

CHRIST CHURCH
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KIDS

19th April | THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

After the events of Good Friday the Bible tells us that the disciples were afraid. Their leader, teacher and friend had been killed on a cross. We know that Jesus came back to life on Easter Sunday but before the disciples had all seen him it was only a rumour. Some disciples were hiding in Jerusalem but there were two disciples that decided to go home, back to work and to give up on following Jesus. They were sad. They were disappointed. They were on the road to Emmaus when Jesus appeared to them.

Over the next few weeks we are going to look at the stories from when Jesus appeared to people after his resurrection and how they were changed after seeing the risen Jesus.



LUKE 24:13-35

Grab a Bible if you have one handy or use an online one and read the story together. It's a great story! Take some time to think about these questions. If you are with your family maybe you could talk about them together.

- Why were the two disciples leaving Jerusalem?
- What were they talking about when Jesus showed up?
- How come they didn't recognise him?
- Why do you think they invited him into their house?
- How were they changed by seeing Jesus?

ASK YOUR FAMILY...

What is the longest walk you've ever been on?

How much time do you think it takes to walk 7 miles?

If you're feeling super clever...
Walking speed is about 3mph

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

The two disciples had been in Jerusalem when Jesus was killed. They thought they knew all about what had happened and they were talking about it while walking to the village of Emmaus.

How else do we get news?

These two disciples were sad because they hadn't heard the news that Jesus had really come back to life...

What would the newspaper have been like when people had seen that Jesus had risen from the dead? What would the headline be? Who could have been interviewed? What might other people have said?

Take some time to design the front page of the news! There is a template in this resource or make up your own.

MEMORY CHALLENGE

In the story Jesus explained the scriptures to the two disciples. They hadn't remembered (or they hadn't understood) that they all pointed to a Messiah (someone who would lead God's people, who would suffer and then beat death.)

Take turns setting up a memory challenge!

1. Place a lots of items on a tray or table. Try to pick different objects to make it tricky!
2. Let the player have a look at the objects.
3. Then the player should close their eyes while one object is taken away.
4. Can they remember which object has been taken?



SEND A HUG!

The disciples that were heading to Emmaus were sad, disheartened and disappointed. I know that lots of people feel a bit like that at the moment with everything that is going on.

What helps you when you are sad?

Sometimes a MASSIVE hug helps!

Why not try this craft and send it to someone that might like a big hug right now...

You'll need:

Paper, string, scissors, a pen & an envelope.

How to make it:

1. Draw around each of your hands on paper and cut them out.
2. Make a small hole at the bottom of each hand.
3. Cut the string so it's the same length as the widest you can stretch your arms... This is a MASSIVE hug!
4. Tie one end of the string to left hand and the other to the right hand.
5. Write a little message on the hands (like sending a card.) Then post it to someone!

MEMORY VERSE

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

Prayer Activity

The disciples walking to Emmaus had gone through a rather strange experience. They were confused. Sad. Disheartened. But they were completely changed after they realised they had seen Jesus.

Take turns praying out loud for:

- People that are sad at the moment.
- People who are feeling lonely.
- Thanking God for all the good things he does.
- Asking for help when it's hard to follow in Jesus' steps.

Worship

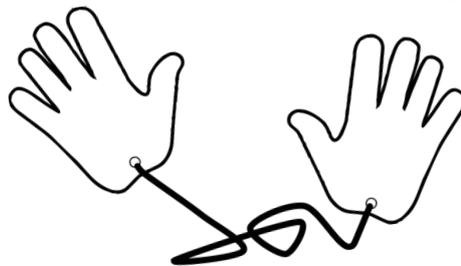
It's so good to praise God with songs and actions. Why not end this resource with some worship music. Here's a few ideas or you can check out our [PLAYLIST](#)

[CORNERSTONE](#) - Hillsong

[BIGGER THAN BIG](#)

We have also put together a Dropbox folder of the songs you may know and love from Junior Choir and Climbers. You can check that out here: [Dropbox Folder](#)

Carol, from our CCB:Kids Team once received a pair of hands that had this lovely little message on:



*The hands at the end of this little thread
Are as far as my arms can spread.
It's not very far, because I'm pretty small,
It's not very long, because I'm not very tall!
But hold them up, and it might astound you,
That my little arms are enough to reach around you!
So while I'm not here, and things are worrying you,
Just pull this out and imagine I'm hugging you!*

JESUS WALKS WITH US

The best thing about the story of the Road to Emmaus is that Jesus met these two disciples, talked to them and helped them to see who he was.

He wasn't cross with them for not getting it. He took time with them and walked with them.

He does the same for us today. Obviously he isn't with us physically any more but God is present through his Holy Spirit (more on that when we look at Pentecost) guiding us, helping us and shaping us to be better followers of Jesus.

Let's make a sandal (like they would have worn on their walk) to remind us that Jesus walks with us!

You'll need:

Coloured paper (or colour it in yourself,) scissors & a pen/pencil.

