Journey through Lent

Teaching the Liturgical Year Part I

LESSONS for LENT 2020
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Lessons for Lower Elementary
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Lower Elementary

Materials

- Handout A: Gospel Reading for February 26, 2020
- Handout B: Lent

Learning Goals

In the Gospel passage for Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, Jesus teaches His disciples, and us, about the how we should give alms, pray, and fast. These three practices have traditionally formed the pillars of Catholic Lenten practice. In this lesson, students will learn about the season of Lent and consider these three pillars of Lenten practice.

Gospel Reflection

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.

B. Review and discuss the correct answers when finished.

Activity

Have students complete the Handout B: Lent activity. You may choose to have your students read about Lent on their own, or you may read together as a class. Then discuss the answers when finished.
A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus said to his disciples: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.
“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”
1. What did Jesus warn about when doing righteous deeds?

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2. Who will see our good deeds and almsgiving in secret?

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3. What did Jesus warn about when praying?

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4. Who will see when we pray in secret?

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5. What did Jesus warn about when fasting?

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6. Who will know when we fast?

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Lent is the 40 days before Easter. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. A cross made of ashes is put on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. The ashes remind us of when God made Adam. They also remind us of God’s mercy and love for us.

Lent is a season for us to grow closer to God. Jesus taught us a few ways to do this. He taught us to help others, to pray, and to fast.

Help others
Jesus tells us to help others. Some examples of people who need our help are the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the lonely. We can help by giving food or money. We can spend time with someone or do good things for them.
Pray
We talk to God when we pray. God talks to us too. We are friends with God when we pray.

Fast
When we fast, we give something up and give it back to God. Some people give up candy or chocolate, or even watching TV for Lent as a gift to God. What can you give up for God?
What three things can we do during Lent to grow closer to God?

1. ____________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________

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Answer Key

**Handout A: Gospel Reading for February 26, 2020**

1. Not doing righteous deeds so that people can see them.
2. God our Father, who will repay us.
3. Praying like the hypocrites so that others can see you.
4. God our Father, who will repay us.
5. Looking gloomy, like the hypocrites, so that others know we are fasting.
6. God our Father, who will repay us.

**Handout B: Lent**

1. Pray
2. Help others
3. Fast
Journey through Lent
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lower Elementary

Materials
- Handout A: Gospel Reading for March 1, 2020
- *Christ in the Desert*
- Teacher Resource: *Christ in the Desert* Discussion Guide
- Handout B: Christ in the Desert Coloring Page

Learning Goals
In the Gospel for this first Sunday in Lent, Jesus spends forty days in the desert preparing for His public ministry. In many ways, Lent is our time in the desert in which the Church encourages us to prepare to receive the salvation Christ won for us on the Cross. In this lesson, students will reflect on prayer using sacred art.

Gospel Reflection
A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
B. Review and discuss the correct answers when finished.

Activity
Lead your students in a reflection on the sacred art image *Christ in the Desert* by Ivan Kramskoi. Use Teacher Resource: *Christ in the Desert* Discussion Guide to help guide the activity. Then, have students color Handout B: *Christ in the Desert* Coloring Page. On each of the blank lines provided, have your students write one thing that they want to pray to Jesus for during Lent.
A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 4:1–11: 
The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.” He said in reply, “It is written: ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the...
Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you’ and ‘with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’” Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

1. Where did Jesus go for forty days?

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2. Who tempted Jesus?

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3. Do you remember how many times Jesus was tempted?

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Christ in the Desert
BY IVAN KRAMSKOI (1872)

Oil on canvas. Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow
Christ in the Desert Discussion Guide

Note to Teacher: Lead your students in a discussion about the painting Christ in the Desert by Ivan Kramskoi. Use the discussion questions below to help guide your conversation. Feel free to allow the conversation to go in unexpected places and add or substitute your own questions for discussion.


2. Does this painting make you feel happy or sad? Why? Accept reasoned answers.

3. What is happening in this painting? Jesus is praying alone in the desert.

4. What do you think Jesus might be praying for? Accept reasoned answers.

5. Is there someplace that you like to go to be alone? Where is it? What do you like about it? Accept reasoned answers.

6. What is something that you can pray to God for? Accept reasoned answers. Offer possible suggestions such as for your parents and siblings, to do well on a test, for someone who is sick, for the poor or hungry, for yourself if you’re feeling sad, to tell God thank you for something good in your life, and so forth. Help your students recognize that there are a lot of different reasons we can pray to God.

