

As the primary spiritual nurturer of your home, this resource is designed to inspire, equip, and support you as you share God's Word with your child.

God Statement: Jesus is Life

Memory Verse: I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. John 11:25-26a

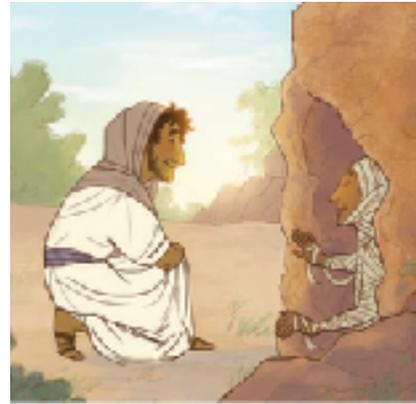
Jesus is Live | Lazarus

John 11

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What do you think Jesus is telling the woman in green? What do you think the women want to tell Jesus? What do you want to tell Jesus?



Which person do you think Jesus is in this picture? Why? Which person do you think Lazarus is in this picture? Why? Say, "Jesus is Life!"

Repetition is an important part of your child's development and growth. Enjoy re-reading the story and declaring Jesus is Life throughout the day. Use the extra activities below to connect with God's Word this week.

PRAY

- Open a Bible and read John 11:25-26a.
- Who does Jesus say that He is? How do you know things around you are alive?
- Thank God that He sent His Son, Jesus, so that you can have life.

EXPERIENCE

Outside exploring — Spring is the perfect time to talk about things that are alive. When you are outside, at the park, or on a walk, talk to your child about all the things you see that are alive—birds, grass, flowers, bugs, etc. How do you know you are alive? Wiggle your fingers, blink your eyes, poke out your tongue, tickle your toes and laugh out loud. Raise your arms and shout, "Jesus is Life!"

BLESS

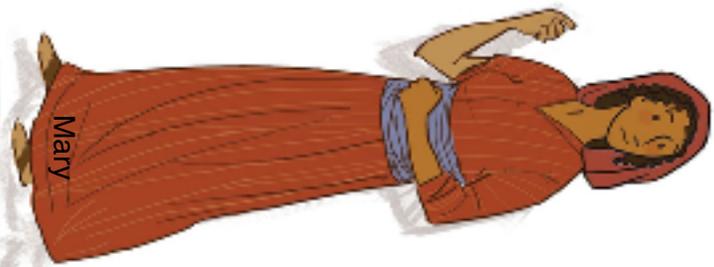
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Child's name, may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May know that Jesus is the way, truth, and life. May you believe He made the way for us to be with God forever.



We Bee-lieve... Jesus is Life!

Mary and Martha were sisters. They loved their brother, Lazarus, very much. Do you have a brother or sister? Lazarus got sick and died. Everyone was very sad—even Jesus. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. Jesus is the only one who is able to give life. Jesus is Life!



