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Dear Family,

For the next six weeks our group will be looking at the church—a worldwide community saved by God’s grace, through the gift of faith, and led by God’s Spirit to serve one another and bring the good news of Jesus to all people.

- Week 1: **The Church Is One** (Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3) 
- Week 2: **Spirit-Led Leaders** (Acts 15:1-35) 
- Week 3: **Forgiven** (John 8:1-11) 
- Week 4: **Life Goes On** (John 11:1-46; 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) 
- Week 5: **Only by Faith** (Acts 9:1-22; Galatians 2:20) 
- Week 6: **Only by Grace** (Luke 7:36-50) 

## Pass It On

Here are some ideas for how you might engage your young teen in conversation about what’s happening at church.

- Talk together about some of the ways you see the people in your church using their gifts and serving in unity. Share some of the gifts you see in your son or daughter. (Week 1)
- Share a time the leaders of a church you were part of made a tough decision as they followed God’s Spirit. Talk about how any of us can know what God wants us to do. (Week 2)
- Talk together about forgiveness—how does your family practice forgiveness? (Week 3)
- Share some thoughts about the death of someone you loved who knew the Lord. What comfort did you find in the promise of eternal life? (Week 4)
- Talk together about the ways Jesus has transformed or is transforming each of you. Affirm the growing faith you see in your young teen. (Week 5)
- Talk together about how you express your gratitude to God for the grace he has given you. (Week 6)

