

THE STORY

On the first Easter Day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them, but they were kept from recognising him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them asked him, "Do you not know the things that have happened in Jerusalem in these last days?"

"What things?" he asked.

Then they told him who Jesus was and how he had been put on a cross to die. They told him how the women had gone to the tomb and seen the angels and reported that he had risen from the dead. "We had hoped he was the one to save us," they said, sadly.

Then Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself, starting with Moses and the Prophets.

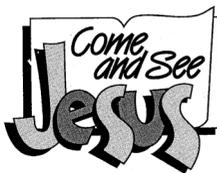
As they approached the village, Jesus acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, "Stay with us." So he went to stay with them.

When he was at table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight.

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the disciples saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen!" Then the two disciples told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

FAITH AND FAMILY TIME

- Talk about the story picture, and the children's activities. Read more about the story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35, or in a Bible story book.
- Remember to follow Jesus' example of giving thanks before eating each meal.
- Find Old Testament prophecies about Jesus. Use a Bible handbook or other study aids to help find the passages.
- Jesus' friends asked him: "Stay with us." This is a good prayer for us to pray. What special times would it be good for us to ask Jesus to be with us? Read/sing the well-loved hymn "Abide with me". (LH 543)



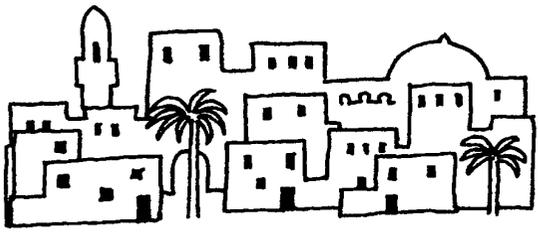
PRAYER

Thank You Jesus, that we can see and hear You in Your Word, the Bible. Help us always to be sure that, because we believe in You, You are with us all the time. Help us remember that You are alive and that You have given us the gift of everlasting life. Amen.



ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Luke 24:13-35

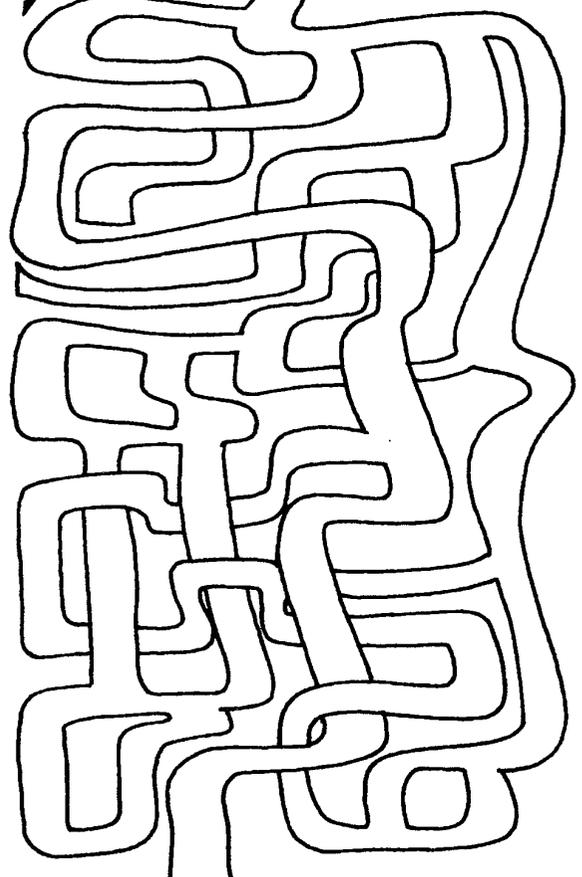


JERUSALEM

← Help the two disciples find their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

Bible Verse
I am with you always.
Matthew 28:20

What did Jesus talk to the disciples about on the way to Emmaus?
Put a circle around those things He explained to them from the Scripture.



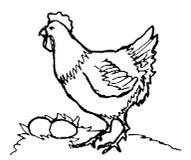
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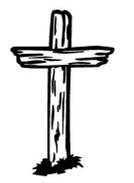
Moses and the Law



