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New life

Spring brings new life. The word *lent* means spring. The seeds we plant look dead, but they will be living plants with the sun and rain sent by God.

Katie is puzzled. She bought packets of flower seeds and accidentally mixed them up.



Draw a line between the matching packets that will give her the same kind of flowers.



Thank you, Jesus, for bringing us new life. Amen

This week

Do a yard or neighborhood search for new spring plants and other signs of spring. New life is coming!

Kids Celebrate

Fifth Sunday in Lent



gather

Welcome to worship.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the . Those who believe in even though they , will , and everyone who and believes in will never .

John 11:25-26a



= life



= me



= die



= live

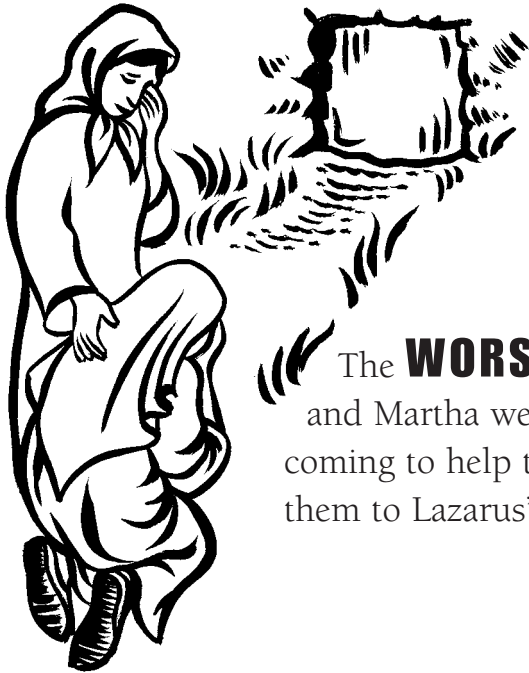
During these last of the 40 days of Lent you may see signs of spring, such as flowers starting to grow from bulbs that were planted months ago. The bulbs that have been buried under ground will show signs of life again.

Count 40 spring flowers on the pages of this bulletin.



Amazing changes

John 11:1-45

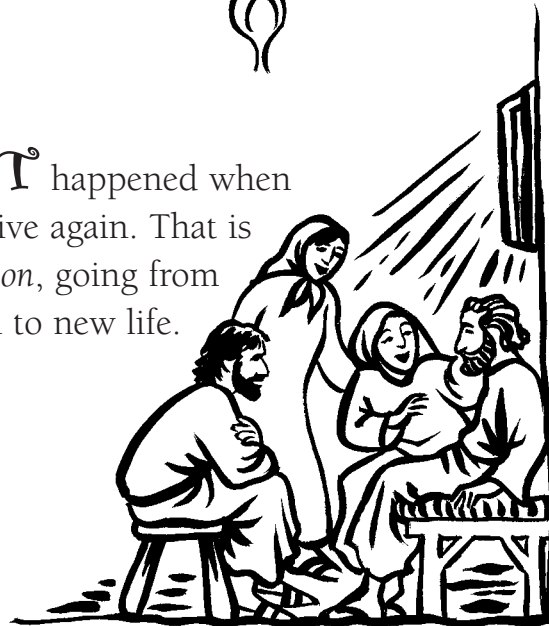


Today's gospel story tells about best days and worst days for Jesus and his friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

The **WORST** happened when Lazarus died. Mary and Martha were upset when they thought Jesus was not coming to help them. Jesus cried when he went with them to Lazarus's grave.



The **BEST** happened when Lazarus was alive again. That is called *resurrection*, going from death to new life.







The **BEST** and the **WORST** days are all *put God first* days. Remember to ask, "God, be with me all day long." Add your own ideas to the following lists.

