

## St Domini Savio Children Liturgy

**Mar 28/29 (Sat/Sun) 2020 – 5th Sunday of LENT Time Cycle A**

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Welcome children to their worship space.

Ask them to sit down. Introduce yourself and your helpers.

**Say:** This is it! The last Sunday before we begin the celebration of the Passion and Easter week. Next Sunday we celebrate the Passion. We also know it as **Palm Sunday** because it is the day when we get new palms for next year. The week after that is a very serious and very special week. We go to church several times to celebrate **Holy Thursday** (the last supper), **Good Friday** (when Jesus died) and then **Easter Sunday** (to celebrate his rising from the dead) . We have a lot coming up so remind your parents!

**Say :** Our symbol today is a **rock or a stone** Is a rock living? <no> Yet God made the rock be an instrument of bringing life to the Israelite people. God proved that he was stronger than death. This is what we will explore a little today. Our rock symbolizes death.

### Introduce Gospel reading

**Say:** Today's Gospel reading comes from the book of John. (John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 31-45). St. John uses this reading to tell us about a time when Jesus actually did raise a good friend of his from the dead. Jesus had a friend named Lazarus, the brother of two other friends that you have probably heard of – Martha and Mary. Lazarus got sick and died. He had already been buried for four days before Jesus arrived. Pretend that you are one of the Apostles travelling with Jesus and experience what happened at Lazarus' house.

**Have the reader begin:** A reading from the holy gospel according to **John**

**Encourage kids to respond: “Glory to you Oh Lord”** <teaching them to trace a cross on their foreheads, on their lips and on their hearts>

### Jesus Raises Lazarus

Lazarus had two sisters named Mary and Martha. They lived in Bethany. Mary and Martha sent for Jesus because Lazarus was sick. The message stated “the one you love is sick.” Jesus loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus. But when Jesus heard about Lazarus being sick, He stayed two more days where He was. But, Lazarus died during that time and he was buried before Jesus could visit him.

Jesus told His Disciples that they were going to Judea. They asked Him “Are you sure? The Jews have been wanting to stone you.” Jesus told them it would be all right, He needed to go see their friend Lazarus. Lazarus is sleeping, and I will wake him up. They told Jesus that if Lazarus is sleeping, then he would get better. But Jesus told them that Lazarus was dead. Jesus told them that He was glad they weren't there so they would believe what they see. And then He told the Disciples "Now, let's go to him." When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was two miles away from Jerusalem. And many of those people had come to be with Martha and Mary to comfort them. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him. Mary stayed at the house.

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Martha told Jesus that if He would have been there, Lazarus wouldn't have died. But she said, I know that whatever you ask God, He will give You. Jesus told her that her brother would live again. Jesus asked her if she believed that whoever believed in Him would live even though they died. Martha replied that she believed in Him. "I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who came into the world." After she answered Jesus, Martha secretly went to find her sister Mary and told her that Jesus had come and was looking for her. Immediately, Mary went to Jesus. Jesus wasn't in town yet, He was waiting for her where He had met Martha. The people who were with her, comforting her, thought she was going to the grave to cry about Lazarus. When Mary came to Jesus, she fell at His feet and told Him that Lazarus wouldn't have died if He'd been there. When Jesus saw her crying, he felt sorry for her and He was upset that she was so sad. Jesus asked her where Lazarus was laid at and the people said "Lord, come and see." Jesus was upset, even though He knew He would raise him from the dead. It still upset Him. The people said "See how much He loved Lazarus!"

Some of them said if Jesus healed the blind, couldn't He have kept Lazarus from dying? When they came to the tomb, it was a cave cut into the rock with a stone in front of it. This tells us that Mary, Martha and Lazarus had more money than the average family. This is the family burial place and only the rich could pay to have it cut out of the rock. Jesus was so upset when He came to the tomb. He said "Take away the stone." Martha said there is going to be a bad smell since Lazarus has been dead for 4 days! Jesus told her that she would believe after this. They took the stone away from the tomb and Jesus lifted up His eyes and said "I am thankful that You have heard Me. I know that You always hear Me. Because of these people standing here, I am saying this so that they may believe that You sent Me." After that, Jesus said really loud "Lazarus, come forth." Lazarus, who had been dead, came out with the wrappings around his hands and feet and face. Jesus said to unwrap him and the people that were there with Mary and Martha saw what Jesus had done and they believed in Him.

**Reader** : The gospel of the Lord

**Response** : **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Ask** : What happened? <let the children retell what they heard> What does this mean? <it means that Jesus is stronger than death, it reminds us that he will soon die and rise again himself> This story reminds us one more time to place our trust in Jesus!

**Lesson learnt today:** About the power of JESUS>

# Jesus said: Lazarus, come forth!



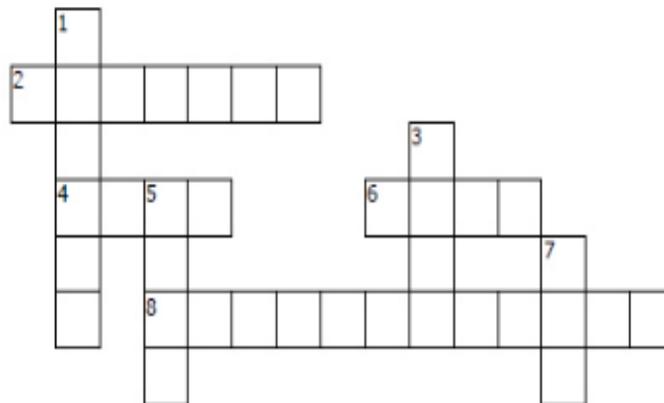
# Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

## Crossword

### Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."  
John 11:25 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV)



#### 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

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**Dear Parents,**

Today is the 5th Sunday in Lent. The children listened to gospel according to John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 31-45.

**Symbol:** Rock

**To reinforce at home:**

The readings today talk about how God's love is stronger even than death. They are a foretelling of the ultimate gift God gave to us, the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us.

**Activities to do at home:**

Remember to put the dates for the **Easter Triduum** services on your family calendar! How is your Lent coming? Take a few minutes this week with your child to talk about how you have grown closer to God during this Lenten period.

Click on the links below for an audio experience and craft ideas with your children. We wish you many happy moments as you experience God with your children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lWKVomn3uY> (gospel for children)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a71kSWmnOfQ> (craft)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfvzTm1mOCQ> (gospel for adults)