Sincerely,

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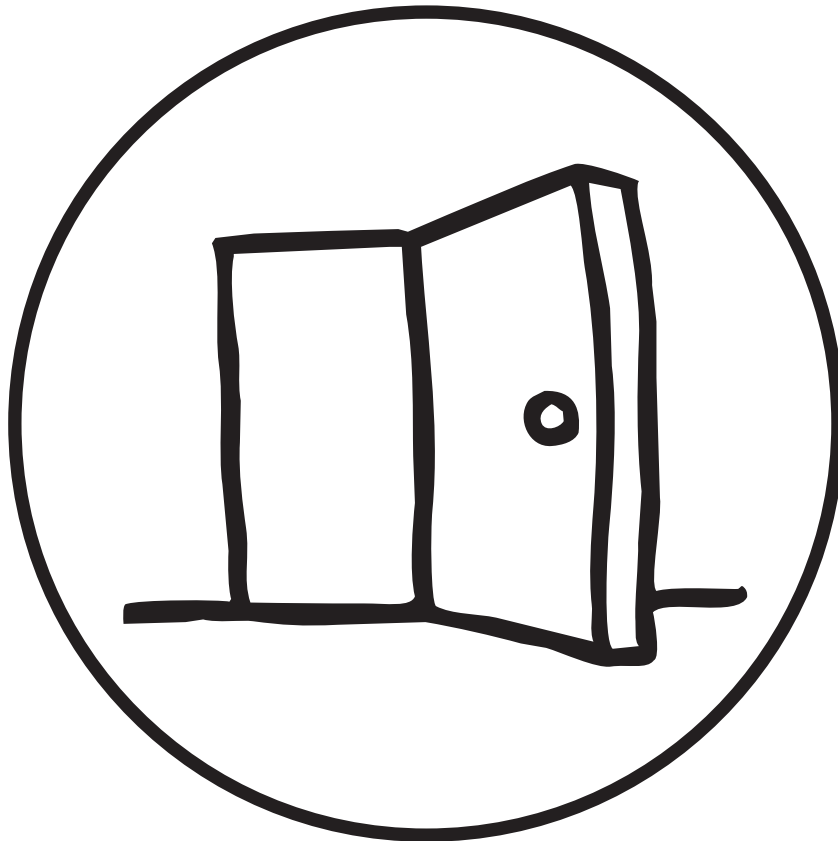
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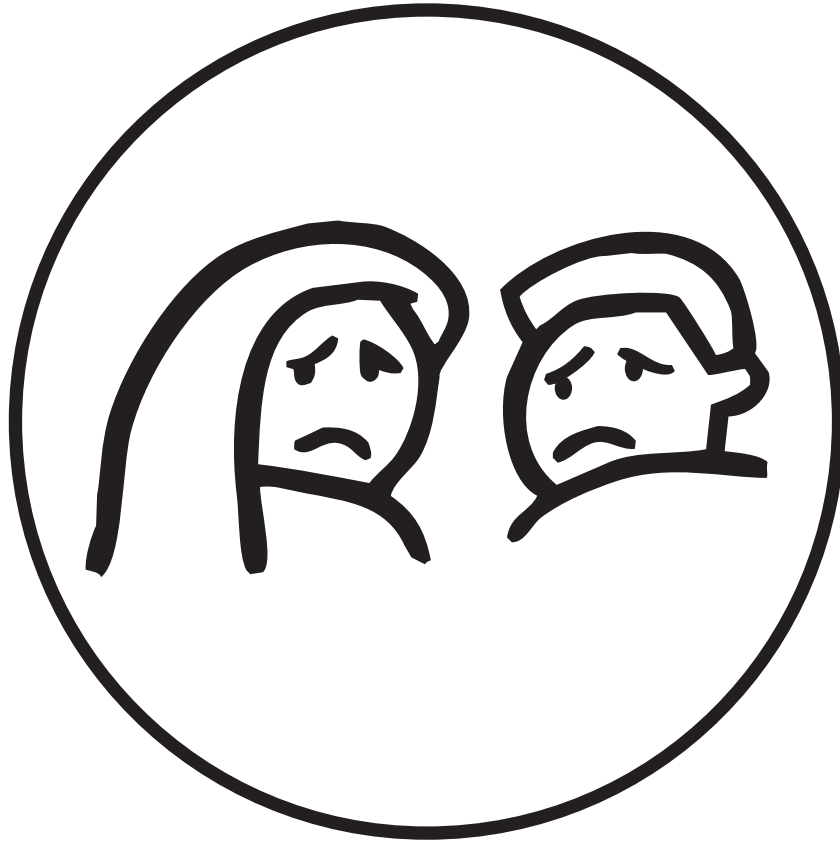
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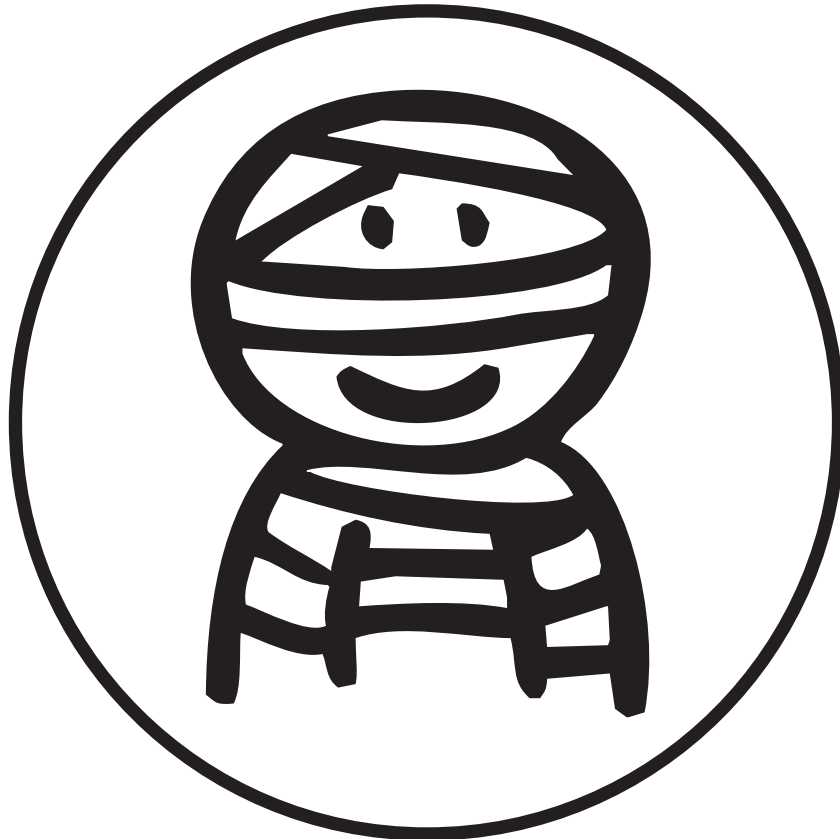
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Dive Year 1, Unit 6, Session 5



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# Who's in Charge?

