

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

John 11:20-27,32-37,41-44

Session Summary

Lazarus had been dead for four days. Those around the tomb probably held their noses. A four-day-old body would have certainly smelled—at least, you would expect it to. But in this case, something different happened. Jesus asked for the tomb to be opened, and it was. Jesus then called out for Lazarus to walk out of the tomb. And sure enough, Lazarus walked out—still wearing the clothes he was buried in.

Conversation Questions

- When has our family experienced God's perfect timing (versus our own preferred timing)?
- What should we remember when we feel like God delays answering our prayers?
- Why is it comforting to know that Jesus wept?
- How does this story bring hope for people who are grieving?

Family Challenge

If your family knows someone who is walking through grief, find a way to show compassion and comfort to that person this week. Your family could write encouraging notes or letters, provide a meal for their family, or help serve them through running errands. Use this opportunity to intentionally share about the hope and comfort that Jesus offers in our grief.