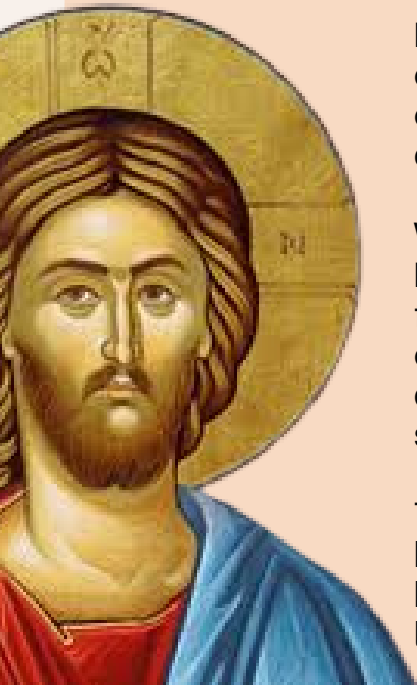


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MYOCN PEW PALS



Fourth Sunday of Luke



In today's Gospel, Jesus is walking with His disciples into a town called Nain. He sees a funeral procession: a widow is carrying her only son. A woman who had already lost her husband was now saying goodbye to her only son. She was crying and heartbroken.

When Jesus saw her, He didn't just walk past – He stopped because He cared. Scripture says that Jesus had compassion for her, His heart felt her sadness. He went up, touched the funeral bier (the stretcher carrying the body), and said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” The dead man sat up and was given back to his mother. Everyone who saw this was filled with awe, rejoiced and praised God.

This story teaches us that Jesus sees our pain, feels our sadness and has the power to bring life and joy again – even when things seem hopeless. When we feel sad, lonely, or afraid, we can pray to God. He listens, comforts us, and helps bring joy back into our hearts.

Family Homework

- **Light in the Darkness:** dim lights and light a candle. Read the Gospel passage together.
- **Compassion Journal:** Over the week, write or draw times you saw someone hurting. Pray or say a kind word for them,

Memory Verse

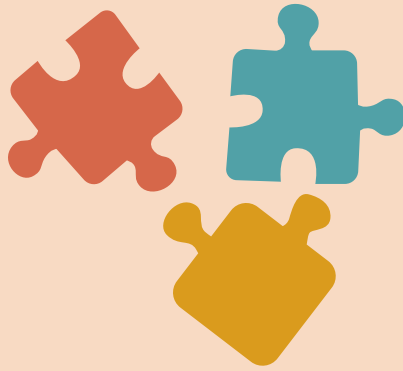
**“Young man, I say
to you, arise!” –
Luke 7:14**



CRAFT - Icon Puzzle

MATERIALS:

- Jumbo Popsicle Sticks
- Printed Icon
- Glue
- Tape
- Scissors



INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Line Up Sticks** - Place 10–12 jumbo sticks edge-to-edge. Tape across the back so they don't move.
- **Mount the Icon** - Apply glue to the front of the sticks. Center and press the icon onto the sticks. Smooth flat.
- **Seal (Optional)** - Brush on a thin layer of Mod Podge or cover with strips of clear packing tape for durability.
- **Cut the Strips (Adult)** - Flip over, remove the back tape, and cut between sticks so each stick becomes one “strip” piece.

When things in our lives feel broken or “in pieces,” Jesus is the one who can gently put them back together again, bringing comfort, healing, and new life.

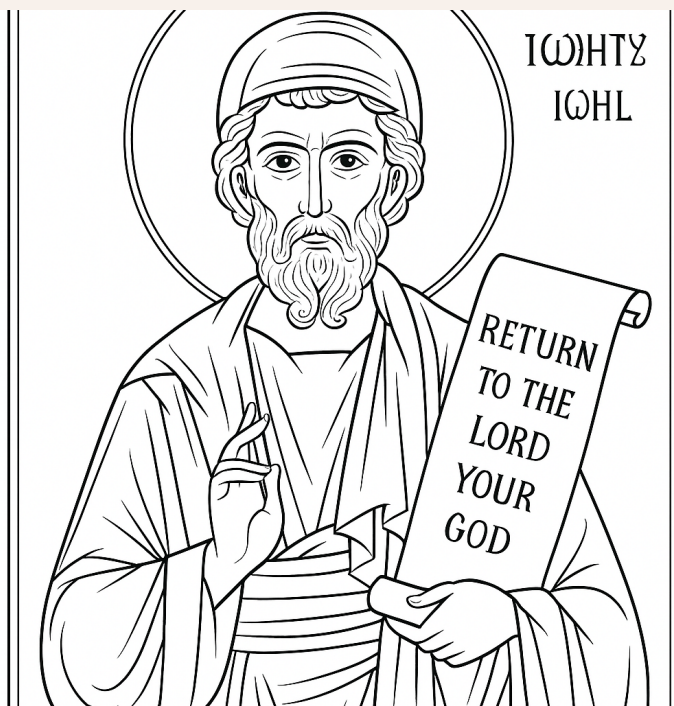


Table Discussion

“When you’ve felt sad, angry, or hopeless—how would you like Jesus to show up for you, like He did for the widow in Nain? Can you think of a time when someone showed you compassion or ‘raised you’ with kind words or actions?”

Saint Stories

PROPHET JOEL

The Prophet Joel lived many centuries before Jesus, in the land of Israel. God chose him to be one of His prophets—someone who listens to God’s voice and shares His message with the people.

Joel saw that many people were forgetting about God. They were more focused on their crops, their comfort, and their own plans. Then a disaster happened: a huge swarm of locusts came and destroyed their fields and plants. It was a hard time, but Joel told the people that this was a sign for them to turn back to God with their whole hearts.

Joel’s name means “The Lord is God.” He reminded everyone that even when bad things happen, God is near and ready to forgive. He foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and the saving power of the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Commemorated October 18