



Trusting in the Promise of Jesus

In-Home Discipleship Worksheets for Families

Faith in Real Life

Sally knew that her Grandpa George had been ill. She had visited him in the nursing home many times, and more recently had seen him at the hospital. One afternoon when Sally came home from school, her parents greeted her at the front door with very serious faces. They all sat down on the couch together and her mother held her hand.

“Sally,” her mother began, “You know Grandpa George has been very sick?”

“Yes,” Sally answered, wondering what was wrong.

“Well, honey, Grandpa died today. He couldn’t keep fighting the disease in his body and wanted to be with Jesus. He said to remind you that he loved you very much, but that is was his time to go.”

Sally had never lost a loved to death before, so she wasn’t sure what to think; she only knew that she was very sad. Her dad asked her, “Sally, do you understand what your mama is saying about Grandpa? Do you have any questions, honey?”

Sally didn’t have any questions at that moment, she just felt like crying. Her mom and dad wrapped their arms around her and prayed with her. They told her that Grandpa George loved Jesus and they were sure he was with him now, even as her grandpa had been with Jesus his whole life.

When You Lose Someone You Love ...

It is never easy when someone we love dies. We know that they will not be with us anymore, and we will no longer be able to talk to them or spend time with them. But we can be thankful for the good memories we have from when they were alive. We can also know that the person who died is in the hands of God, and God is the One we trust above everything. As the Bible says:

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. (Romans 14:7-8)

Some things to talk about:

- ▶ Is it okay to be sad when we lose someone we love?
- ▶ How does it help to know that God is in control and that we can trust in him?

Lord God, we thank you for promising that nothing can ever separate us from you, not even death. We entrust people who have died into your loving care. In the name of Jesus. Amen



Read in Your Bible: John 11:17-44

These verses tell the story of a time when someone that Jesus loved had died. That man's name was Lazarus. Jesus came to comfort the sisters of Lazarus; he even cried with them. But Jesus also came to show that he had the power to raise the dead back to life.

We believe that even though we die, Jesus will raise us back to life and we will be together some day with those we love. Jesus' promise is true when he told us:

“I am the _____ and the _____.” (v.25)