

I Am Secure

The Widow's Son © Luke 7:11-17

God's Word

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with his purpose." Romans 8:28

For Younger Children:

God does everything for our good.
(See Romans 8:28.)

Big Discovery

God says He will always do what is best for me. I am secure.



Teacher & Parent Connection

Much of what we do relates to our security! Security systems (or at least locks for our doors) protect our homes and businesses. We dutifully squirrel away money in 401Ks, IRAs and old socks. We stockpile food and water. Our actions say that we value our lives and property. We want to be protected from harm—and from the awful feeling of being vulnerable and defenseless that comes with it!

Yet anyone who's ever had a bike stolen knows that a lock won't stop a thief. Anyone who lived through the financial crises of the early 2000s can tell how future assets can evaporate in a moment. Anyone who's lost a job or a home can tell you that what they'd imagined would remain a secure, long-term investment, wasn't.

The widow in today's Bible account was likely the most desperately insecure person in her society. At that time, a woman's needs were all met through her husband. If the man died and little was left to a widow, she could only hope that a son or a male relative might take care of her.

But this widow's only son had just died—and with him, her hope for survival had died, too. Without him, her security for the future was likely nonexistent.

Just as we might look to our 401Ks, the widow had set her security on her (living!) son. But then, Jesus came—and did the impossible to show her that He, who can bring the dead to life, offers real security! And just as she did, we discover throughout life that there is no income, no person, no investment that provides security. Only in God (who says He works every scary, insecure circumstance for good in the lives of His children) do we find true security!

Want real security? Join God's family!

