

# Family Page

Is your home ready for Jesus? Is it a welcoming place like the home of Martha and Mary? Gather as a family to answer the following questions.

- 1** How do you feel when visitors arrive unannounced? Is it an inconvenience and exasperating? Or are they welcomed with enthusiasm?
- 2** Is everyone in the family involved when a visitor arrives?
- 3** Do the children feel comfortable with friends of the parents? Are they

willing to share their toys and games with their own friends?

- 4** Do the parents welcome the friends of their children?
- 5** After you have answered all of these questions, draw up a list of ways in which you can make your home and your family more welcoming.

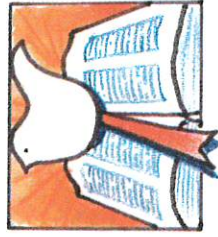


## A Jesus Prayer To Learn and Say

In the prayer that Jesus said before he raised Lazarus from the tomb (John 11:41), he told the Father he wanted the crowd to believe in him. You can say this prayer too, for by your kindness to others, you are helping them to believe that Jesus is truly a loving friend. Learn and say the following prayer often.

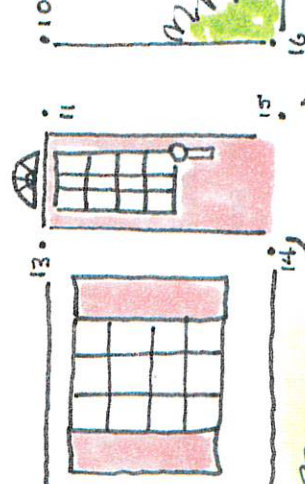
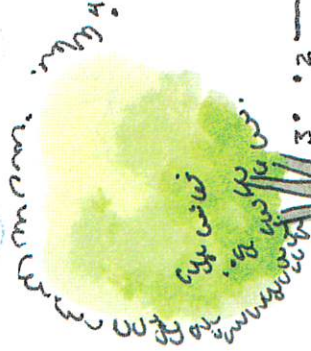
**F**ather, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.

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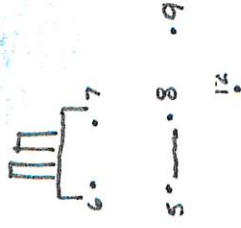
# explaining GOD'S WORD

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## Jesus Is a Loving Friend

Jesus is coming to your house to visit. Are you ready to greet him with love? Follow the dots so Jesus can find your home.





# Jesus Cares for His Friends

Never forget how much Jesus cares. He is by your side when you are sad, and will always be your loving friend.

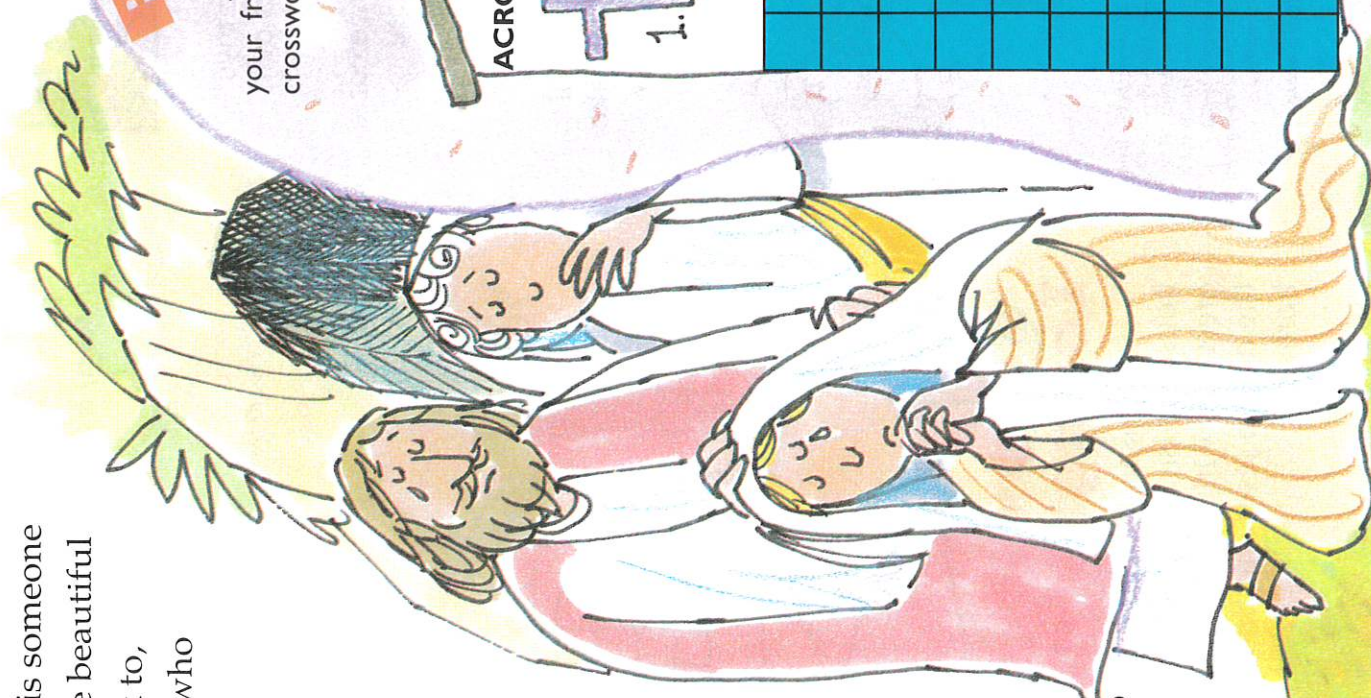
What is a friend? A friend is someone wonderful to know and someone beautiful to be. A friend is someone to talk to, someone to play with, someone who REALLY CARES!

Mary and Martha and Lazarus were Jesus' friends. Whenever Jesus was in Bethany, he would stop and visit them.

In today's gospel story, Jesus goes to Bethany and finds that Lazarus has just died. Mary and Martha are very sad. When Jesus sees them crying, their unhappiness makes him sad too.

Then the Son of God takes the sorrow of the people into his own heart — and Jesus cries!

Then Jesus calls Lazarus from the tomb, and the man who was dead lives again.



## Picture Crossword

Jesus is your best friend. The pictures below are signs of your friendship with God's Son. Can you fit the words into the crossword house?