7. How can Jesus be an example of prayer for us? Jesus took time away from everything to pray to His Father. He prayed alone and in silence. Jesus often gave thanks to God, and He also prayed to God for other people. Accept other reasoned answers.

8. The artist of this painting painted his own version of Jesus praying and fasting in the desert for forty days. If you could paint your own version, or add to this one, what would you paint differently? Why? Accept reasoned answers.
What is one thing you want to pray to Jesus for during Lent?
Handout A: Gospel Reading for March 1, 2020

1. The desert. For forty days.

2. He was tempted by the devil.

3. Jesus was tempted three times.
Journey through Lent
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lower Elementary

Materials
- Handout A: Gospel Reading for March 8, 2020
- Handout B: Jesus Is God and Man
- Handout C: God and Man

Learning Goals
In the Gospel for the second Sunday of Lent, Jesus is revealed in His full glory as God at the Transfiguration. During Lent, we reflect in a special way on the full humanity and full divinity of Christ and how our God fully knows our human condition. In this lesson, students will create their own art and solve a puzzle to help them understand the mystery of the Incarnation.

Gospel Reflection
A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.

B. Review and discuss the correct answers when finished.

Activity
Have your students read about how Jesus is both God and man from Handout B: Jesus Is God and Man (or read the information to your students while they follow along). Then, have them complete the word search and fill in the blanks. Finally, have your students create their own drawing of Jesus that shows that He is both God and man using Handout C: God and Man.
A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 17:1–9: The Transfiguration of Jesus

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then

Transfiguration, by Rafael
from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

1. Where did Jesus go to pray?

2. What happened to Jesus while He was praying?

3. What did Peter want to make for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah?

4. Do you remember what the voice of God said?
Jesus is God. He is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is also a man. He is like us in all things but sin.

Jesus is fully God and fully man. That means that God knows what it is like to be you and me. He knows what it is like to be happy and to be sad. He knows what it is like to have friends and to laugh. He also knows what it is like to sometimes feel lonely and hurt.

The good news is that Jesus died on the Cross to save us from sin. He invites us to love Him and accept His gift of salvation.
Word Search

Words to find:

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Fill-in-the-Blanks

Word bank

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1. Jesus is fully ____________________.

2. Jesus is fully ____________________.

3. Jesus is _________________________ us in all things but sin.

4. Jesus died on the ____________________.

5. Jesus gives us the ____________________ of salvation from sin.
God and Man

Directions: Draw your own picture of Jesus that shows that He is both fully God and fully human.
## Answer Key

### Handout A: Gospel Reading for March 8, 2020
1. Jesus went up a high mountain.
2. His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white.
3. Tents.
4. “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

### Handout B: Jesus Is God and Man

#### Word Search
See answers at the right.

#### Fill-in-the-Blanks
1. God
2. Man
3. Like
4. Cross
5. Gift
## Journey through Lent

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Lower Elementary

**Materials**
- Handout A: Gospel Reading for Sunday March 15, 2020
- Handout B: Code Break

**Learning Goals**
In the Gospel for the third Sunday of Lent, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman and invites her to know the Good News. Jesus’ example in this Gospel gives us a model to follow in our own work of evangelization. In this lesson, students will analyze Jesus’ example and create a model of evangelization.

**Gospel Reflection**
Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.

**Activity**
Have students complete the **Handout B: Code Break** activity. When they are done guide a discussion about what it means to worship God in Spirit and Truth.
A Reading from the Gospel of John 4:5–42: 
The Samaritan Woman

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” [The woman] said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the well is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this
well and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come back.” The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus answered her, “You are right in saying, ‘I do not have a husband.’ For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people
to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.” At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, “What are you looking for?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah?” They
went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here’? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving his payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.” When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”
1. Whom did Jesus meet at the well?

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2. What did Jesus ask the woman for?

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3. What did Jesus say would happen to all those who drink His water?

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4. What did Jesus say His food was?

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Directions: Use the key below to crack the code!

