
CRISIS OF FAITH

Homelink

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Memory Verse:

“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

- Romans 10:9

One Big Thing

Jesus defeated death.

Review:

This week we learned the story of Mary, Martha, & Lazarus - 3 siblings who Jesus knew and loved very much. Lazarus was very sick, so the 2 sisters sent for Jesus. They knew He had the power to heal Lazarus and save him from dying. Jesus loved them, but He chose not to heal Lazarus and he died. The sisters grieved differently, but at the core of their grief was the question: “If Jesus loves us, why did he let Lazarus die?” Jesus is with the sisters in their sadness - He even weeps with them. He later raises Lazarus from the dead. Soon after, He too would die and be raised to show His power over death and love for us. In this act, we see that Jesus is with us in our sadness and He gives a permanent solution. By defeating death, Jesus invites us to live with Him forever in Heaven where there will be no more sin, sadness, or death. (John 11:1-44)

Good Questions to Ask:

- 1. Q:** How did Jesus respond when Mary and Martha were sad and had questions?
A: Jesus isn't mad that the two sisters question Him in their sadness. Instead, He encourages them and even weeps with them.
- 2. Q:** How does Jesus respond to us when we are sad?
A: Jesus responds to us the same way He responded to Mary and Martha. Jesus hates sin and its effects, so He weeps with us, but He also comforts us with His truth and promises.
- 3. Q:** When Jesus was raised from the dead, He defeated death. What does that mean for us?
A: When we trust Jesus to be the hero we need, we get to live with and enjoy Jesus forever in Heaven. In Heaven, there will be no more sin, sadness, or death.

Pray together as a family:

“Father, thank you for sending your son Jesus to be the hero we all need. Jesus defeated death, so that we could live with you forever. When sad things happen and we are tempted to question if you are good, help us to remember that you are with us in sadness and that you gave us a permanent solution when you defeated death. Amen.”



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