

Life and Death

Big Question:

What does the Bible teach about death and life beyond it?

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" John 11:25 NIV

INTRO

Question: What are some different beliefs people have about life after death?

My Story: Share an age-appropriate personal story about a time when you wrestled with the reality of death.

BIBLE STORY | LAZARUS

In your own words, tell the story of Lazarus (John 11:1-44).

John 11:25 | What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I am the resurrection and the life"?

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

John 11:11-14 | The Bible often refers to death as sleep. Why do you think the Bible uses this comparison?

Psalms 115:17 | Do people go straight to heaven when they die?

Consider: If Lazarus had already been in heaven, he might not have wanted to return to earth.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 | When does the Bible say God's people will go to heaven?

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 | What will happen to our bodies at the resurrection?

John 3:16 | What does this verse teach about life and death?

FUN FACTS

When Jesus returns, it will be the greatest reunion of all time! Many friends and families will be reunited. We'll finally meet people from the Bible, such as Adam, Noah, and Mary, and talk with the angels God sent to watch over us. But best of all, we'll see Jesus face to face! What an incredible day that will be. Who are you most excited to meet—or see again?

LIVING IT

Discuss: How might the promise of life beyond death affect the way we live today?

Decide: Would you like to thank Jesus for his gift of eternal life?



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