

FAMILY PRAYER

WEEK BY WEEK



Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

26 April 2020

“They recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread.”

Something to Think About

The disciples in today's story don't recognise Jesus at first - even when he is walking beside them. We need to recognise Jesus in all people in our daily activities, in our family, friends, and even those people we don't know very well. Let's give a joyful welcome to those we meet each day!

The Story

This is a post-resurrection story from Luke's gospel. The disciples are disillusioned and disappointed because Jesus died on a cross, was buried in a tomb, and now his body is missing and they have been told 'he is risen from the dead'. Into this gloom walks Jesus, who walks with the two disciples along the road to Emmaus but the disciples do not recognise him.

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

24:14-16, 28-31

As two of Jesus' disciples were talking and thinking about what had happened, Jesus came near and started walking along beside them.

But they did not know who he was.

When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther. They begged him,

"Stay with us! It's already late, and the sun is going down."

So Jesus went into the house to stay with them.

After Jesus sat down to eat, he took some bread.

He blessed it and broke it. Then he gave it to them.

At once they knew who he was, but he disappeared.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Video

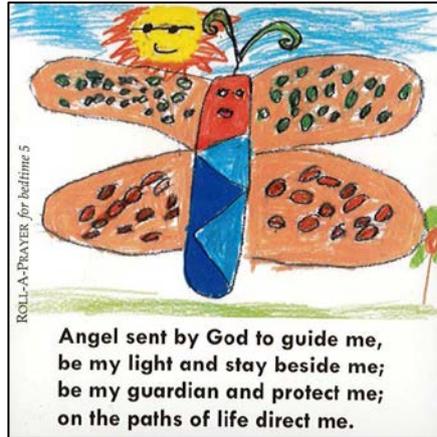
Click to watch the video:

[Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus](#)



THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Bedtime Prayer



Family Discussion

How do you think the two disciples felt as they left Jerusalem? Why do you think they did not recognise Jesus? When they realised they had been speaking with Jesus, what did they do?

Jesus shows us how to welcome the stranger – those who are different, those we do not like as much as some others. We need to recognise Jesus in all people in our daily lives. How do we welcome those who are on the outside of our group?

Family Activity

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, sometimes OUR eyes are not looking at things properly. Put on special imaginary glasses to see the world the way God sees it. You can find a printable template to make some crazy glasses by clicking [here](#).

Picture yourselves in different scenarios with your new vision. How should you act with someone who is in a grumpy mood? When someone accidentally knocks over something you have been using? When somebody gives the wrong answer to a question? When one of your friends hurts themselves? When somebody you do not get on with gets hurt?



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EAT, HE TOOK SOME BREAD.
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Find six differences in this picture of Jesus at supper with the disciples in Emmaus.

The man on the left has blue eyes. His headband is different.
The man on the right has a red headband and a gold bracelet.
Jesus' halo is gold. A piece of bread is missing from the plate.