



# Growing FAITH at home

ALL SAINTS DAY

YEAR B

God conquers  
death with  
the promise of  
new life



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## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. What makes you sad?
2. What experiences of people dying have you had?  
What do you remember from those times?
3. When you read the story of Mary and Martha, what does it teach you about God?
4. How does faith in Jesus change the way you feel about and understand death?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

<b>S</b>	<b>John 11:32-44</b>	Jesus raises Lazarus
<b>M</b>	<b>Isaiah 25:6-9</b>	The Lord has delivered us
<b>T</b>	<b>Revelation 21:1-6a</b>	A new heaven and earth
<b>W</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15:12-38</b>	Resurrection of the dead
<b>T</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15:50-57</b>	Death has lost its sting
<b>F</b>	<b>Romans 8:31-39</b>	God's love in Christ Jesus
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 24</b>	Entrance into the temple

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."*

REVELATION 21:4





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

All Saints Day is a good time to face death and sadness with hope and courage.

We remember and give thanks to God for Christians who have died.

Light a candle for Christian friends and relatives that have died, whether recently or long ago.

As you light each candle say:

**‘Thank you, God, for the earthy life of ... (Name)... and for new life they have in you’.**

End by reciting the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Loss and grief are real experiences that we generally try to avoid. However, death is very real and not God’s will.

In Isaiah 25:7 God promises to swallow up death forever. Life, not death, gets the last word. Therefore, we can face loss and death with faith and courage.

Think of someone who is grieving. Visit, call, text or write a card to them and express your care and sorrow and God’s promise to conquer death and sadness (Revelation 21:4).



## MEALTIME PRAYER

The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and those who live upon it. Praise and thanks to God our maker and provider. Amen



## PRAYER

Lord God, King of Glory, please come into our lives this day. Amen



## BLESSING

May the Lord be with you, now and forever.

May he wipe away your tears, and fill your life with joy and hope. Amen.