

*PARENT'S DISCUSSION GUIDE*  
*Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead*  
*John 11*

- Read John 11 and/or watch the “creative story telling” video using the link provided.
- **Discuss with your kids the following truths:**
  - Jesus knew what was going on with Lazarus even though he wasn't around him physically. This reminds us that Jesus knows the situations in our lives and our problems at all times.
  - Jesus used the truth about his life to bring comfort to those who were hurting. The truth that Jesus brings about resurrection and life comforted Martha and it should comfort his other followers too.
  - Jesus has power over life and death. Nothing happens on earth that is out of his control.
- **Questions:**
  - Why didn't Jesus go straight to Lazarus when he heard about him being sick? Why did he wait until after Lazarus died?
  - How did Martha and Mary react when Jesus came to see them? Did they believe in Jesus' power? What about everyone else? Did the people around Jesus believe in him?
  - Why did Jesus pray to his heavenly Father? What difference did that make?
- **Activity:**
  - Replay the video and sing along with Sarah
  - For Older kids –
    - Do you have sick family and/or friends? How do you react when people around you are sick? Take some time right now to pray for those you know who are sick. Get your parents to help you write a letter or speak with these people and let them know you are praying for them to be healed.
    - Act out the story with your family members, use the Bible verses as your script using a narrator or speaking the parts.
  - For Younger kids –
    - Print off the attached coloring sheet and/or draw a picture of something from the story.
    - Take time right now to pray to Jesus for sick family/friends.