



**First, watch
this week's
video!**

**Hope: Believing
that something
good can
come out of
something bad**

Memory Verse

"In this world you
will have trouble.
But be encouraged!
I have won the battle
over the world."
John 16:33b, NIRV

Bible Story

Lazarus Raised
John 11:1-45

Bottom Line

Whatever happens,
remember how
powerful God is.

Use this guide to help your family
learn about hope.

Activity

Puzzle Play

What You Need:

Two sheets of paper, marker, and scissors

What You Do:

Write "LAZARUS" in large letters on two separate sheets of paper. Choose one of those sheets of paper and cut out each letter, one by one. Then hide those letters all around the room. (Keep track of where you've put them!)

Tell your child they're going to go hunting for puzzle pieces. Let your child use the intact sheet of paper to know which letters they should be looking for.

As your child moves around the room, tell them when they're "hotter" or "colder" based on how close they are to the puzzle pieces.

When your child has found all the pieces, have them put their puzzle together.

Talk About the Bible Story

What's another meaning for the word "puzzling?"
(*confusing, hard to understand*)

What was puzzling in our story today? (*Jesus didn't leave right away to heal Lazarus.*)

What happened a few days later, after Jesus said that Lazarus wasn't going to die? (*Lazarus died.*)

What did Jesus do next? (*He returned to where Lazarus lived.*)

What did Jesus do when He arrived to be with His friends? (*He was sad, but He prayed and thanked God. Then He called Lazarus out of the tomb, raising him from the dead.*)

Parent: Share an age-appropriate story about a time when you faced a seemingly impossible situation. Were you able to see and feel God's presence at the time? How?



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for this time when we can come together and learn more about You and what Your power looks like in our lives. Thank You that even though there are times we face big, hard things, You give us a reason to have hope! Please help us remember the truth we learned today. Help us remember that whatever happens, You are so powerful. In Your name we pray, amen."