How does Jesus say God should be worshipped?

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Handout A: Gospel Reading for Sunday March 15, 2020

1. A Samaritan woman.
2. A drink of water.
3. He said “whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.”
4. He said “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish His work.”

Handout B: Code Break

Spirit and Truth
Learning Goals
In the Gospel for the fourth week of Lent, Jesus gives sight to a man who had been born blind. Despite this great gift from Jesus, the man experiences ridicule and persecution from the people he knows. In this lesson, students will contemplate the healing of the blind man using sacred art.

Gospel Reflection
Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.

Activity
Have students complete the Handout B: Christ Healing the Blind Spot the Differences activity. Tell your students to compare the two versions of the painting Christ Healing the Blind by El Greco and find 8 differences between the two images. Have them circle the differences.
A Reading from the Gospel of John 9:1-41:
The Man Born Blind

As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “[So] how were your eyes
opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” [But] others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for him
self.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Messiah, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.” So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.” He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered
them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” They ridiculed him and said, “You are that man’s disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.” The man answered and said to them, “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.” Some of the Pharisees
who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.”

1. What miracle did Jesus work? How did He do it?
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2. How did the blind man’s friends and family react to his healing?
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3. How did the Pharisees treat the healed man?
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4. In the end, how did the blind man respond to Jesus?
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Spot the Differences

Directions: Compare the two images of *Christ Healing the Blind Man* by El Greco. See if you can spot 8 differences between the two images. Circle the differences when you find them.

First Image
Handout A: Gospel Reading for Sunday March 22, 2020

1. Jesus gave sight to a man who was born blind. He did so by spitting on the ground and making clay with His saliva and spreading it on the man’s eyes. Then He told him to wash in the pool of Siloam.

2. They were confused and disbelieving. They even thought he might not be the same man they knew.

3. The Pharisees questioned him, then accused him of lying and sinfulness. They mocked him and threw him out of the Temple.

4. He professed his belief and worshipped Him.

Handout B: Christ Healing the Blind Man Spot the Differences
Journey through Lent
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lower Elementary

Materials
- Handout A: Gospel Reading for Sunday March 29, 2020
- Handout B: Follow Jesus
- Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils

Learning Goals
This week’s Gospel passage brings several key concepts into focus that are especially appropriate for Lent: the reality of sin, the need for forgiveness, and the miracle of the Resurrection. After hearing the Gospel, students will reflect on what it means to follow Jesus and carry our own crosses in imitation of Him.

Gospel Reflection
Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.

Activity
Have your students read (or read aloud to them as they follow along) Handout B: Follow Jesus. Then, have them solve the puzzle and answer the reflection question. You may also have your students color the picture of the student following in Jesus’ footsteps.

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A Reading from the Gospel of John 11:1–45:
The Raising of Lazarus

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him, saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he
does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” He said this, and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.” So the disciples said to him, “Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved.” But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, “Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.” So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. [But] even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the
life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.” As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet
come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?” So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the
crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

1. In this Gospel, who died and was raised again by Jesus?

2. What did Jesus say would happen to those who believe in Him?

3. Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?
Directions: Read about following Jesus. Then, solve the puzzle and answer the question.

Jesus said, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23).

Our cross is not like Jesus’. It is not big and wooden. It is not something we carry on our shoulders. Our crosses are the hard things we have to face in our lives. Some people might be very sick. Some people might be lonely and need friends. Other people are poor or homeless. Some people have a hard time in school. Everyone’s cross is different.

Jesus asks each of us to carry our own cross – the hard things we face in life. When we follow Jesus, we accept the hard things in our lives and walk in Jesus’ footsteps. He knows what it is like to be you and me. And He knows that following Him is hard to do. Jesus only asks us to do things that He already knows we can do. Even though following Him is hard, Jesus loves us. And He helps us carry our crosses every day.
1. Jesus asks me to carry my

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2. Jesus knows what it is like to be

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3. When we follow Jesus, we walk in His

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I will follow Jesus today by....

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Answer Key

Handout A: Gospel Reading for Sunday March 29, 2020

1. Lazarus.
2. He said “whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”
3. So that the people would believe that Jesus was sent by God.

Handout B: Follow Jesus

1. Cross
2. You/me
3. Footsteps