

A Sad Time for Peter



Peter and Grandma Carson were visiting on her front porch. He saw his friends Carlos and Ian running toward them. They looked upset.

“What’s wrong?” Peter asked.

“A car hit Rusty in front of your house,” Carlos said.

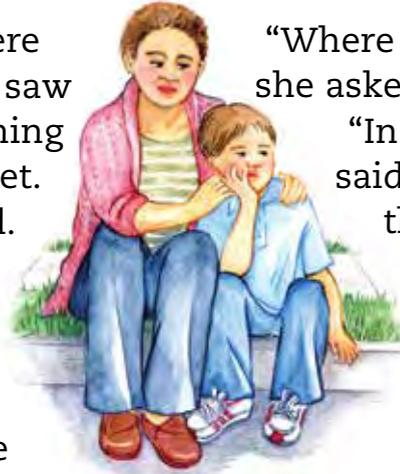
“We think he’s dead,” Ian added.

The three boys ran down the block. Peter’s mom was kneeling next to Rusty. Peter looked at Rusty lying in the street. One paw stuck up in the air. Wind blew his long red fur.

“He ran in front of a car,” Mom said to Peter as she gave him a hug. “The lady stopped. She felt so bad.”

Peter’s throat felt so tight that he couldn’t say anything. Peter’s friends didn’t know what to say. Grandma arrived and put her hand on Peter’s shoulder.

Later that day, Peter went to visit Grandma. She sat down on the curb next to him.



“Where will you bury Rusty?” she asked.

“In the backyard,” Peter said. He felt an ache in his throat again. “Mom said I can get another dog, but I don’t want another dog. I want Rusty.” Tears filled his eyes.

“I know,” Grandma said.

She put her arm around Peter. “You have a sad place inside you about Rusty. Someday, the happy memories will push away some of the sadness you feel. I liked to watch him run to catch your frisbee.”

“Yeh, he was a smart dog,” Peter said and smiled a little.

“Let’s dig up a flower for you to plant on Rusty’s grave,” Grandma said.



KNOW

Who listens to your sad feelings?



Connecting **GOSPEL**
and **DOCTRINE**

Life After Death

Jesus’ **Resurrection** is different from how Lazarus came back to life. Lazarus’s body would die again. In his risen body, Jesus will live forever.

Jesus has opened Heaven to us. If we follow Jesus, we will live forever in Heaven after we die. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, God helps us become more like him. Becoming more like God will help us get to Heaven.

Go to pages 35 and 40
of your Catechism handbook
to learn more about the
Lord’s Prayer.





SUNDAY GOSPEL

Jesus Raises Lazarus

5th Sunday of Lent

John 11:1-45

Narrator: Jesus heard that his friend Lazarus was very sick and went to see him, but Lazarus died before Jesus got there. Lazarus's sister Martha went out to meet Jesus.

Martha: Jesus, if you had been here, Lazarus would not be dead.

Jesus: Your brother will rise again.

Martha: I believe that he will be raised up on the last day.

Jesus: Even though people who believe in me die, I give them life forever. Do you believe in me?

Martha: I believe you are God's Son.

Narrator: Martha went to get her sister, Mary.

Mary: Jesus, if you had been here, Lazarus would not have died.

Narrator: Jesus started to cry.

Jesus: Show me where Lazarus is buried. If you have faith, you will see God's glory.

Narrator: They took Jesus to the tomb.

Jesus: Roll away the stone.

Narrator: Jesus prayed:

Jesus: Father, thank you for answering my prayers. I want these people to believe that you sent me.

Narrator: When Jesus finished praying, he said in a loud voice:

Jesus: Lazarus, come out!

Narrator: Lazarus walked out of the tomb. Many people began to believe in Jesus because he did this.



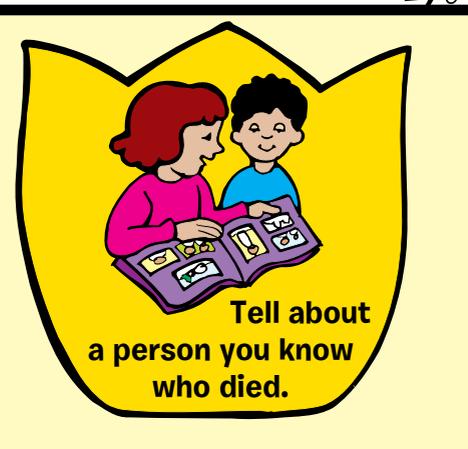
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- 1 Why do Martha and Mary send a message to Jesus?
- 2 What does Jesus do?



Catholic Faith Word

Resurrection The Resurrection is Jesus' rising to new life three days after his Death on the Cross.

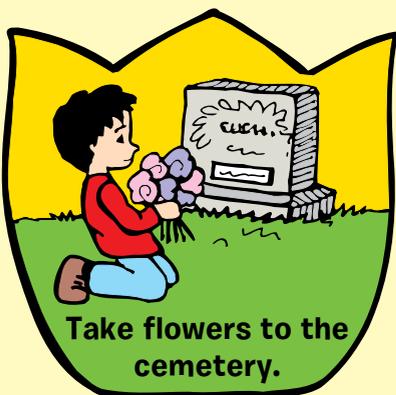


Activity

What Does Resurrection Mean?

Read the clues and fill in the blanks with the answers. The letters in the squares will tell you what *Resurrection* means.

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| 1. A bright yellow flower |  | 1. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 2. We see this color in spring. | | 2. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 3. Lazarus was buried here. |  | 3. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 4. This person told Jesus that she believed he is God's Son. | | 4. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 5. How Jesus felt when he heard about Lazarus | | 5. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 6. We decorate these at Easter. |  | 6. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 7. Someone who has just been born | | 7. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 8. A spring flower that came from Holland |  | 8. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 9. It is fluffy and yellow, cheeps, and is a sign of new life. |  | 9. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 10. People receive this sacrament at the Easter Vigil. | | 10. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 11. This closed Lazarus's tomb. |  | 11. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 12. A baby sheep | | 12. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 13. A flower you see in church at Easter | | 13. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 14. A symbol of Jesus' Resurrection | | 14. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |
| 15. How Mary and Martha were related to Lazarus | | 15. _____ | <input type="text"/> | _____ |



Family Corner

Scan here for parent resources. ➔



Question of the Week

How do you show your friends and family members that you love them?

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for the gift of our family. We are very thankful for the love that we share. Amen.