

# GOD IS LIFE, GIVES LIFE, AND SUSTAINS LIFE

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Genesis 2:7; Deuteronomy 30:20; Psalm 54:4; John 1:4; 6:33; 14:6; 20:31; Romans 6:4, 23; 2 Timothy 1:10; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 John 5:11

## BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live"

## BIG IDEAS

- God is life.
- Life is a gift from God.
- Life is precious and meaningful.
- Life is joyful.
- Life has a purpose.

## BIBLE STORY: JOHN 11 (LAZARUS)

Lazarus was a close friend of Jesus. One day, he became very sick. His sisters sent word to Jesus and asked him to come and heal Lazarus. While Jesus was still on the way, Lazarus died. The sisters grieved the loss of their brother and were sad that Jesus hadn't made it in time to help Lazarus. But then, Jesus went to Lazarus's tomb and called for him to come out of the grave, and Lazarus came out. Jesus gives new life.

## STORY: CREATION

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

## BIG AIMS



### Every child should know that:

- God is the one who gives life and keeps life going



### Every child should feel:

- Joy because of the life God has given



### Every child should:

- Talk about how the purpose and meaning of life is to glorify God



### Every child should want:

- To live faithfully because their life is a gift

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## REVIEW

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

## DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

John 11

## THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. Jesus had spent time in their home. The three siblings loved Jesus very much. Lazarus became very ill one day. Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick. They wanted Him to know because they wanted Him to help Lazarus. Jesus heard of Lazarus' illness, but He stayed where he was for two more days. During these two days, Lazarus died and was buried. After Lazarus died, Jesus and His disciples made their way to Bethany where Lazarus and his sisters lived. Martha heard that Jesus was near and she went out to meet Him, weeping. In her grief, she cried out to Him that she knew He could have saved Lazarus, but she believed that Lazarus would rise again on the last day. Jesus reassured Martha that Lazarus would live again because Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Martha believed Jesus and went to tell Mary. When Mary saw Jesus, she fell at His feet weeping, overcome with her grief. Jesus saw Mary's grief. He saw the other Jews mourning and weeping. He felt grieved and troubled at the sorrow that death brings in this life. Jesus wept for the consequences and effects that death has in this life. Jesus went to Lazarus' tomb and called for Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus came out of the tomb after he had been in it for four days. He was still bound with the grave clothes, but he was alive. Jesus had raised him to new life. Jesus is the resurrection and life for all who believe in Him. He gives new life to those who repent and believe in Him.

## TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Why did Jesus wait before going to Bethany to see Lazarus?
- What happened when Jesus called for Lazarus to come out of the tomb?
- Where did your life come from? (Your life comes from God)
- Who keeps you alive? (God keeps you alive)



As a family, memorize John 11:25 by creating a matching game. Write each word of the verse on an index card twice. Take turns making matches. When they are all matched, put the verse together and say it out loud several times.



Take your child for a walk through your local park. Ask him or her to point out the different living things that he or she sees. Remind him or her that all life comes from God.

Play a game of hide-n-seek. When a person is found, call out the person's name and say "come out!" Remind your child that Jesus raised Lazarus to new life because Jesus is the resurrection and life.

One evening share with your child what it means to you to have new life in Christ. Share with your child how sin leads to death and how God has given you new life.

As a family, spend time this week praying and thanking God for giving life.