How to make it:

1. Trace around one of your shoes on paper. This will be the base of the sandal.
2. Then trace around your foot on another piece of paper. This will be the foot in the sandal.
3. Cut them both out and put the foot shape one on top of the shoe shaped one.
4. Add the straps by cutting some more paper.
5. Decorate it with some words.



We would love to see any of the crafts or things you've done from today's resource. Comment with them on Facebook @ccbeckenhamkids or email ed@ccb.org.uk

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

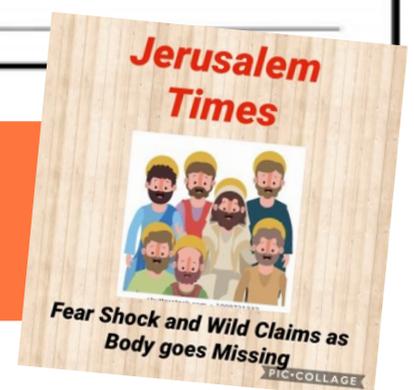
Here is a template to help you make the front page of the newspaper. The BIG story is that Jesus has risen from the dead!

Things to think about:

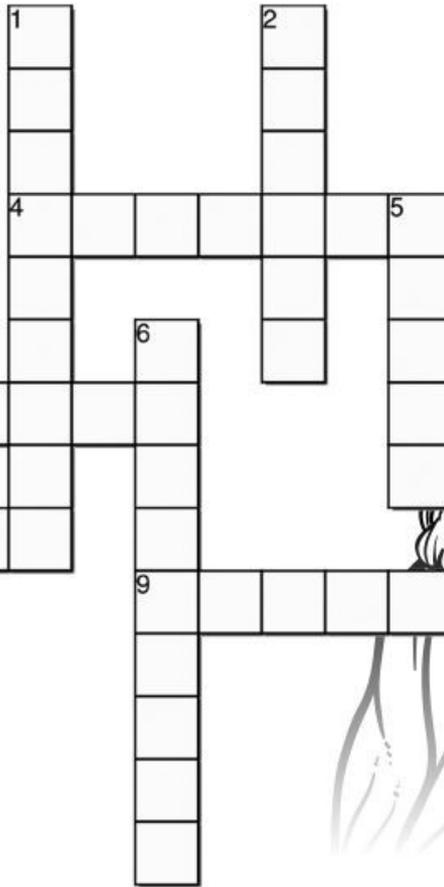
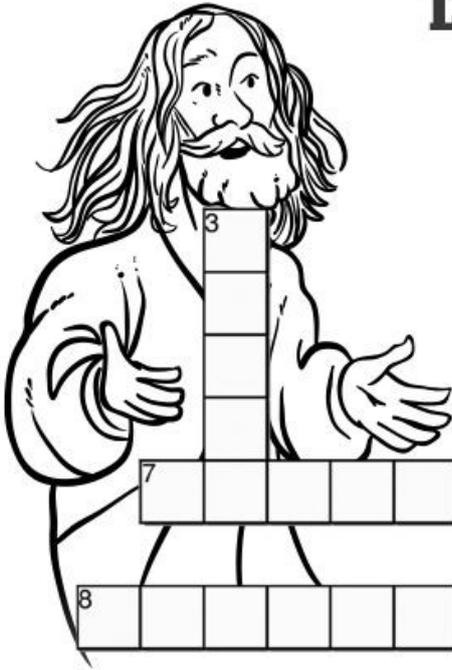
- What is the newspaper called?
- What is the headline?
- What picture would you use?
- Who could have been interviewed?
- What might other people be saying?

The template consists of a large rectangular frame. At the top is a wide, empty rectangular box for a headline. Below this is another wide, empty rectangular box for a sub-headline. The main body of the page is divided into two columns. The left column has 15 horizontal lines for text. The right column has a large empty rectangular box for a picture at the top, followed by 10 horizontal lines for text.

Karen from our CCB:Kids Team used an online picture maker to make her front cover! Her headline points out the shock people had when they discovered the empty tomb.



Luke 24:13-35



Across

4. What was the disciple's name, who answered Jesus's questions?
7. When Jesus first joined his disciples on their journey, they did not know it was him because they could not _____ him.
8. As soon as the disciples recognized Jesus, he _____ from their sight.
9. Jesus told his disciples that according to scripture, the Messiah would have to _____ before his death.

Down

1. Jesus pretended not to know that three days earlier he had been _____.
2. When the disciples arrived at their destination they invited Jesus to join them for _____.
3. The disciples didn't recognize Jesus until Jesus _____ bread with them.
5. How many miles long was the journey to Emmaus?
6. After Jesus was crucified, what city was left in turmoil?

RECREATE THE STORY

Why not have a go at making the story with some of the things you have around the house?

You could use some Lego...
Cuddly toys and teddys...
Gingerbread men...

Literally anything you can find!

Help Jesus get to his disciples!

