



Jesus Wept

Sunday, May 17, 2020



PARENT TIPS

Things to keep in mind as you lead discussion with your kids:

- **Validate your children's feelings.** Their feelings are real and it's ok for them to feel fear.
- **Don't feel like you have to have all the answers.** (None of us do!) It's ok to say, "I don't know. Let's try to find the answer together." It is also ok to sit with the unknowns together.
- **To help your children better grasp the story, try reading it together from their Adventure Bible or another children's Bible. If this is not available, we recommend the [NIV](#) or [NirV](#) versions available online.**

Bible Page Numbers

John 11:1-44 – Adventure Bible pg. 1180-1182, Hands On Bible - pg. 320



TALK ABOUT IT

Before the sermon, talk about how life can be challenging but God is always with us.

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What to say: Sometimes life feels challenging, and we may not always understand how God is working in us. His plans do not always happen the way we want them to, but we can trust that He always has our best interests in mind, and that one day all things will be made new.



**SERMON +
WORSHIP**

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set [\(click here\)](#)



**SERMON
ACTIVITY**

Sermon Activity: How Would You Respond?

What you do: During the sermon, there will be an opportunity to pause and discuss the following. Read each situation listed below and discuss, as a family, how we, as followers of Jesus, should respond. *(Choose at least 3-4 situations based on your interests)*

Situations:

1. It's your birthday and you got the present you wanted
2. Your best friend's dog just died
3. Your friend broke your favorite toy
4. Your mom tells you that you are taking a trip to the park today
5. You get to stay up late tonight

6. Your parents won't allow you to purchase the new video game you've been wanting/or purchase accessories on your favorite video game
7. Your parents won't let you dye your hair
8. You just found \$5 on the ground while going for a walk
9. Tonight, you get to have your favorite dessert after dinner
10. Your family has a game night and you came in last place

What to say: Some of these situations are good things to have happen and others are hard to deal with. Sometimes it might feel like God is far away, but in the good things and the hard things He is always with you.



ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Activity 2: Feelings Chart ([you can see a finished example here](#))

For Younger Kids:

What you need:

[Feelings Chart](#), clothespins (*one per child*), Optional: packing tape or clear contact paper (*if printer is unavailable, you'll need paper and writing utensils*)

What you do:

1. Print out the [Feelings Chart](#) (*in color*)
 - No Printer: Refer to the chart and re-create each "feeling" in a column
2. Cut the page so that all the feelings are in a column (*refer to attached example*)
3. **Optional**: use packing tape on each side to reinforce your "Feelings" Chart
4. Talk with your child about how they are feeling right now. Feel free to expand this by asking how they would feel in each of the above situations from the previous activity.
5. Clip the clothespin onto the page next to the feeling they identify with.

For Older Kids:

What you need:

[“How Do You Feel Today?” chart](#), washable or dry erase marker, clear sheet protector or clear packing tape (if printer is unavailable, you may use a blank sheet of paper)

What you do:

1. Print out the [“How Do You Feel Today?” chart](#)
 - No Printer: Refer to the chart and re-create it on your own sheet of paper
2. Use packing tape to cover the front of the page or put the page in a clear sheet protector (*this will allow it to be reusable*)
3. Talk with your child about how they are feeling right now. (*Feel free to expand this by asking how they would feel in each of the above situations from the previous activity*).
4. Have them draw on the center circle, with a washable marker, how they are feeling.
5. Erase and repeat with each situation from the previous activity.

What you say:

It’s good to know how you are feeling so that you know how to respond to those feelings in the way Jesus wants us to. For example, it’s okay to be angry sometimes but the important part is what we do with that anger. Instead of acting out, we could take a deep breath, talk to God about what made you angry, go outside and run around the yard, or talk to a friend or a parent about it.

Things might be hard or challenging but we have the assurance that God is going to bring all this together for His glory and His good. That is a promise we can believe and take to heart. Life is still hard sometimes, but God is in control.

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For an added sensory element, have your child decorate their own clothespin. You can use pom poms, sequins, glitter pens, etc.



**TALK
ABOUT IT**

Discussion Questions:

- What can you do to show people you care about them?
- What does Jesus do to show you He cares about you?



PRAYER

Prayer:

What you say:

Let's pray and ask God to help us put our trust in Him.

Dear Jesus,

Please help us to trust You even when we don't understand. We know You are so powerful and Your ways are always better than ours. Thank You for caring about us when bad things happen and thank You for promising us life that will last forever. In Jesus name, Amen.

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MEMORY VERSE

Memory Verse:

Parents: We want to encourage you to spend time each week as a family memorizing a passage of Scripture. We have provided two different versions to choose from.

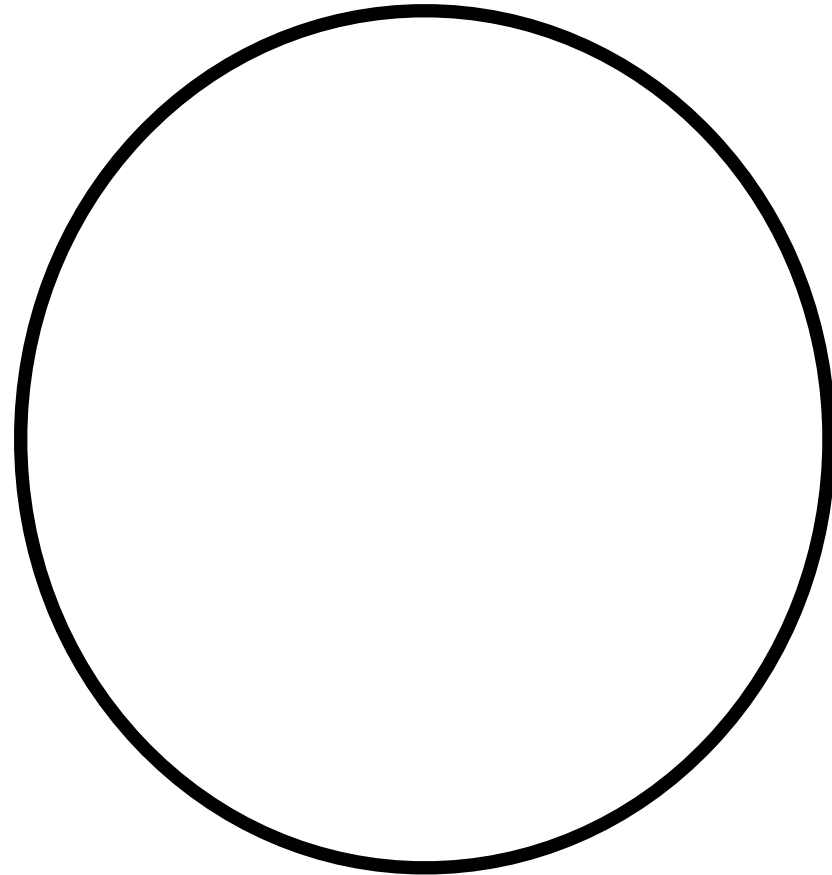
John 11:25 (NirV)

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if he dies.”

John 11:25 (ESV)

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

How do you



feel today?



Happy



Sad



Surprised



Sick



Excited



Angry



Tired



Worried