

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 37:12–14

Psalms 130:1–2, 5, 7bcd

John 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 31–45



We Pray

Jesus, we believe in you. We pray that we will one day live with you forever in Heaven. Amen.



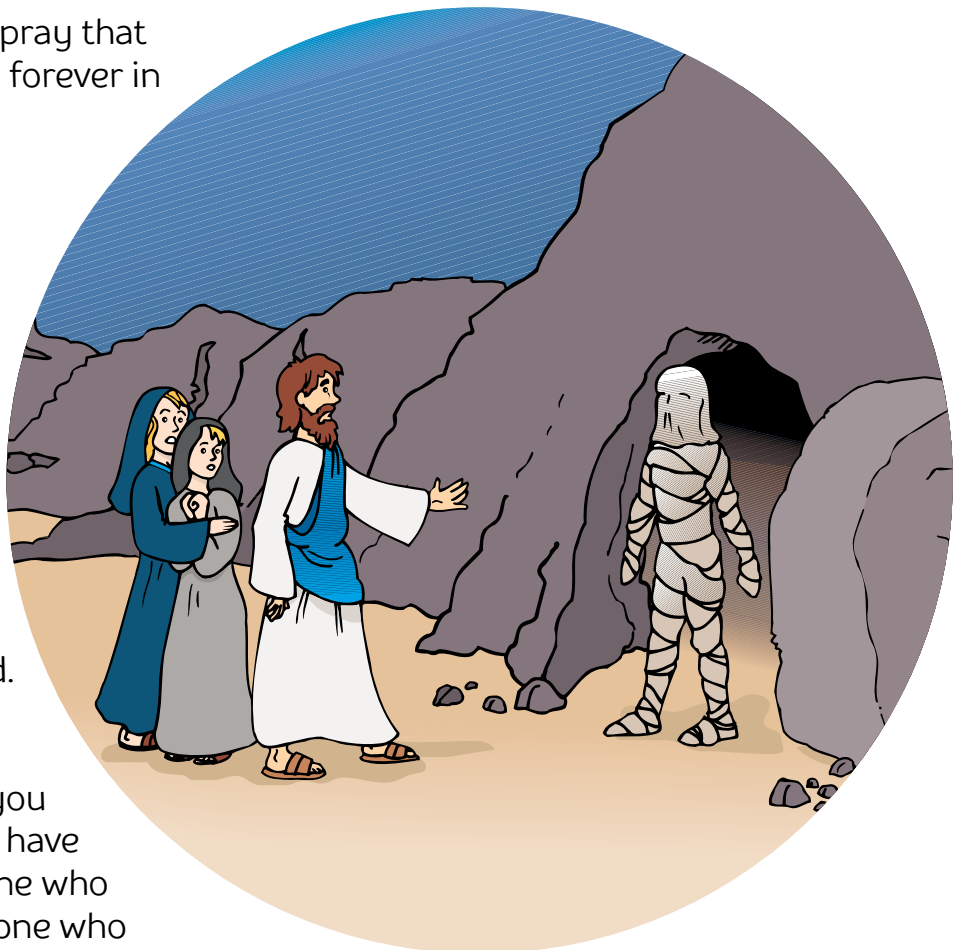
The Word of God This Week

Jesus Gives Lazarus New Life

When Lazarus was sick, Mary and Martha sent for Jesus. By the time he arrived, however, their brother was dead and buried. Everyone was crying. Jesus cried too.

Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, he would not have died." Jesus said, "I am the one who raises the dead to life. Everyone who believes in me will live forever."

Then Jesus called Lazarus out of his grave and returned him to life.

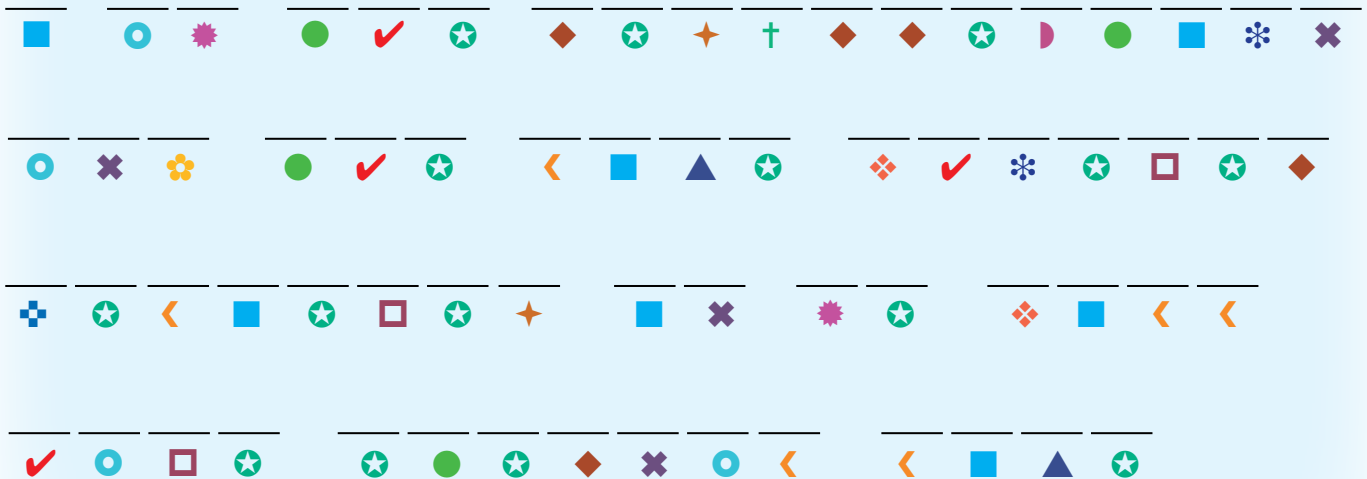


Activity

Use the following to decode the words of Jesus.

A = ○	D = ☼	H = ✓	M = ✨	R = ◆	U = †
B = ⊕	E = ☆	I = ■	N = ✖	S = ✨	V = ◻
C = ◐	F = ▲	L = <	O = ❄	T = ●	W = ⬠

Jesus promised us a great gift when he said:



Family Corner

Faith Focus

Learning to recognize, admit, and deal with feelings is a lifelong task. Children are eager to share what is going on in their lives when they are little. As they grow older, however, children tend to hide what they feel because they aren't quite sure what feelings will be acceptable to peers or parents.

Our homes should be safe places for children to share the daily adventures of their lives.

Family Activity

At a family meal this week, encourage each member to share the highlight and the biggest challenge of that day. Talk about the difference between reacting to feelings and acting on feelings. Offer one another words of shared joy to celebrate the happy times, and words of encouragement and understanding for the difficult times. Help all family members know that they are welcome regardless of their mood. Say a prayer of thanks for one another.