

# WELCOME THE GOOD NEWS

## CROSS AND HEART

Living the Good News  
5th Sunday in Lent – B

I see a heart and I think of a promise—God’s promise. God said, “I will give my people new hearts to love with. My people will know that I love them, all of them, old and young, rich and poor.”

I see a cross and I think of Jesus. Jesus once said, “The hour is coming when I will die on the cross.”

Jesus cried. Jesus prayed. “I am so troubled, God. But if I die on the cross, your promise will come true. All people will be God’s people, old and young, rich and poor.”

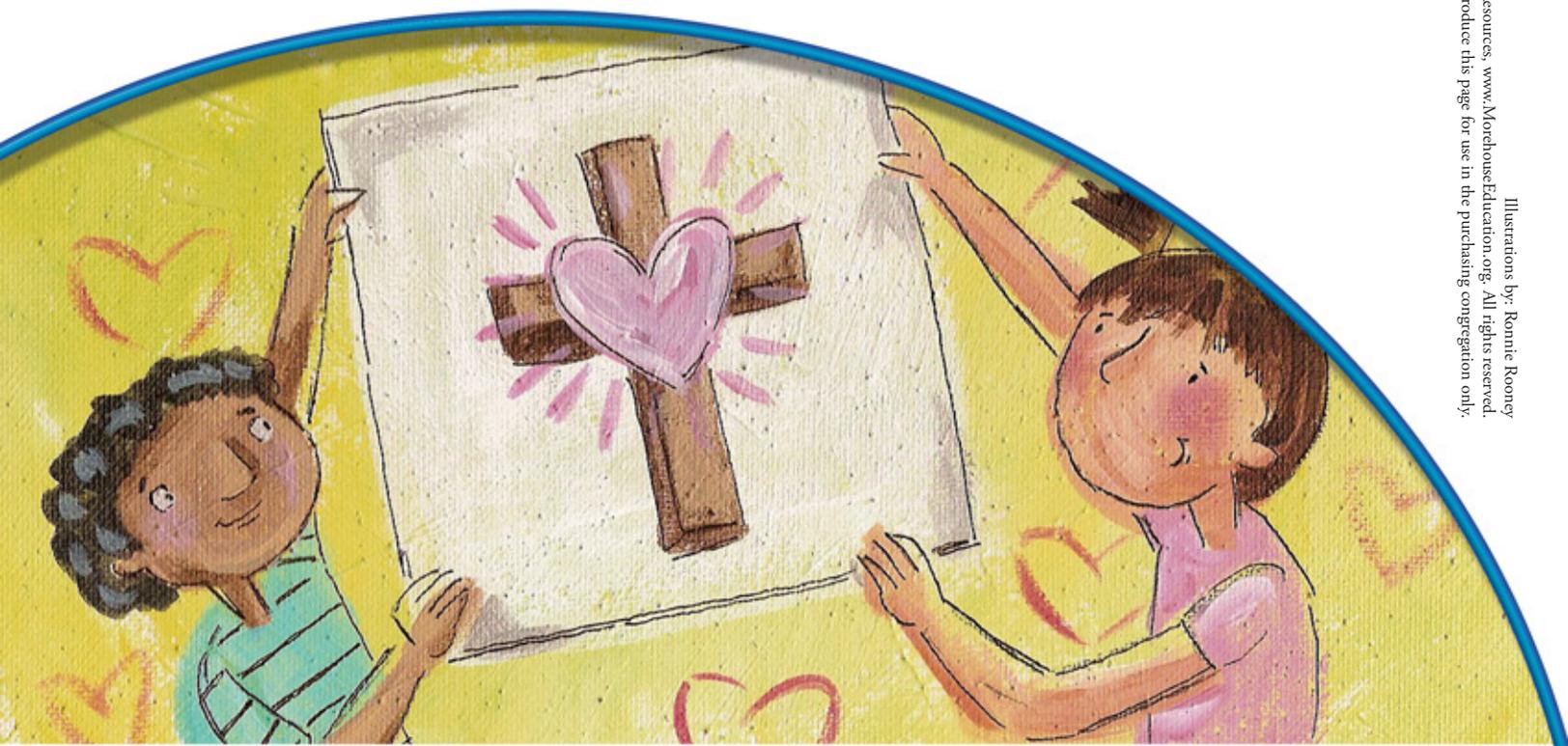
Jesus cried. Jesus prayed. “God, save me, even if I die.”

And God answered Jesus and said, “I will.”

I see a cross and a heart together and I think of love. Jesus died on the cross, but God loved Jesus. God did not leave Jesus dead. God gave Jesus new life that will never end.

And God gives us new hearts, full of love. Now all of us are God’s people.

Now we can know: God loves us, whether we are young or old, rich or poor.



# WELCOME GOD'S WORD

**“I will put my law within them.”**  
(Jeremiah 31:33; Good News Translation)

Answer Key to Welcome  
God's Word:  
I will be their God and they  
will be my people.

- \* Have you ever made a promise? What did you promise?
- \* God makes promises, too. With a friend or family member, find Jeremiah 31:33 in your Bible. Read the verse together.
- \* Verse 33 says that God will make a covenant with the people. A *covenant* is a special kind of promise.
- \* Talk this over with a friend or family member:
  - What promise does God make in this verse?
  - What promise would you like to hear from God?
- \* One of God's promises is written in these hearts, but the words are all mixed up.
  - Cut out the hearts with words.
  - Glue the hearts in the matching blanks to unscramble the message.

