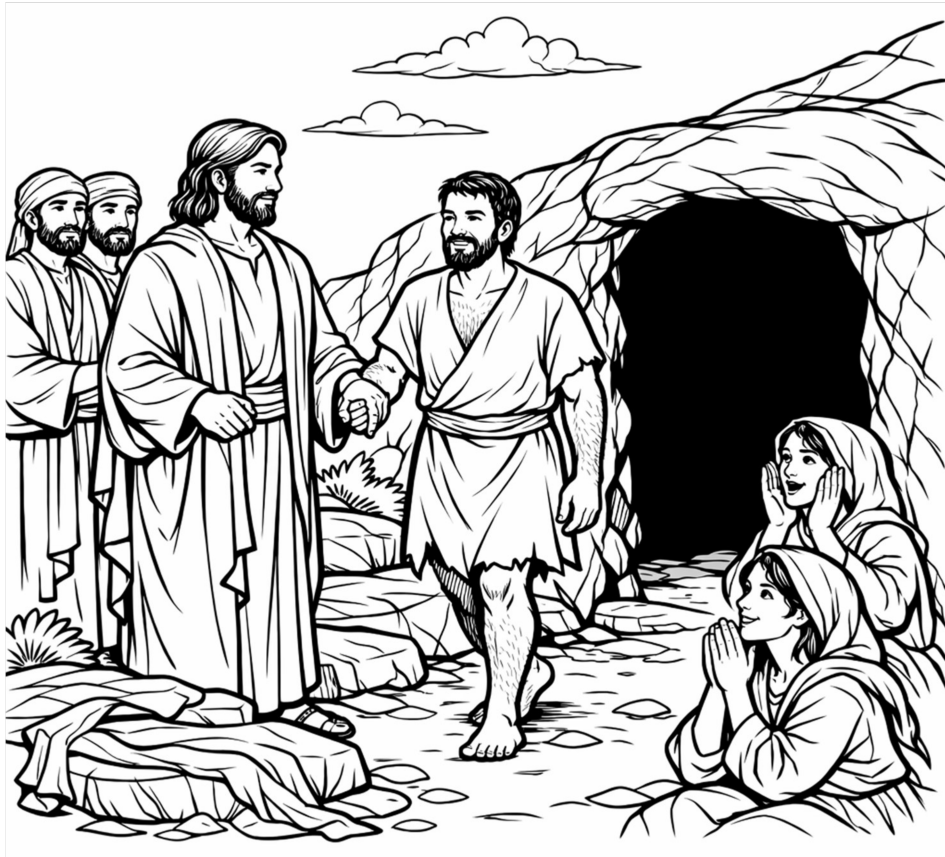




Sunday the 22nd of March, Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year A

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish **Children's Bulletin**

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead



This story tells about one of the most amazing miracles Jesus performed. There was a man named Lazarus who lived in a town called Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. They were good friends of Jesus. One day Lazarus became very sick. Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus asking Him to come and help. But Jesus did not go right away.

After a few days, Lazarus died. When Jesus finally came to Bethany, Martha ran to meet him. She was very sad and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus told her something very important: "*I am the resurrection and the life.*" He meant that he has the power to give life, even stronger than death. Mary also came to Jesus, crying. When Jesus saw how sad everyone was, he became very upset too. In fact, the Bible tells us that Jesus wept—he cried because he loved his friends and felt their sadness.

Jesus then went to the tomb where Lazarus had been buried. The tomb was a cave with a big stone in front of it. Jesus told the people to move the stone away. Then he prayed to God the Father and called out loudly: "*Lazarus, come out!*" And something amazing happened. Lazarus came out of the tomb, still wrapped in the burial cloths! Jesus told the people to unwrap him and let him go. Lazarus was alive again.

Many people who saw this miracle believed in Jesus.

What can we learn from this story?

Jesus loves people and cares when they are sad.

Jesus has power over life and death.

We can trust Jesus, even when things seem hopeless.

Always remember that *Jesus brings hope and life, even in the darkest moments!*



How many differences can you spot?



A Prayer for this week

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for going to Mary, Martha and Lazarus when they needed you.
You showed us that Your power is stronger than fear, stronger than sadness, and stronger than death.
Help me to trust You like Mary and Martha did.
When I feel worried or alone, remind me that You are always close and that Your love brings hope and new life.
Teach me to be brave, to believe in Your goodness, and to share Your love with others.
Amen.