Mary



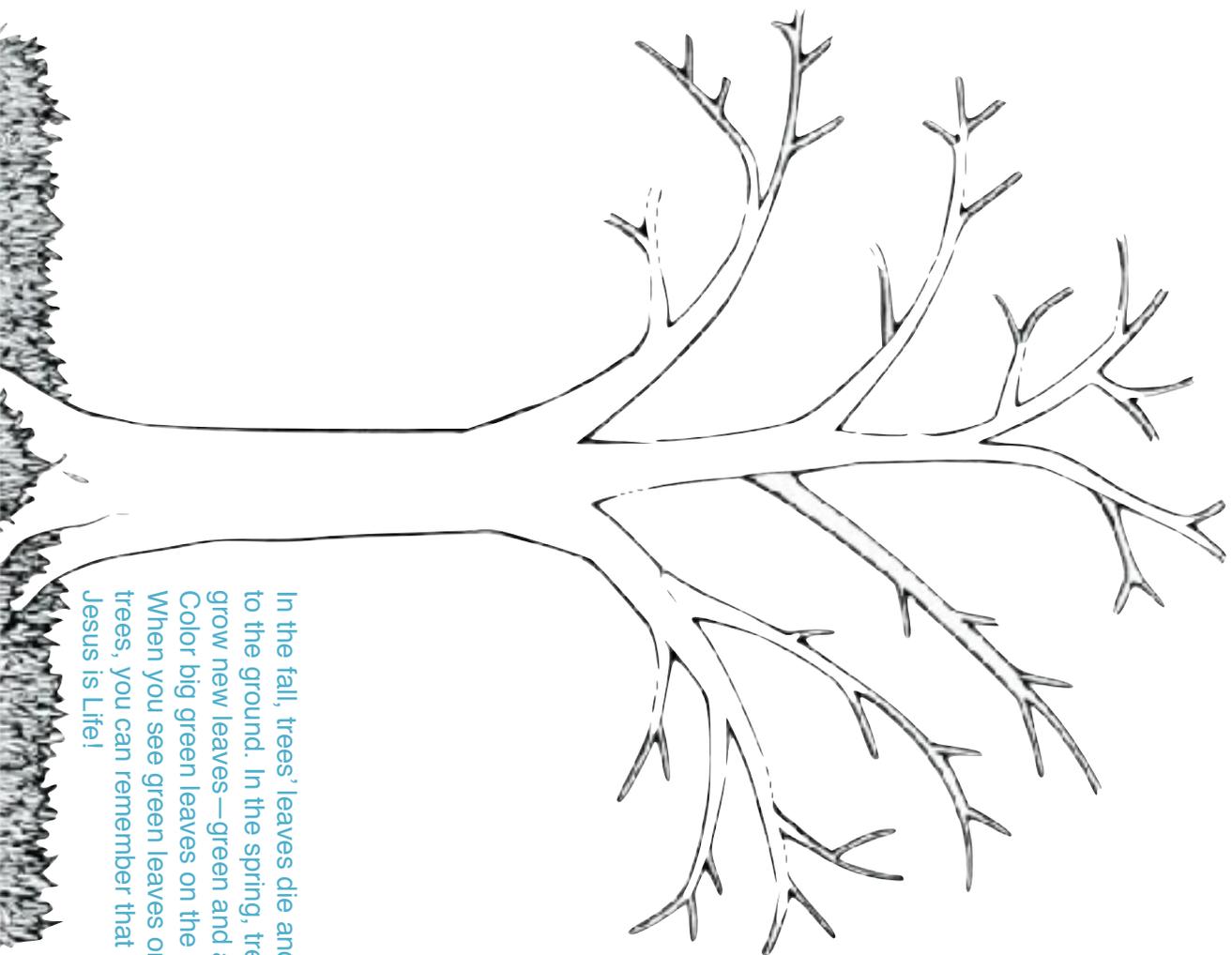
Martha



Jesus

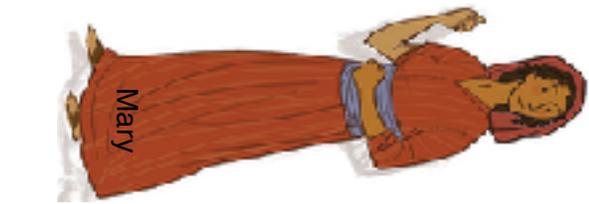


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John 11



In the fall, trees' leaves die and fall to the ground. In the spring, trees grow new leaves—green and alive! Color big green leaves on the tree. When you see green leaves on trees, you can remember that Jesus is Life!

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Discover

- Jesus' entire ministry was life-giving.
- Jesus received word of Lazarus' extreme illness and purposely delayed His return to Bethany. He proclaimed Lazarus' sickness would not end in death, but instead be used for "God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it" (John 11:4).
- Raising Lazarus was a precursor to Jesus' own resurrection. Jesus demonstrated His power over death. He is the resurrection and the life.

Experience

Death and dying are difficult concepts for young children, but they're also a very real part of our lives. One night this week, begin a conversation about this with your children. Discuss their fears and ask if they know what happens when a person dies. Tell them you're going to read a true story about Jesus, and what happened when one of His friends died. Then read **John 11:1-44**. Explain to your children that Jesus is life and because of Him, we don't have to worry or be afraid. We can live with Him forever.

Follow

After reading through **John 11:1-44**, discuss these questions together:

- What happened when Jesus went to visit his friend Lazarus, who had died?
- Who can we turn to when we're worried or afraid?
- What does Jesus promise us if we believe in Him?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to have conversations about how Jesus is Life in your everyday life.

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