

All questions will be answered

32nd Sunday
Year C



Sign of the Cross.

At this time of year we remember people who have died.
Do you know anyone who has died? Let's pray for them.



God our Father

we pray for our family and friends who have died.
They are on their way to live with you now
and we know they will be very happy.

Help them on their journey.

Give them our love, we miss them

but we look forward to the day

when we shall be with them and you in heaven.

Amen.



quietly by yourselves

Is there anything that you wonder about?

Anything at all?

Are there questions that you have never found an answer to?



when each child has had time to think

Let the children ask their questions and don't attempt to answer them all.
Leave lots of unanswered questions and add a few of your own.



welcome the Gospel. Sing Alleluia. (See p. 220)

all stand (adapted from Luke 20:27-28)



Some people came to Jesus to ask lots of questions.

They wanted to know what happens when we die.

"Do we still have the same relations?"

Jesus said, "When we get to heaven

we will all be together

and all our questions will be answered."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.



all sit (some suggestions)

Let's say today's prayer again.

Perhaps you might draw Jesus with all your family and friends who have died.

**WE
WILL
RISE
AGAIN**

VISUAL AIDS

- > Fruit, bulbs, and seeds.
- > A bowl and soil.
- > Autumn leaves or Autumn pictures.
- > Seed shape cut-outs.

SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about Autumn:
 - that the leaves change colour and fall from the trees;
 - fruits, berries and seeds remind us that new life will come again after Autumn and Winter.

Plant some bulbs and talk about how they will flower in Spring.

In today's Gospel we will meet some people who didn't believe in new life.

The promise of new life is in the seeds.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus is the first-born from the dead;
 to him be glory for ever.
 Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News given us by Luke.
Glory to you, Lord.

One day some people who did not believe we will one day rise again came to Jesus and tried to trick him with a riddle.

'Once there were seven brothers. The first brother married a wife, but died before they had any children. So, according to the law, the second

brother married her. He too died before they had any children. So too with the third, the fourth, the fifth, the sixth and finally the seventh brother all married this woman. They all died leaving no children. Finally, the woman died. At the resurrection whose wife will she be?'

Jesus replied,
 "There will be no need for marriage for those who rise to new life, for

they will be the same as the angels and children of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION

What was the riddle Jesus was asked?
 How did he reply?

Go back to the seeds, and talk about the promise of new life that each seed carries.
 In us too there is the promise of new life.

This promise is given to us in baptism.

ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children mime the story and the riddle.
- > Give out the seed shape cut-outs.
- > On them have the children write or draw how they will try to grow in the new life of Jesus
 - by being happy, helping others, sharing, spreading happiness.