BEST Days

-  birthdays
-  first bike ride after a long winter
-  weekends
-  Easter
-  family play days

WORST Days

-  rainy, cold days
-  when someone you love dies
-  sore throats and fevers
-  scrapes, cuts, and bruises



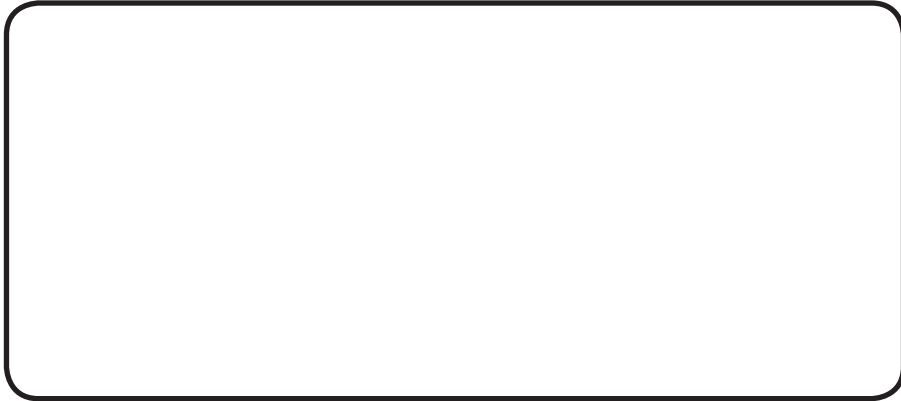
Listen for other stories about best and worst days in today's lessons, songs, and sermon.



Symbols of Spring

Many churches decorate their worship space with fresh flowers. They might show artwork of birds or lambs. Look around your worship space.

Do you see any symbols of spring and new life? Draw them below.



Christians also use a cross as a symbol. How many crosses are there in your worship space? _____

Come up with your own symbols for the items below.

| | |
|------------|--------------|
| Friendship | A playground |
| Free time | Home |



READER

Lent 5

- Today is the **fifth Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent always happens during the **season** of spring.
- In the spring, we celebrate **new life**.
- Jesus brings **new life** to us!

It's Spring!

Draw **40** spring leaves on the branch to help you count the **40** days of Lent. Remember that **Jesus brings us new life!**



Jesus said, "_____ the
 1
 _____ and the _____."
 2 3

Memory Verse



John 11:25a

Look up the passages below to find the missing words from the memory verse.

1. Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, "_____ 1 _____ who I am."
2. Matthew 27:53 After his _____ 2 _____ they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city.
3. Job 10:12 You have granted me _____ 3 _____ and steadfast love.

