

# FAMILY PRAYER

## WEEK BY WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

29 March 2020

**"I am the resurrection and the life."**



### Something to Think About

Can you think of a time when you have trusted someone to do something important? It might have been mum or dad, a friend, or a teacher. Like Jesus, we should remember to trust God when we are sad or afraid.

### The Story

Jesus was good friends with a man named Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. In this week's story, Jesus gets a message that Lazarus is sick. Jesus makes the journey, but arrives to find Lazarus has already died. Mary and Martha were crying for the loss of their brother. Jesus was very sad too. The scriptures tell us that Jesus wept. But this sadness is not the end of the story. Jesus' response was one of trust in God. He tells Mary and Martha, 'Your brother will live again'. Jesus sets Lazarus free and restores him to health and happiness with his family and friends.

### The Scriptures

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 11:17, 20-25, 38, 43-44**

When Jesus got to Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus had arrived, she went out to meet him. Jesus told her, "Your brother will live again!" Martha answered, "I know that he will be raised to life on the last day, when all the dead are raised." Jesus then said, "I am the resurrection and the life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die." Jesus was still terribly upset. So he went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone rolled against the entrance. Then he told the people to roll the stone away. Jesus looked up toward heaven and prayed. When Jesus had finished praying, he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" The man who had been dead came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of burial cloth, and a cloth covered his face. Jesus then told the people, "Untie him and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Family Discussion

Jesus had faith that Lazarus would live. He asked the people to roll away the stone. Can you think of a time when you have been afraid to do something? How might you 'have faith' and find the courage to 'roll the stone away'?

### Video

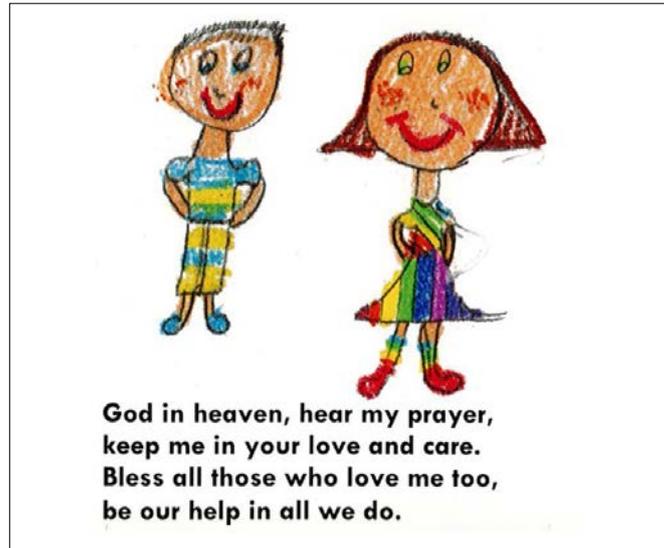
Click to watch the video:

[Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead](#)



## THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

### Bedtime Prayer



### Family Activity

Go for a walk in the garden or a nearby park.  
Look for signs of life in the garden – flowers, leaves, beetles...  
Say thank you to God for all the wonderful living things in our world.



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# JESUS AND LAZARUS

**JESUS CRIED... WHY WAS JESUS SAD?**

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**IS THERE A TIME WHEN YOU WERE SAD AND YOU CRIED?**

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**WHAT MADE YOU SMILE AGAIN?**

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**WRITE A PRAYER FOR  
THOSE WHO ARE SAD**

**DEAR GOD,** \_\_\_\_\_

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