***This Week’s Worship: Lazarus is alive!***

***Opening***

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

We come together to say sorry

We come together to say Thank you

We come together to ask for God’s help

We come together to hear God’s story

We come together to celebrate God’s love.

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

***Saying Sorry***

*Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.*

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.

For times this week when we have made others sad.

**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not helped others

**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,

**We are sorry**

For times this week when we have been selfish

**We are sorry**

*Put the stone in a bowl of water*

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.

**Amen**

***Saying thank you***

*To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!)*

*Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it. Continue to fill the jar during the week.*

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.

Thank you for…

Amen

Thank you for…

Amen

Thank you for…

Amen

*Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.*

***Story and response***

Listen to this week’s story or read a story from the Bible. This week is the story of Lazarus coming back to life in John 11

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?

I wonder what surprised you about this story?

I wonder what this story makes you feel?

I wonder where you are in this story?

Do you wonder anything about this story?

***Prayers***

When Jesus, heard that his friend had died, he cried.

Sometimes when we are sad and feel like crying, it can feel like things will never be the same again, everything is broken there is no hope.

When Lazarus died Mary and Martha, his sisters, felt that Jesus had let them down by not coming straight away.

Have you ever felt left down by a friend?

Jesus promises us that he will be with us always. He will never let us down.

Colour the picture of the butterfly. You can write some words or draw pictures on the pieces of the jigsaw, saying thank you, or sorry, or names of people or places you want to pray for.

Cut out the pieces of the jigsaw and as you put the pieces together give thanks that even when we feel broken Jesus can put all the pieces back together again. Jesus brought new life to Lazarus and can bring new everlasting life to us all.

Thank you, God, that you bring new life to hard situations

**Help us to have hope in you. Amen**

***Close***

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

May God bless us.

May we know that we are loved

May we know that we are cared for.

May we know God’s hope.

**God is with us**

**God is here**

**Amen.**

*Extinguish the candle.*