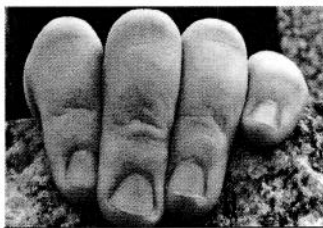


# God's Story Our Story™



Jesus Raises Lazarus

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Giver of life, you are the resurrection and the life. Awaken us with the breath of your spirit, and call us forth in faith as your disciples. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"<sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:43-44)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**One of Jesus' closest friends is dying, but he lets two days pass before taking any action. Is he too busy, or too famous to bother? Or is something greater at work?**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What inside of you needs to die and be resurrected? What needs Jesus' attention in your life?**

**Wonder: What did people think when they saw Lazarus alive? What would you have done?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God raise you to new life. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Visit a funeral home. Talk with the director there. Learn what their job is like. How do they stay positive in the midst of so much loss? How do they care for themselves and others? What have they learned from being around so much death and grief?**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 11:1-44, Jesus Raises Lazarus

Monday, John 7:10-24, Festival of Booths

Tuesday, John 7:25-31, Is This the Christ?

Wednesday, John 7:32-36, Officers Are Sent to Arrest Jesus

Thursday, John 7:37-39, Rivers of Living Water

Friday, John 7:40-44, Division among the People

Saturday, John 7:45-52, The Unbelief of Those in Authority