

## WEEK 5: SATURDAY MATERIAL - Jesus the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-11)

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth. The man who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. **2** The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The man who guards the door opens it for him. And the sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. He calls his own sheep, using their names, and he leads them out. **4** He brings all of his sheep out. Then he goes ahead of them and leads them. They follow him because they know his voice. **5** But they will never follow a stranger. They will run away from him because they don't know his voice." **6** Jesus told the people this story, but they did not understand what it meant. **7** So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth. I am the door for the sheep. **8** All the people who came before me were thieves and robbers. The sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the door. The person who enters through me will be saved. He will be able to come in and go out and find pasture. **10** A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. But I came to give life—life in all its fullness. **11** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS	ANSWERS
What makes sheep follow a shepherd, according to verse 4?	
Why don't sheep follow a stranger, according to verse 5?	
This reminds us how important it is to get to know the voice of God. We want to make sure we're following God's voice in all of our decisions. Do you think you've ever heard God's voice before? If so, what was it like? If not, would you like to?	
What do you know about shepherds? What was their job and purpose?	
In verse 11, Jesus says that He is the good shepherd. What do you think this means?	
Take a few moments and ask God to speak to you. Ask to hear His voice. If you sense that He's saying something to you, write it down. If you sense a picture, draw it or describe it.	

## WEEK 5: SUNDAY MATERIAL - Lazarus Becomes Sick & Dies (John 11:17-27)

**17** Jesus arrived in Bethany. There he learned that Lazarus had already been dead and in the tomb for four days. **18** Bethany was about two miles from Jerusalem. **19** Many Jews had come there to comfort Martha and Mary about their brother. **20** Martha heard that Jesus was coming, and she went out to meet him. But Mary stayed at home. **21** Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask." **23** Jesus said, "Your brother will rise and live again." **24** Martha answered, "I know that he will rise and live again in the resurrection on the last day." **25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will have life even if he dies. **26** And he who lives and believes in me will never die. Martha, do you believe this?" **27** Martha answered, "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God. You are the One who has come into the world."

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS	ANSWERS
How many days was Lazarus dead in the tomb?	
In verse 21, Martha is convinced that if Jesus was there, her brother would not have died. Why might she think this?	
Fill in the blank: In verse 25 Jesus says "I am the resurrection and the _____. He who _____ in me will have life even if he dies.	
What does Jesus promise in verse 23? We will see what happens next in this story, tomorrow!	
What do you think Heaven is like? Describe it in words or pictures.	

## WEEK 5: MONDAY MATERIAL - Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11:38-45)

**38** Again Jesus felt very sad in his heart. He came to the tomb. The tomb was a cave with a large stone covering the entrance. **39** Jesus said, "Move the stone away." Martha said, "But, Lord, it has been four days since he died. There will be a bad smell." Martha was the sister of the dead man. **40** Then Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" **41** So they moved the stone away from the entrance. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. **42** I know that you always hear me. But I said these things because of the people here around me. I want them to believe that you sent me." **43** After Jesus said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" **44** The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with pieces of cloth, and he had a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take the cloth off of him and let him go." **45** There were many Jews who had come to visit Mary. They saw what Jesus did. And many of them believed in him.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS	ANSWERS
Think back on the reading from yesterday. Why is Jesus sad in verse 38?	
What did Jesus say to Lazarus' dead body in verse 43?	
What happened to Lazarus in verse 44?	
On Friday night at Fun Factor we talked about superheroes and super powers. Who is your favourite superhero and why?	
<p><b><i>Jesus was the first and best superhero that ever lived. And He is not made up or pretend, He's actually real!</i></b> One of His amazing abilities is that He can bring people back to life, like we see in this story!</p>	
Jesus is more powerful than sin and death and anything you might face in this world. He promises us all eternal life if we believe in Him. How does this make you feel?	

