

Sunday 26th April: Jesus recognised in breaking bread

Gathering prayer – ask your Junior Church kids to teach you the actions!

From the top of my head to the tips of my toes
From the lobes of my ears to the end of my nose
From my back to my front to my wiggly fingers
God loves me!

Luke 24:13-35 The road to Emmaus

In today's bible passage we hear about two friends walking to the village of Emmaus shortly after Jesus had been crucified. They meet a stranger who seems not to know about the crucifixion but he walks with them and explains many Old Testament prophecies. When they eat together, the stranger breaks the bread, gives thanks for it and shares it out (just like we do each Sunday to remember Jesus) and the friends recognise the stranger was Jesus.

Read the story together in your own bible or you can find the reading on websites such as Bible Gateway <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+24&version=NIV>

Words in this story

Emmaus – a village a few miles from Jerusalem <https://www.seetheholyland.net/emmaus/>

Prophet – someone who is called by God to speak to His people on His behalf. Jesus explains what Moses and all the other prophets had said.

Crucified – this is the way Jesus was killed on a cross.

Scripture – the Bible. In this story it refers to Old Testament stories.

Thinking about this story

- What was the most surprising part of the story and why?
- Which Prophets do you think Jesus talked about?
- Why do you think the two friends may not have recognised Jesus?
- How do you think people can see God today?
- What has helped you to learn more about Jesus' story?
- How do you think the friends felt when they realised they had been with Jesus?
- If you had met Jesus that day, what would you have asked him?

Activity 1: Revealing Jesus

Jesus was only recognised by the men he walked with when he broke bread and gave thanks. In this activity you can reveal Jesus with your watercolour paints or pencils.

You will need: white paper, white wax candle, watercolour paints or coloured pencils.

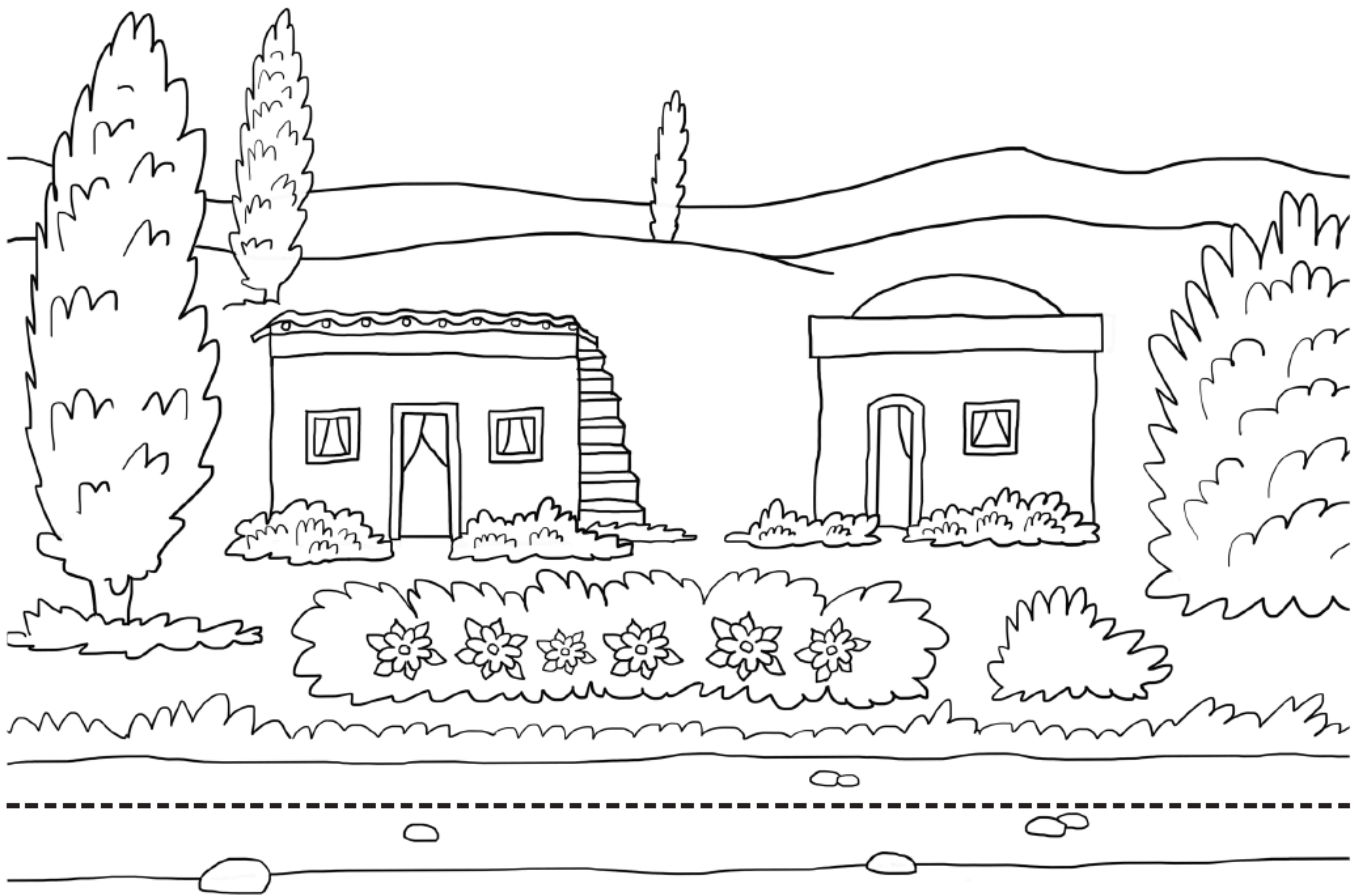
Write 'JESUS' in large letters on the paper with the candle

Colour the whole page in paint or pencil and the name Jesus will be revealed!

Activity 2: Road to Emmaus scene

Colour and cut out the figures and scene on the next page so you can act out the story.

You will need: print out of the next page (or draw your own), scissors, coloured pens/pencils, card, glue. Stick the paper on to some thick card to make it sturdy. Imagine what the men said as they walked together and act out the story.



Carefully make an incision at one end of the dotted line in the road scene, and cut a horizontal slit along it. This is where the figures will move along the road.

Cut round the figures and slot them into the road scene.

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Roots have a collection of resources for families at home:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/lectionary/2020/106-march-april-2020-a/easter-3/familiesathome>,
activity sheet: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20320/26-apr-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>
and colouring: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20333/26-apr-2020-colouring-sheet.pdf>

A prayer to use this week

Almighty God,

we pray for people who don't know you when they see you:

Open their eyes.

We pray for people who have read the Bible, but haven't understood.

Open their eyes.

We pray for people who haven't heard your story yet.

Open their eyes.

Amen.

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