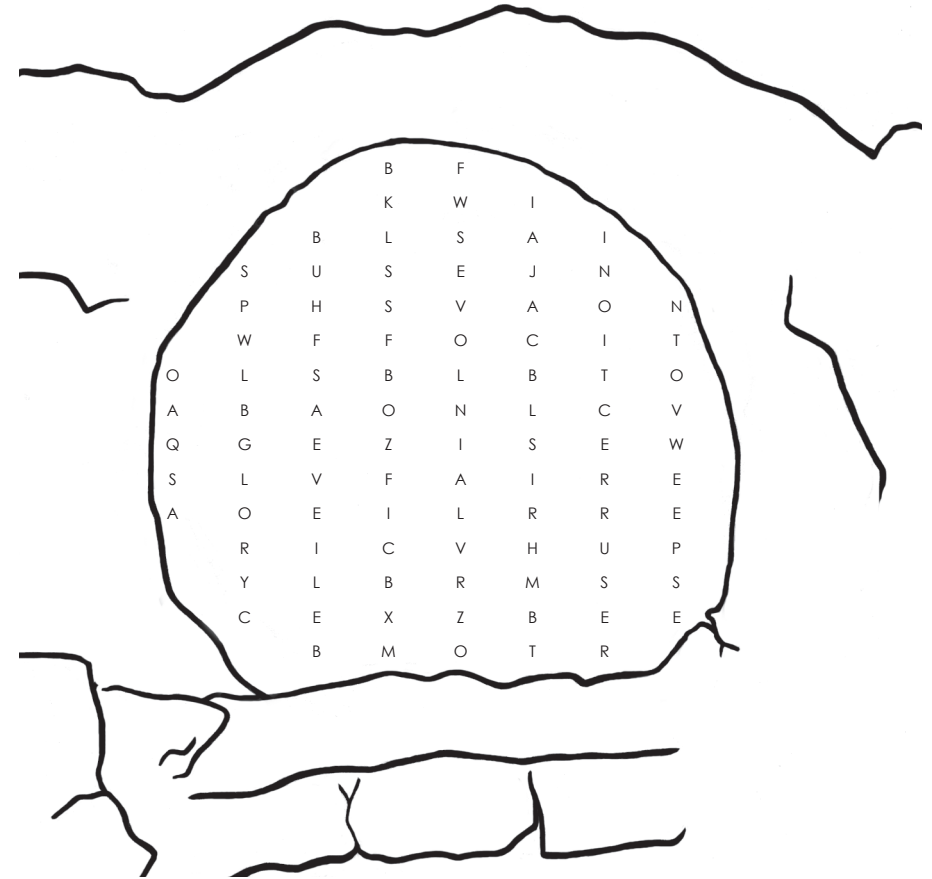
Lazarus Finds New Life

Jesus was sad when his friend **Lazarus** died.

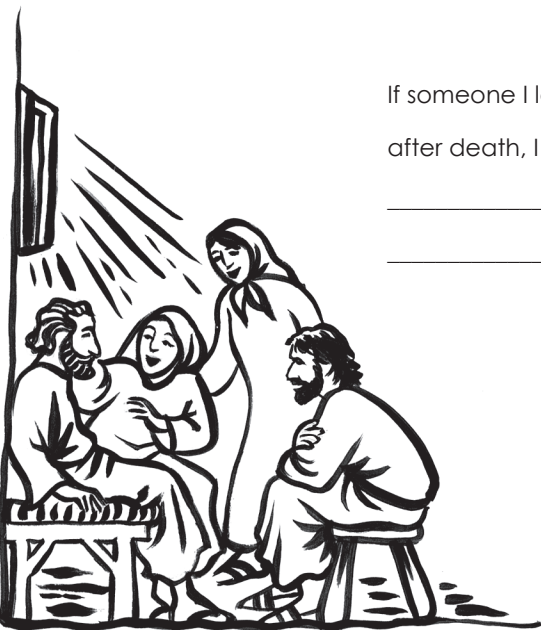
Jesus brought Lazarus **back to life!**

The people believed in Jesus because of this **miracle**.

Through Jesus, Lazarus found new life. Look at the opening of the tomb and see if you can find words from today's Bible story.



If someone I loved came back to life
 after death, I would _____

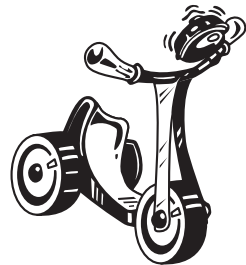
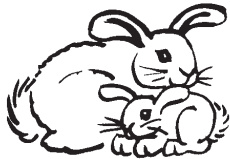
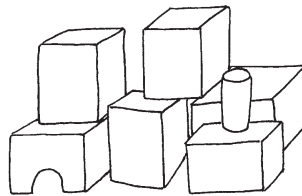
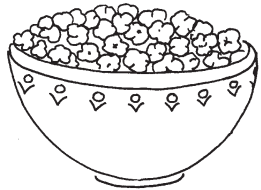


Bible Tip!

If you open your Bible in the middle, you should end up in Psalms or Proverbs. If you split the right half in half again, you'll be at the beginning of the New Testament.

The church uses symbols. Symbols are pictures that mean something. Are there any symbols in your worship space today? Some of the pictures below are symbols.

Circle the ones that are pictures of spring.



PRE-READER

Lent 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** in **Lent**.
- The word *lent* means **spring**.
- In the spring, we celebrate **new life**.

Color the flowers along the path and the birds in the sky. Make everything colorful to celebrate that spring is coming!





“Don’t be sad. Lazarus will live again!”

Lazarus got sick and died. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. When we're hurting or upset, Jesus can help us, too!

Use the bandages below to write or draw things that make you feel better.

