

Sola Publishing Children's Message Lent 5 – Year A		SOLA
Who is Jesus?		
Readings	1) Ezekiel 37:1-14 2) Romans 8:1-11 3) John 11:1-45, 46-53	
Scripture Focus	John 11:1-45	
Take Away	None	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Find images at FreeBibleImages.com https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/btbm-jesus-lazarus/	
Message TIP: All the images for the story aren't needed for this message. In the group above try 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. Good morning! Are you putting money in your Mite Boxes? Who is Jesus? (lots of interesting responses) This morning I have another Jesus story for you. It's about Jesus and His friends. Just like all of us, Jesus had some special friends. They were sisters Mary and Martha, and their brother Lazarus. One day, Lazarus got very sick and by the time Jesus and the disciples got to Lazarus, he died. Jesus said to the disciples, "Our friend Lazarus has gone to sleep, but I'm going to wake him up." The disciples were a bit confused and said, "But if he's asleep he will get well and be okay." Then Jesus explained, "No, Lazarus has died, and I'm glad that I wasn't there to heal him because now you will believe who I am. Let's go." When they finally got there, Lazarus had already been dead and in the tomb (use a picture to show that tombs were caves with a large stone in front of them) for 4 days*. His sisters were very upset and crying and the disciples were crying too. Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise up out of the tomb. When Jesus got to them He felt very sad and asked, "Where did you lay him?" They said they would show Him and Jesus cried too. Then He said, "Move the stone away." After the stone was moved Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!" AND HE DID! Only Jesus can tell someone who has died to wake up and live. It shows us that Jesus is a man who cries when His friend dies, but is also God who can tell a dead man to live again. Who is Jesus? He is a man and God's Son. Nobody else is like Him. *HINT: If your kids are older than 2 nd grade you can talk about the odor that would have been present when they moved the stone away. Young kids won't understand what happens to the body when it dies.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, We are so glad you are man and God. Only you can save us from our sins. Help us to tell people what a good friend you are. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen	