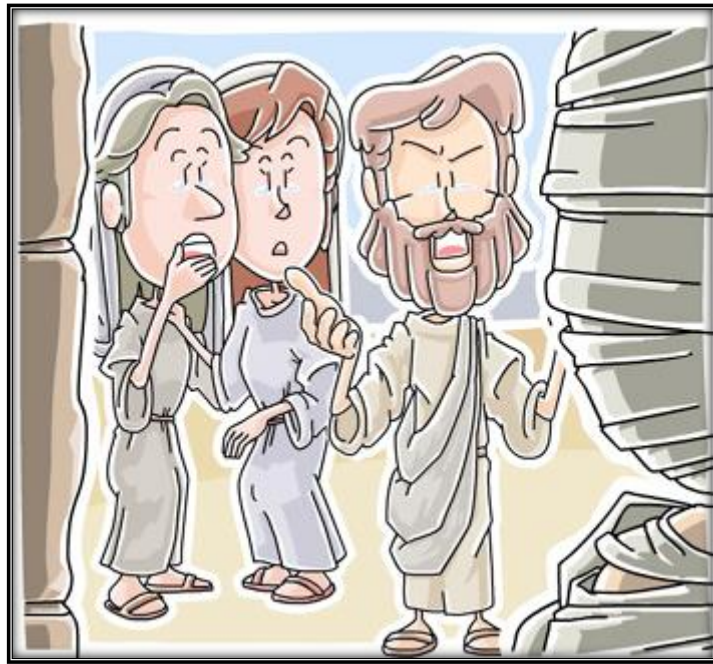


Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August



# People Jesus Met:

## LAZARUS



John 11: 1-44

Read the story of Lazarus in your bible or watch it on link following the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dca8SSxXCmM>

## 'GOD IS HERE' COLLAGE

You will need: Circle of white card or paper about 8cm in diameter; felt pens, glue

Take the circle of card and decorate it to look like your face, adding hair, eyes, ears and so on. Decide whether to look happy, sad, anxious, angry or surprised. Stick it on to the A4 paper below with the words 'God is here for us'

Talk about: not needing to hide our feelings from God.

## BLANKET FORT

You will need: pillows, blankets, bedding

Build your own blanket fort.

Snuggle inside together.

Talk about: the tomb in the story that Jesus called Lazarus out from or take time to talk about everyone is feeling.



## MUSICAL SLEEPS

Play a game of 'Musical Sleeps'. When the music plays everyone should dance around and celebrate. When the music stops lie on the floor as quickly as possible and pretend to be asleep.



## PEBBLE FAMILY

Lazarus was put into a tomb with a stone over the entrance and his sisters were very sad. Use stones to make pictures of your families.



### THINK ABOUT:

Jesus did something very strange. He asked for the tomb to be opened, then started shouting 'Lazarus, come out!' I'm sure that the people gathered around must have thought he was crazy. But out of the tomb staggered Lazarus. What do you think he smelled like? He was probably very, very, very smelly, but his sisters didn't mind. They were probably laughing and crying at the same time.

Have another look at your 'God is here' collage. This is one of the wonderful things about being a friend of Jesus. However we are feeling, he is the best person to talk to. When sad and difficult things happen God is sad too. He always wants to look after us and help us.

## PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, thank you that there is no one better than you when life is really hard or scary or sad. Today (say what is making you sad)*

*Jesus, thank you that there is no one better than you to share all the great things in our live. Today we remember the things that make us happy. (say what makes you happy)*

*We know that you always listen when we talk to you, and that sometimes we have to wait like Mary and Maratha did. Help us to remember that you care for us and you are sad when we are sad. Send your Holy Spirit to comfort us. We know that you promise to always be with us. Amen.*

*God is here for us*

*however we feel*

