



start with sharing...

1. Talk about a favorite celebration or holiday... what makes it a favorite?
2. Why are holidays and celebrations important?
3. Why is a day like **All Saints Day** be considered an important holi-day in the church?
4. Have you lost someone to death? If you're able, share a memory of that person/pet.
5. Why do we often say "passed on" instead of "died"?
6. This seems like a silly question, but why is death so scary?
7. What questions or wonderings do you have about death?
8. Do you think there are people who approach death with joy or relief?

liked • learned • surprised • wondered



the story

1. Together read or retell the story of Lazarus...
2. Name all the emotions that are present through out the story...
3. Why do you think Jesus waited so long to see Lazarus?
4. Why did Jesus resurrect Lazarus?
5. Why do you think this story is important.
6. What questions do you have about this story?
7. Talk about the pieces of art on the front and back - what do you notice? How are they different? What emotions to they communicate?



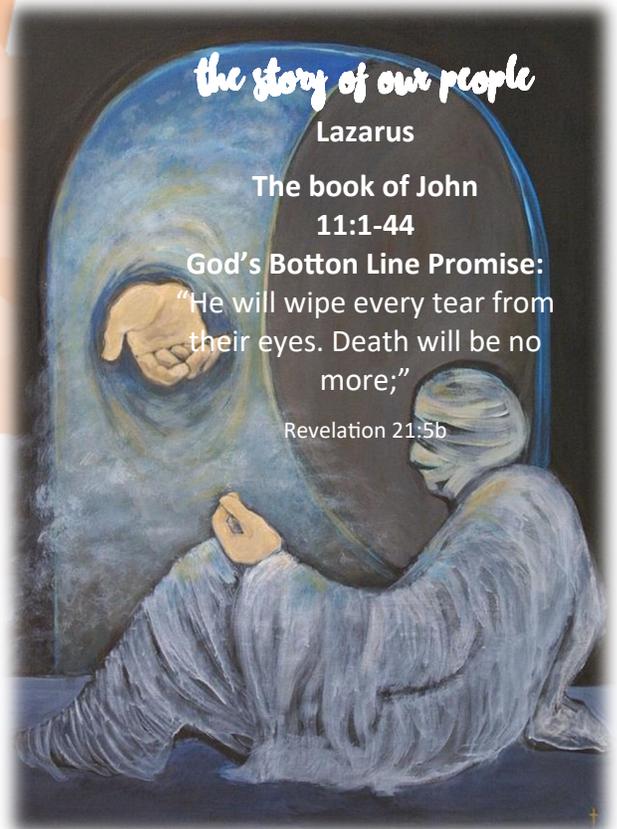
the story of our people

Lazarus

The book of John
11:1-44

God's Botton Line Promise:
"He will wipe every tear from
their eyes. Death will be no
more;"

Revelation 21:5b



remember blessings & bruises



The centerpiece of Dia de los Muertos is an altar, or **ofrenda**, built in private homes and cemeteries. These aren't altars for worshipping; rather, they're meant to welcome spirits back to the realm of the living. As such, they're loaded with offerings—water to quench thirst after the long journey, food, family photos, favorite items of family members, Christian symbols and a candle for each dead relative. If one of the spirits is a child, you might find small toys on the altar. Marigolds are the main flowers used to decorate the altar.

- Why do you think the ofrenda is built in the home? Do you have a sacred space in your house?
- What might it feel like to build an ofrenda in your home?
- Have you seen the movie Coco? How does their celebration differ from ours? What would you enjoy about the Mexican celebration?

Mount Calvary

we celebrate All Saints

Day by remembering those from our church family who have died that year. We also offer the opportunity to everyone to light candles for all the beloveds who have died and still live in our hearts and memories. This also includes pets! All Saints Day feels like a sadder day than Dia de los Muertos...



- Who will you light a candle for...? Feel free to color a flame on candles in memory...

Read the scripture below and look it up in your Bible. Also look up Revelation 21:1-6a. Both readings are well worth **highlighting**.

