



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 2026

John 11:1-45

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week's gospel with your child at home.

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Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

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The Bible and Catholics
All Scripture is inspired by God

The sisters sent Jesus a message: "Lord, your dear friend is ill."

When Jesus heard it, he said, "The final result of this illness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory."

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he received the news that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was for two more days. Then he said to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been buried four days before.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house.

Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died! But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask him for."

"Your brother will rise to life," Jesus told her.

"I know," she replied, "that he will rise to life on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and all those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord!" she answered. "I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people who were with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved. "Where have you buried him?" he asked them.

"Come and see, Lord," they answered.

Jesus wept. "See how much he loved him!" the people said.

But some of them said, "He gave sight to the blind man, didn't he? Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Deeply moved once more, Jesus went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone placed at the entrance. "Take the stone away!" Jesus ordered.

Martha, the dead man's sister, answered, "There will be a bad smell, Lord. He has been buried four days!"

Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believed?" They took the stone away. Jesus looked up and said, "I thank you, Father, that you listen to me. I know that you always listen to me, but I say this for the sake of the people here, so that they will believe that you sent me." After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" He came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave clothes, and with a cloth round his face. "Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go."

Many of the people who had come to visit Mary saw what Jesus did, and they believed in him.

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Jesus hears that his friend Lazarus who lives in Bethany is sick. By the time Jesus gets there, Lazarus is dead and has been buried for four days.

Jesus goes to the tomb and asks them to roll away the stone which was blocking the entrance. He tells Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus walks out, covered in the cloths that he was buried in.

How do you think Mary, Martha and the other people there feel when they see Lazarus walking out of the tomb?

Why do you think Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead? *(So that the people believe that Jesus is the Son of God. To show that he brings life to those who believe in him.)*

Unfortunately, sometimes, just like Lazarus in today's gospel, people do get sick. When this happens, they go to the hospital where doctors and nurses work hard to care for them and try to make them better.

It can be very sad and worrying when someone we love is sick or dies. Jesus knows how we feel. He cried for his friend Lazarus who he loved.

Not everyone gets to see a doctor when they need to. It can be a long way to go to the nearest hospital or they might not be able to pay for their medicine.

Some people find it hard to stay healthy because they do not have enough food to eat or safe water to drink.

When Pope Francis died, he asked that his Popemobile be transformed into a mobile clinic for children in Gaza who are injured, malnourished or don't have access to healthcare. It is hoped that this new mobile clinic will be able to enter Gaza and start helping people soon.

God gives life to us all. God created us and wants every single one of us to live a happy life, with all the things that we need to grow and be the best people we can be.

And Jesus came to show us how to live, how to treat others. This Lent we can look at our own lives and think about the changes that we can make so that everyone can live their lives to the full. Just like Pope Francis, we can share what we have to help others who are in need. What will you do?

Art can help
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Gospel to
life for
children.



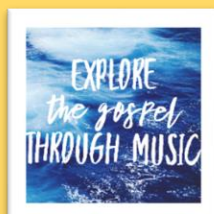
You may find the
website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to
explore with your child. Each day they
share artwork linked to the daily
Gospel.

**Commemoration of Saint Cyril of
Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor
John 5:17-30**

**The Death of Saint Jerome in the
Presence of His Disciples and His
Appearance to Bishop Saint Cyril
of Jerusalem,
Painting by Sano di Pietro (1405–
1481),
Painted in 1444
Tempra on panel**



We can worship and pray through
Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy
listening to both traditional and
contemporary worship music!



Traditional: Firmly I Believe
by John Henry Newman
Traditional: Now thank we all our God by Martin
Rinkart
Contemporary: [Trading My Sorrows](#) by Darrell
Evans



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Catholic Social Teaching:

Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?

**DIGNITY SOLIDARITY THE COMMON GOOD THE OPTION FOR THE POOR PEACE
CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**

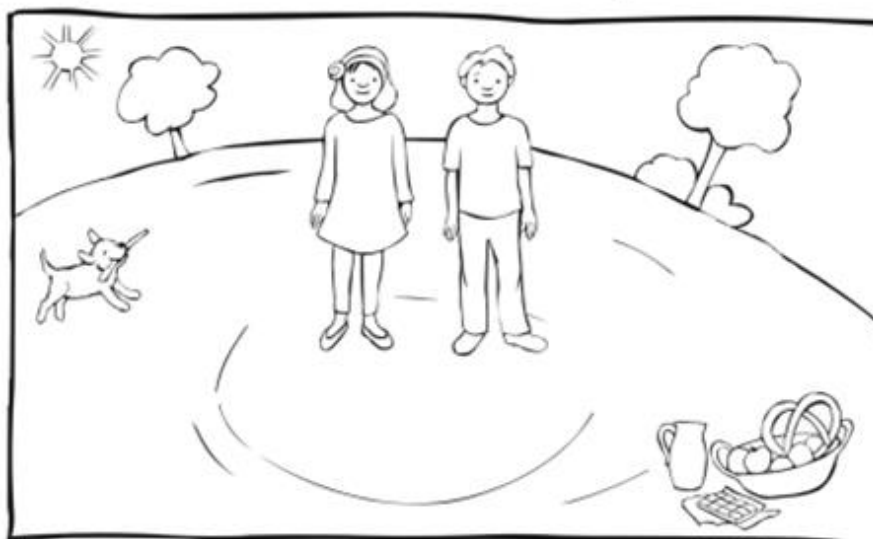


This week's Gospel activity sheet from CAFOD:

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Gospel: John 11:1-45

"When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been buried four days before."



God gives life to us all. And God wants us all to have the things that we need to grow and be happy. In the picture draw all the things the children need to grow and be happy. One example, food, has been added to get you started.

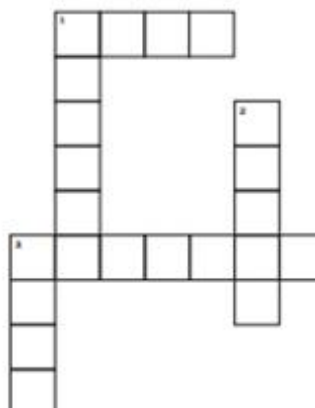
Complete the crossword puzzle

Across

1. The name of one of Lazarus' sisters
3. The name of Jesus' friend who died

Down

1. The name of Lazarus' other sister
2. Who raised Lazarus from the dead?
3. What did Jesus give to Lazarus? New



Answers: Across 1. Mary 3. Lazarus
Down 1. Martha 2. Jesus 3. Life



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ORUM **March**
Feast Days

2 March	Presentation of the Lord
17 March	St Patrick
19 March	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Mary Virgin.
24 March	St Oscar Romero
25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord

