

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

March 29, 2020

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Good morning friends! I have a question for you – have you ever been sad? What are some things that you have been sad about? Are you sad because you can't go to school or can't play with your friends right now? In what ways do you show that you are sad?

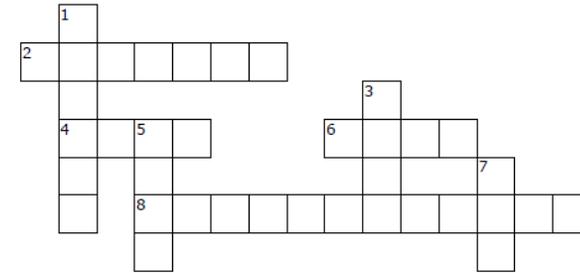
One reason that we might feel sad is when we lose someone or something we care about. And it is okay to feel sad when that happens. What I want you to know is that feelings are neither good nor bad...they just are.

In today's story, we hear that Jesus was sad. Jesus was sad because his friend, Lazarus, had died. The story says Lazarus was a friend that Jesus loved. After Lazarus died, Jesus joined Lazarus' family to grieve and everyone was upset. The story tells us Jesus wept, and then, he prayed. And, after he prayed, with God's help, Jesus brings Lazarus back to life.

Today's story reminds us that sad things happen in life - to everyone. And when those sad things happen, it's ok to feel sad about them and to cry about them. But Jesus in his actions in today's story also reminds us that our sadness is not supposed to be the end of the story; sadness is not where our story stops. So when we are sad, let's remember to do as Jesus did. When we're sad, let's ask God to join us in our sadness. Because when we invite God to join us in our sadness, then God can help us see and know how to receive and then share God's love and healing with those around us, just like Jesus did.

Loving God, thank you for Jesus who shows us how to invite you into our sadness so that your love, healing, and life can be known and shared. Amen.+ *adapted from four.org

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
- 4. A place where someone is buried
- 6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
- 8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

DOWN

- 1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
- 3. To be alive or have life
- 5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
- 7. To stop living

TOMB	MARTHA	DIE	MARY
LIVE	RESURRECTION	LAZARUS	SICK

Activity: This week, make a feelings journal. Use emojis or draw pictures that fit your mood. At the end of each day, pray about your feelings and invite God to join you in helping express them to your family.

Discussion Question: When people around you are sad, how can you help them to feel better? Sometimes when people are sad, they just need someone to listen to them. How can you be a good listener?

Family Table Prayer for March:

If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet!
If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet!
Lord, you give us what we need and we thank you,
YES INDEED!

If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet.

March Memory Verse: Psalm 95:1 Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.



Jesus Raises Lazarus

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