1. Who is in charge of leading a school? (Principal)
2. This person is the head of the circus. (Ringmaster)
3. The big boss at the newspaper is called . . . (Editor-in-chief)
4. The head person on a train. (Engineer)
5. The leader of the choir or orchestra. (Conductor)
6. This person is in charge of a company. (CEO—Chief Executive Officer)
7. The lead dog or wolf in a pack is called . . . (Alpha)
8. The person in charge of the entire National Baseball League. (Commissioner)
9. This person is in charge of a ship. (Captain)
10. The lead musician playing a particular instrument in an orchestra. (First Chair)
11. The head of a team is called the . . . (Coach)
12. The top chef in a kitchen. (Executive Chef)
13. The most important persons in a royal family. (King and Queen)
14. The person in charge of an airplane. (Pilot)
15. The designated representative on a hockey team. (Captain)
16. The head of a city. (Mayor)
17. The leader of the Roman Catholic Church. (Pope)
18. The person in charge of a whole school district. (Superintendent)



# The Death and Resurrection of Lazarus

Adapted from John 11:1-46, NIV

**Narrator:** Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus,

**Martha & Mary:** Lord, the one you love is sick!

**Narrator:** When Jesus heard this, he said:

**Jesus:** This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.

**Narrator:** Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples,

**Jesus:** Let us go back to Judea.

**Disciples:** But Rabbi, a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?

**Jesus:** Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.

**Narrator:** After he had said this, he went on to tell them,

**Jesus:** Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.

**Disciples:** Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.

**Narrator:** Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly,

**Jesus:** Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.

**Narrator:** Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples,

**Thomas:** Let us also go, that we may die with him.

**Narrator:** On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

**Martha:** Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.

**Jesus:** Your brother will rise again.

**Martha:** I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

**Jesus:** I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?

**Martha:** Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.

**Narrator:** After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside.

**Martha:** The Teacher is here. He is asking for you.

**Narrator:** When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said,

**Mary:** Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

**Narrator:** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

**Jesus:** Where have you laid him?

**Martha, Mary, and Jews:** Come and see, Lord.

**Narrator:** Jesus wept. Then the Jews said,

**Half of the Jews:** See how much he loved him!

**Narrator:** But some of them said,

**Other Half of the Jews:** He opened the eyes of the blind man. Couldn't he have kept this man from dying?

**Narrator:** Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

**Jesus:** Take away the stone.

**Martha:** But, Lord, by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.

**Jesus:** Didn't I tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?

**Narrator:** So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said,

**Jesus:** Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.

**Narrator:** When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice,

**Jesus:** Lazarus, come out!

**Narrator:** The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

**Jesus:** Take off the grave clothes and let him go.

**Narrator:** Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

**So  
What?**

**What  
good  
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# Jesus Calls Saul to Faith

## From Acts 9:1-22, NIV

**Narrator:** Meanwhile, **SAUL** was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the **HIGH PRIEST** and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a **LIGHT FROM HEAVEN** flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him,

**Voice of Jesus:** “**SAUL, SAUL**, why do you persecute me?”

**Narrator:** “Who are you, Lord?” **SAUL** asked.

**Voice of Jesus:** “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

**Narrator:** The **MEN TRAVELING** with **SAUL** stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. **SAUL** got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named **ANANIAS**. The Lord called to him in a vision,

**Voice of Jesus:** “**ANANIAS!**”

**Narrator:** “Yes, Lord,” he answered. The Lord told him,

**Voice of Jesus:** “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named **SAUL**, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named **ANANIAS** come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

**Narrator:** “Lord,” **ANANIAS** answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

But the Lord said to **ANANIAS**,

**Voice of Jesus:** “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

**Narrator:** Then **ANANIAS** went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on **SAUL**, he said, “Brother **SAUL**, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from **SAUL**’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

**SAUL** spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” Yet **SAUL** grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

# What Good Does It Do You?

What good does it do you to learn all the teachings of this creed?

