The church uses symbols. Symbols are pictures that mean something. Are there any symbols in your worship space today? Some of the pictures below are symbols.

Circle the ones that are pictures of spring.

• Today is the 5th Sunday in Lent.
• The word lent means spring.
• In the spring, we celebrate new life.

Color the flowers along the path and the birds in the sky. Make everything colorful to celebrate that spring is coming!
Lazarus got sick and died. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. When we’re hurting or upset, Jesus can help us, too!

Use the bandages below to write or draw things that make you feel better.

“Don’t be sad. Lazarus will live again!”
Symbols of Spring
Many churches decorate their worship space with fresh flowers. They might show artwork of birds or lambs. Look around your worship space.
Do you see any symbols of spring and new life? Draw them below.

Christians also use a cross as a symbol. How many crosses are there in your worship space? _____

Come up with your own symbols for the items below.

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It's Spring!
Draw 40 spring leaves on the branch to help you count the 40 days of Lent.
Remember that Jesus brings us new life!
Jesus said, "________ the _______ and the _______."

John 11:25a

Look up the passages below to find the missing words from the memory verse.

1. Exodus 3:14  God said to Moses, "______ who I am."
2. Matthew 27:53  After his ______, they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city.
3. Job 10:12  You have granted me ______ and steadfast love.

If someone I loved came back to life after death, I would ______________________
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If you open your Bible in the middle, you should end up in Psalms or Proverbs. If you split the right half in half again, you’ll be at the beginning of the New Testament.
**New life**

Spring brings new life. The word *lent* means spring. The seeds we plant look dead, but they will be living plants with the sun and rain sent by God.

Katie is puzzled. She bought packets of flower seeds and accidentally mixed them up.

Draw a line between the matching packets that will give her the same kind of flowers.

Thank you, Jesus, for bringing us new life. Amen

**This week**

Do a yard or neighborhood search for new spring plants and other signs of spring. New life is coming!

**John 11:25-26a**

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the **l**. Those who believe in **l** even though they **d**, will **b**, and everyone who **b** and believes in **b** will never **d**.”

**= life   = me   = die   = live**

During these last of the 40 days of Lent you may see signs of spring, such as flowers starting to grow from bulbs that were planted months ago. The bulbs that have been buried under ground will show signs of life again.

Count 40 spring flowers on the pages of this bulletin.
Today’s gospel story tells about best days and worst days for Jesus and his friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

The **WORST** happened when Lazarus died. Mary and Martha were upset when they thought Jesus was not coming to help them. Jesus cried when he went with them to Lazarus’s grave.

The **BEST** happened when Lazarus was alive again. That is called *resurrection*, going from death to new life.

Listen for other stories about best and worst days in today’s lessons, songs, and sermon.