The promises of the prophets



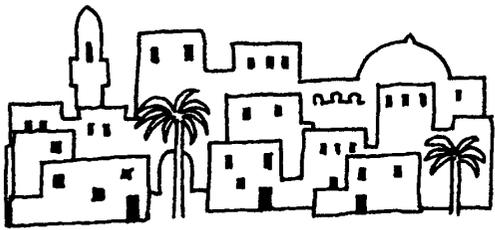
chicken and the egg



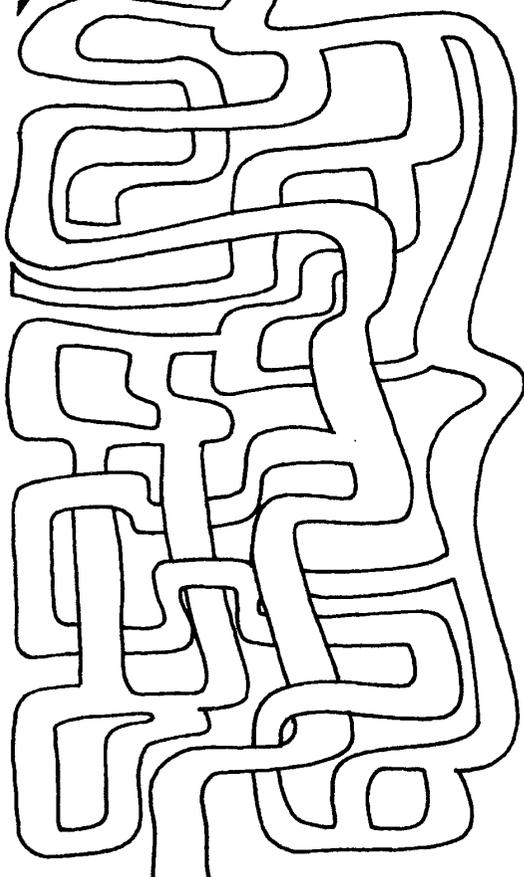
Jesus died for sin



Jesus rose from death



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◆ Cross off the wrong words in the boxes to make the story right.

◆ It was days since Jesus had died, and two of the disciples were going to .

◆ Jesus appeared to them, but they recognise him.

◆ Jesus told them how the in the Old Testament had said what was going to happen to him.

◆ The invited him in to their house. They recognised him when he broke the Then they knew that Jesus really was alive.



Resurrection of the Body

We believe in the resurrection of Jesus' body. After Jesus died, his body became alive again. His friends saw him, talked with him, ate with him. He proved to them that he was not a ghost, but a real living person.

Jesus is stronger than death. Because he became alive again, we know that all human beings who have died will become alive again. Our bodies will be "resurrected" — made alive — just as Jesus body was. All who believe in Jesus will rise again with bodies that are perfect like Jesus' body. They won't get old or sick or die. They will live with Jesus forever.

I BELIEVE in the HOLY SPIRIT...

- The Holy Christian Church (the communion of saints)
- The forgiveness of sins
- The resurrection of the body
- The life everlasting



Jesus is with us in Word and Sacrament.



BIBLE VERSE

Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

We come together in Jesus' name when we come together as people who believe in Jesus. Jesus has promised that he will be with us.

In our church, there are many people who come together in his name. And Jesus is with all those people. In our Sunday School, we come together in his name, and Jesus is with each class. At home, when we gather in Jesus' name, he is with us there too, as he has promised.



Beginning with the Law and the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Him.
Match the Bible verse with what happened.



Prophecy

A ruler would come from Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)

A king would come in peace on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)

The stump of Jesse would have a shoot. (Isaiah 11:1)

A baby would be born to rule. (Isaiah 9:6)

The way of the Lord would be prepared by one in the desert. (Isaiah 40:3)

He would preach good news to the poor, and heal the sick, and comfort the broken hearted. (Isaiah 61:1,2)

His wounds would heal us. (Isaiah 53:5)

His price would be 30 pieces of silver. (Zechariah 11:12,13)

His clothes would be divided up and they would cast lots for them. (Psalm 22:18)

Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and nights. (Jonah 1:17)

How Jesus fulfilled it

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

The wise men looked for a newborn king.

Jesus died so we might be forgiven.

Jesus was from King David's family.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Jesus spoke God's Word to many people. He did miracles of healing.

In the wilderness, John the Baptist preached repentance

Jesus' clothes were divided up by casting lots.

Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

Jesus rose from death on the third day.

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Coming together in Jesus' name.

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When do we do this?

Where do we do this?

Jesus is alive and with us.

What is his promise?

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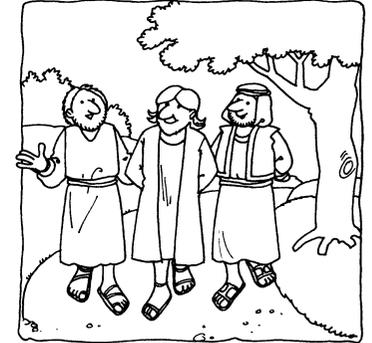
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Our service in church is a time when two or three or many more come together in Jesus' name. At the start of our service we know that Jesus is with us when we hear 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. During the service we sometimes use the special greeting 'The Lord is with you'. We respond 'And also with you'.

Jesus is present with us in the service in the same way that the men on the road became aware of his presence.

First through **His Word**. As Jesus spoke to them from the Scriptures, the men began to understand. As Jesus speaks to us through the Scriptures we learn the truth about God.

Second through the **Breaking of Bread**—



as He did at the Passover supper—the men recognised their risen Lord. When we eat the bread and drink the wine at Holy Communion, we truly recognise the Lord who died and rose for us and is present with us in special way in the Sacrament.

