

***Mazzie,  
Lazzie  
and  
Martie***

**Lazarus**

**John 11**



Here is the story of  
Mazzie, Lazzie and Martie ...



who would open their doors  
and throw a great party

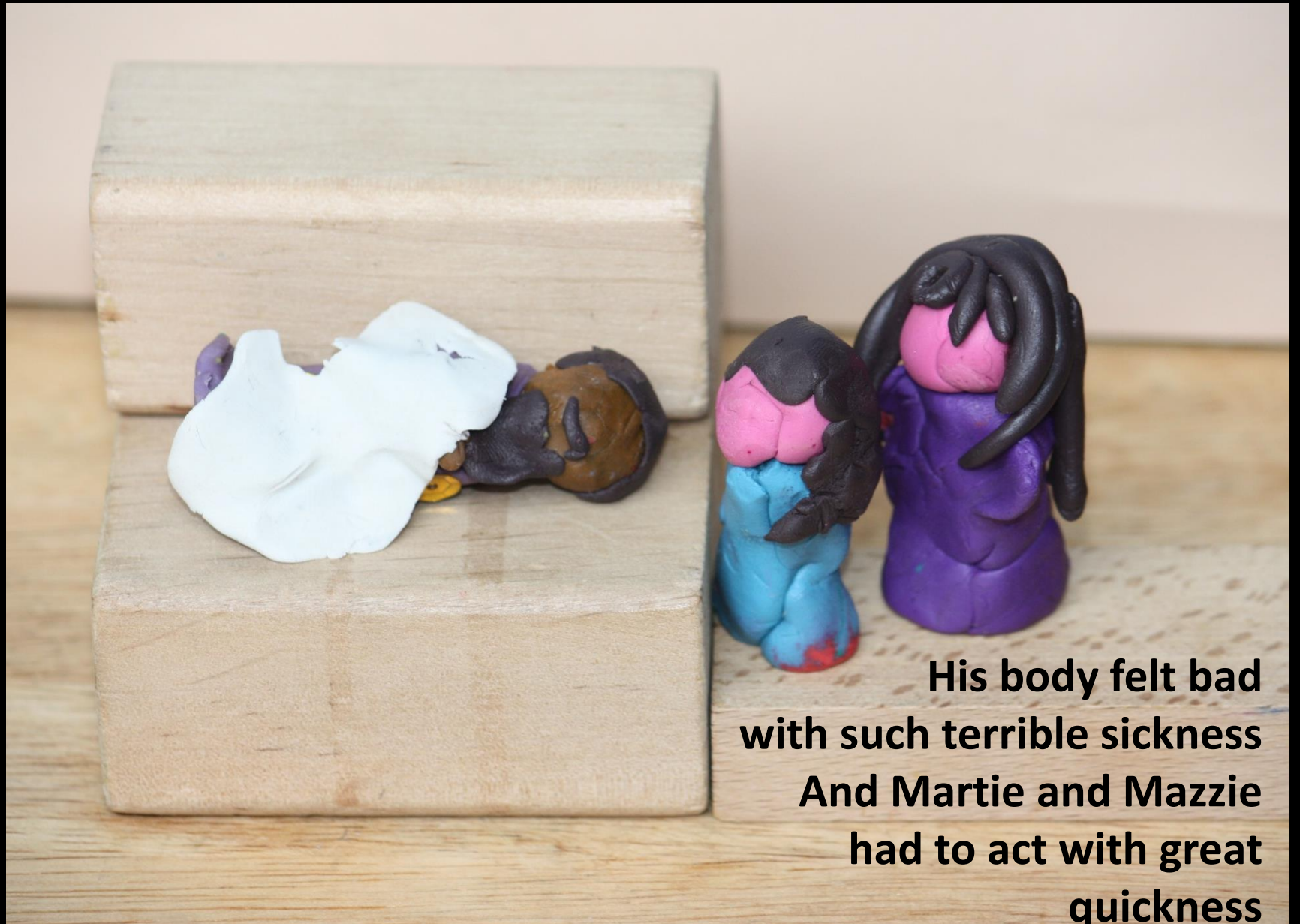


or a quiet dinner  
with one or two guests.  
And if Jesus could come  
that was always the best.



**But life as you know  
is not always easy  
One day poor old Lazzie  
began to feel queasy**





**His body felt bad  
with such terrible sickness  
And Martie and Mazzie  
had to act with great  
quickness**

**They sent off a message  
asking Jesus to hurry  
(you can always call Jesus  
if something's a worry)  
But Jesus was somewhere  
far off and away  
And he didn't start travelling  
until the next day**



**Martie and Mazzie  
they looked after Lazzie,  
but he lay in his bed  
and then he was dead.**





**Lazzie had died,  
the worst of their fears.  
Mazzie and Martie  
were full, full of tears.**



**They wrapped up his body,  
placed him in a grave.  
Their friends gathered round  
as they tried to act brave.**



**But Jesus was out  
on the road coming soon.**







**But no one was  
happy  
to see Jesus now  
Lazzie was totally  
dead anyhow.**

**Mazzie and Martie  
met him at the gate.  
“Jesus, you’re here,  
but you’ve come  
way too late!”**



**“Lizzie is Dead!  
Nothing more you can do.”  
Though they had  
a strange feeling,  
that wasn’t quite true.**



**Martie spoke up  
through her tears  
and her grief,  
“I know you’re from God,  
that’s my solid belief.”  
And though Jesus cried  
at the death of poor Lazzie,  
He said something strange  
to Martie and Mazzie.**





**“Open the grave  
and move back the rock.”  
“But Jesus, the smell  
will be worse than a sock!”  
“He’s dead as doornail,  
he’s dead as a dog.”  
“If you think you can help him  
you’re quite off your nog!”**



**But Jesus is someone  
who knows about death.  
And he's knows about life,  
that we live by God's breath**



**So they opened the tomb  
and Jesus called Lazzie.  
And he came out alive  
back to Martie and Mazzie.**



**Now imagine the party  
with Mazzie and Martie,  
And Lazzie and Jesus  
their life giving friend,  
who shows God's great love,  
and that death's not the end.**

