fixing things. But in verse 35 it says *Jesus wept*. He cared very deeply about Mary and Martha's pain and He cares about what we go through as well. Jesus is the resurrection, so He can make good happen out of whatever bad comes our way. Jesus is the life, so we can trust that He's with us even when we can't see Him. Even if it's hard, when we love Jesus we have to trust that we can reach out to Him no matter what, and know that He's working for our good.

### LEAN ON GOD

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Dear God,

Thank You for being with me. Help me believe in You and Your plan when life gets hard. Give me strength to continue running to You for Your comfort and peace. Thank You for loving me and for being in control, even when I don't understand what You're doing.

Amen.