## WEEK 5: TUESDAY MATERIAL - Perfume and Preparation (John 12:1-7)

Six days before the Passover Feast, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus lived. (Lazarus is the man Jesus raised from death.) **2** There they had a dinner for Jesus. Martha served the food. Lazarus was one of the people eating with Jesus. **3** Mary brought in a pint of very expensive perfume made from pure nard. She poured the perfume on Jesus' feet, and then she wiped his feet with her hair. And the sweet smell from the perfume filled the whole house. **4** Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' followers, was there. (He was the one who would later turn against Jesus.) Judas said, **5** "This perfume was worth an entire year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." **6** But Judas did not really care about the poor. He said this because he was a thief. He was the one who kept the money box, and he often stole money from it. **7** Jesus answered, "Let her alone. It was right for her to save this perfume for today—the day for me to be prepared for burial. **8** The poor will always be with you, but you will not always have me."

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS	ANSWERS
What did Mary do with her bottle of perfume?	
This seems like an odd thing for someone to do, but it symbolized that Jesus would die soon and be buried. Do you know why He was going to die soon?	
Did Judas <i>really</i> care about the poor? (verse 6)	
<p>Giving to the poor and needy is important and we see Jesus talk about this throughout the Bible. But giving to God is also important. You might not have perfume or money... but what do you have?</p> <p>Do you have any gift or talents that you could give to God? Any special abilities or things that you enjoy doing? Talk about some ways that you could show God that you love Him, with these things.</p> <p><i>Ex. playing piano, singing, dancing, art, your smile, your words, your math skills, your science skills</i></p>	

## WEEK 5: WEDNESDAY MATERIAL - Donkeys & Palm Branches (John 12:12-18)

12 The next day a great crowd in Jerusalem heard that Jesus was coming there. These were the people who had come to the Passover Feast. 13 They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Jesus. They shouted, "Praise God! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!" ([Psalm 118:25-26](#)) 14 Jesus found a colt and sat on it. This was as the Scripture says, 15 "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem! Your king is coming. He is sitting on the colt of a donkey." ([Zechariah 9:9](#)) 16 The followers of Jesus did not understand this at first. But after Jesus was raised to glory, they remembered that this had been written about him. And they remembered that they had done these things to him. 17 There had been many people with Jesus when he raised Lazarus from death and told him to come out of the tomb. Now they were telling others about what Jesus did. 18 Many people went out to meet Jesus, because they had heard about this miracle.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS	ANSWERS
<p>On Palm Sunday, a lot of churches celebrate this moment when Jesus rode into town on a donkey. We will celebrate it in a few weeks, right before Easter!</p> <p>Jesus was showing people that He was the King that the scriptures talked about. But He wasn't the king that everyone was expecting.</p> <p>People expected a military and political leader, but Jesus came to serve and die for our sins.</p>	

## WEEK 5: THURSDAY MATERIAL - Why Must Jesus Die? (John 12:27-33)

27 “Now I am very troubled. What should I say? Should I say, ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, I came to this time so that I could suffer. 28 Father, bring glory to your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have brought glory to it, and I will do it again.” 29 The crowd standing there heard the voice. They said it was thunder. But others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus said, “That voice was for you, not for me. 31 Now is the time for the world to be judged. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown down. 32 I will be lifted up from the earth. And when this happens, I will draw all people toward me.” 33 Jesus said this to show how he would die.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS	ANSWERS
In these verses, Jesus knows that He will die soon and in verse 27 He is very “troubled.” Jesus chose to die on the cross for your sins and my sins but that doesn’t mean it was easy for Him. WHY do you think He chose to do this anyways?	
The right decisions in life are not always going to be easy. Have you ever had to do something that was hard, but you knew it was the right decision? Explain.	
In verse 31 Jesus says that “the ruler of this world will be thrown down” - He is not referring to God, so who is He talking about?	
Unfortunately, Satan still seems to rule this world in many ways. When we watch TV or hear the news, we often hear some bad stuff. When kids at school fight or bully, or when people in our own homes say mean things to one another, they’re not reflecting Jesus. But Jesus tells us that this will end one day. And this is one of the reasons why Jesus died on the cross for us - to take away sin and evil from the world.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Is there any sin or evil in your life right now? Do you see sin and evil at school or in your own home? Take a few minutes to pray and ask Jesus to take it away.</p>	