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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



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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



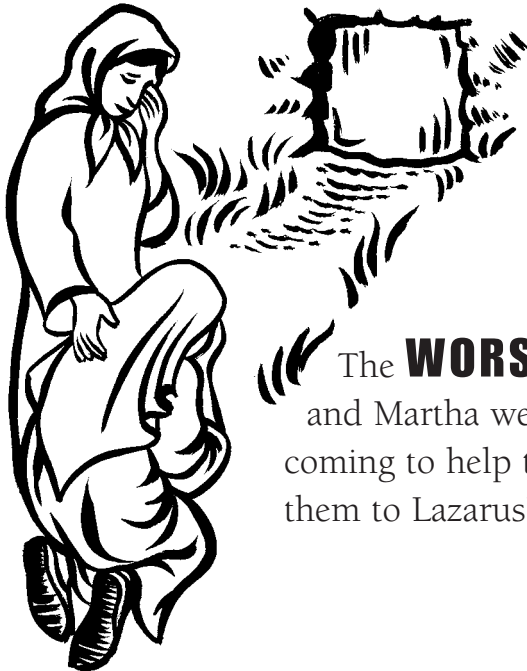
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During these last of the 40 days of Lent you may see signs of spring, such as flowers starting to grow from bulbs that were planted months ago. The bulbs that have been buried under ground will show signs of life again.

Count 40 spring flowers on the pages of this bulletin.

Amazing changes

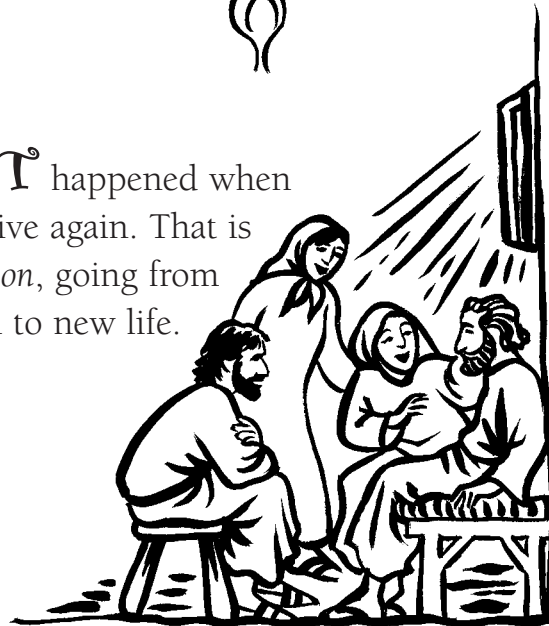
John 11:1-45



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.



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

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
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WORST Days

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