

5th Sunday of Lent
Jesus is in charge of life
John 11:1-3, 6-7, 17-45

Opening Game

Simon Says – Play a few rounds of Simon Says giving everyone a chance to be *Simon*. One person is in charge of everyone’s movements in this game. How is this like Jesus being in charge of our lives? How is it different?

Lesson

Review the [Journey to Easter](#) from week 1.

Lenten wreath

Light one purple candle while saying the following: We light the first Lenten candle to remind us that Jesus is wise.

Light a second purple candle while saying the following: We light a second Lenten candle to remind us that Jesus & the Prophets make us brave.

Light a third purple candle while saying the following: We light a third Lenten candle to remind us that Jesus gives us important jobs to do to make the world better.

Light a fourth candle while saying the following: We light a fourth candle to remind us that Jesus gives us a fresh start whenever we need one.

The fifth candle reminds us that Jesus is in charge of life.

Prayer practice – Lectio Divina with kids - John 11:1-3, 6-7, 17-45

1. Read & Listen

Read through the text together in whatever way helps you listen.

Have a pencil or crayon in your hand as you listen to someone read, and draw or doodle or underline as you listen.

Follow the text with your own eyes as someone else reads

Take turns reading a few verses each

Close your eyes to concentrate and picture the scene.

2. Read + Observe

Read through the text together again, and practice being a journalist.

Talk together, and make lists about the who, where and when.

List all the people who are mentioned or active in the story.

View artwork of story [here](#) and [here](#) and see who you recognize.

List all the places that the action happens

What’s the timeline? Listen for all the times John mentions how long something takes or when it happens.

3. Chat about How and Why

Now that you've done some through observing, it's time to try and make sense of what you've noticed.

Why did each person do what they did?

What effects did each person's actions have on what happened next?

What was John trying to show us in telling the story this way?

What did John want us to know about Jesus?

Closing Prayer

Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to show us how to live, and letting him be in charge of life. Help me to trust Jesus with my life.

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