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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE





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Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. Share a great memory of a grandparent or family member who has died.
- 2. How do we comfort people who have lost someone very dear to them?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

2nd reading

Ezekial 37:1-14
Valley of dry

bones

Romans 8:6-11

The realm of the Spirit

Gospel reading

John 11:1-45

The raising of Lazarus

DISCUSS

Mary and Martha were very sad because their brother Lazarus had died. What did Jesus say to comfort them?



ACTION RESPONSE

When Jesus was confronted with Mary and Martha's grief, he also wept. In your home devotion times this week, make a point of praying for people who are experiencing times of sadness e.g. those who are sick or who have recently had a friend or loved one die.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we believe you are the Christ, the Son of God. Thank you for the promise of life forever with you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, through this food you give us life for today, and through your Son you give us life forever. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Spirit of God live in you and fill you with new life.

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.
THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME WILL HAVE LIFE
EVEN IF THEY DIE. AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES
AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE.

JOHN 11:25-26

VERSE OF THE WEEK