No good at all, unless I truly \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. Only by true \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ do I become \_\_\_\_\_ with God and \_\_\_\_\_ everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Forgiven

**Narrator:** When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured perfume on them.

Jesus

**When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."**

**Jesus answered him,**

**Jesus:** Simon, I have something to tell you.

**Simon:** Tell me, teacher.

**Jesus:** Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

**Simon:** I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.

**Jesus:** You have judged correctly.

**Narrator:** Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon,

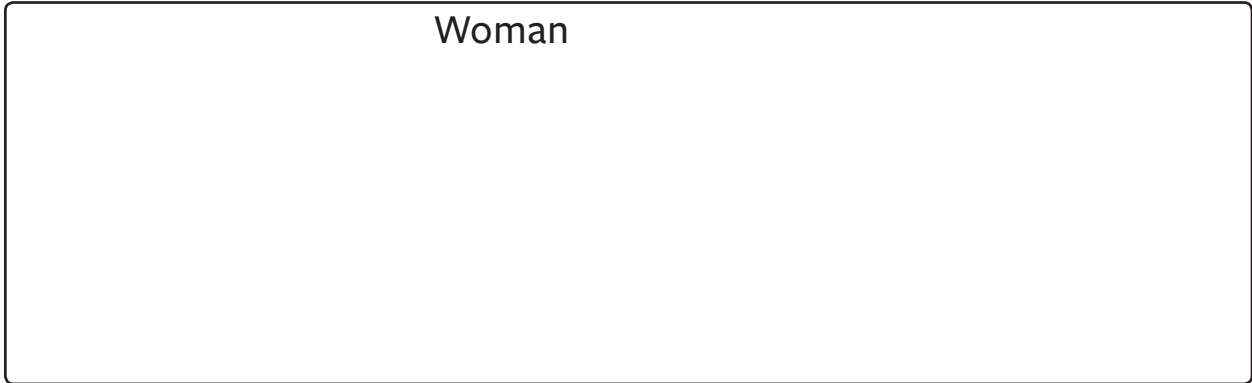
**Jesus:** Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

Simon

**Jesus:** Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

**Narrator:** Then Jesus said to her,

**Jesus:** Your sins are forgiven.



**Narrator:** The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman,

**Jesus:** Your faith has saved you; go in peace.

# Remember That?

Listed below are some of the things your class has talked about this quarter. How many do you remember? Fill in the answers on the blank lines below!

1. "I believe" statements confessed by nearly all Christians

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2. The righteous and the unrighteous (in one of Christ's parables)

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3. The time when Christ will separate the "sheep" from the "goats"

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4. Where we will live with Christ after our resurrection

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5. Is eternal God, makes us belong to Christ, and comforts us

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6. Signs of the Spirit's coming at Pentecost

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7. A community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith

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8. Hurt the early Christian community by their lies

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9. To use the gifts God has given us to serve others

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10. The way the Spirit is making us holy

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11. To call disciples from all nations and tell everyone the good news

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12. Gentile to whom Peter brought the gospel, as directed in a vision

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13. Ministers, elders, deacons, and evangelists

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14. A line from the Apostles' Creed and the key to our becoming right with God

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15. Man whom Jesus raised from the dead

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16. Man who persecuted followers of the Way

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17. Being made right with God

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18. How we are saved

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**Year 1**

**Unit 1** What Do I Do When Things Fall Apart?

**Unit 2** What's the Covenant All About?

**Unit 3** Who Is God?

**Unit 4** Who Is Jesus?

**Unit 5** Who Is the Holy Spirit?

**Unit 6** What Is the Church?

**Year 2**

**Unit 1** What Is Being a Christian All About?

**Unit 2** What's with All the Rules?

**Unit 3** Can't We All Just Get Along?

**Unit 4** Who's Number 1?

**Unit 5** Does What I Do Make a Difference?

**Unit 6** What Do I Say When I Pray?

  
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