- What stands out to you in the readings?
- What images are surprising or interesting.
- What emotions or thoughts do the readings bring to your heart or mind?



Isaiah 25:6-8

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

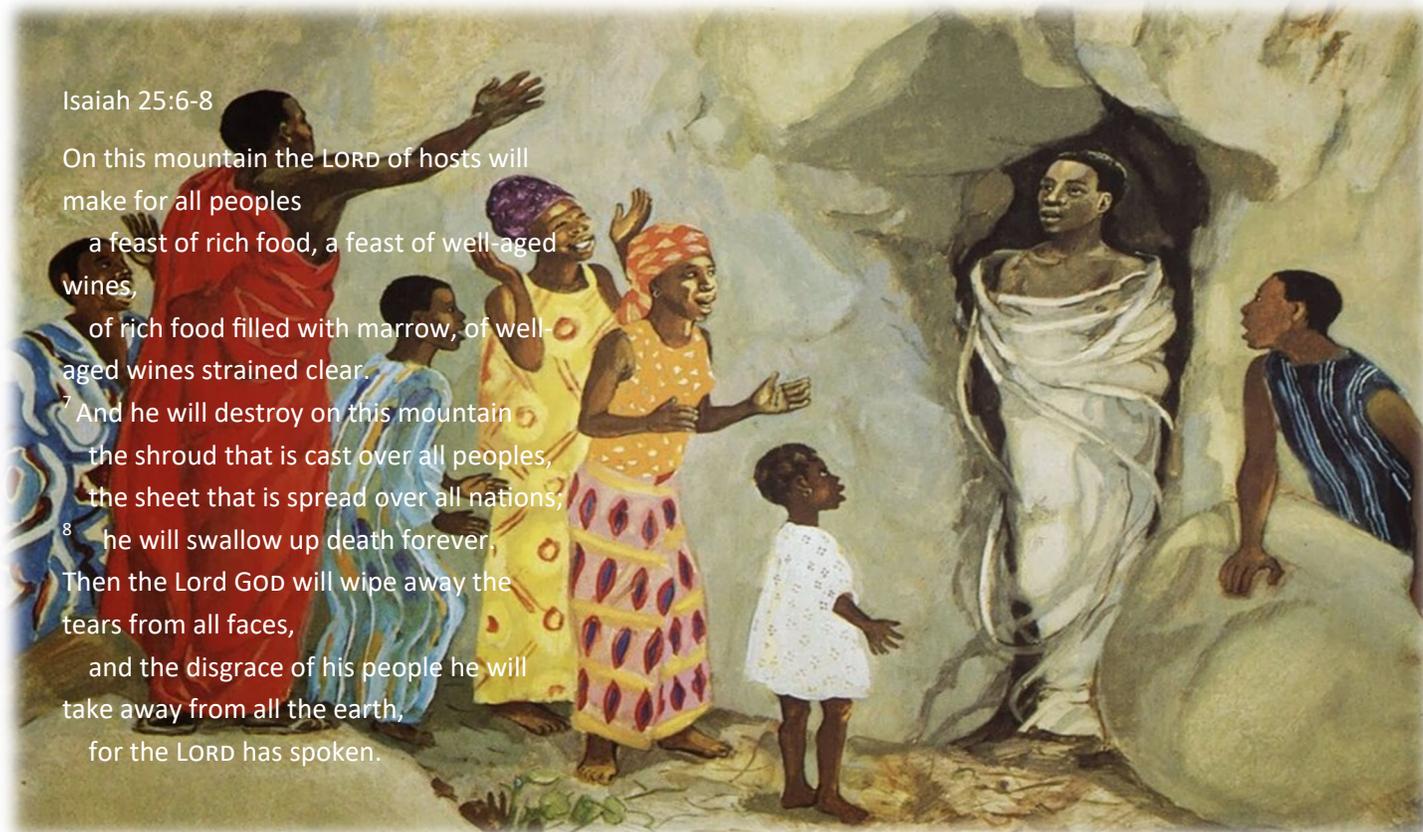
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever,

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.



So great a cloud of witnesses..

