

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

18th April 2021 Easter 3



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

Jesus meets his frightened disciples

On these Sundays after Easter we are hearing some of the stories about how Jesus appeared to those who loved him after the crucifixion, when he had risen from the dead. If you were with us in the garden last Sunday you will have heard some of these stories. This is a different version of the story that we had the bubbles for.

After Jesus had died and risen again his disciples were still very frightened. They thought that the authorities who had put Jesus to death might come after them as his followers and try to have them killed too. So they stayed together hiding in an upstairs room in Jerusalem, in a house that they thought would be safe.

Two of the disciples had walked home to a place about seven miles away and had an amazing experience. They met someone on the road and talked to him and told him all that had happened. The stranger walked with them and explained that the scriptures had predicted this and that it was all part of God's plan. When they had reached their home and offered the stranger hospitality because it was getting late, he had broken the bread and said the usual blessing and they had realised that it was Jesus, who had been with them all the way. But then he had vanished.

So though it was late and they were a long way from Jerusalem, they ran all the way back to tell the others what had happened.

And as they all began to talk excitedly about this, suddenly Jesus was there, in the middle of them. They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why don't you believe what is happening? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And they could see the marks of the cruel nails that had been hammered through them. They were so happy, but they really couldn't make sense of what was happening. So Jesus said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' After all, a ghost can't eat. They gave him a piece of grilled fish, left over from their supper and he took it and ate it in front of them. After that, it all started to feel real.

Things to do

Jesus was there with his disciples, even though they couldn't see him. You can make a picture of Jesus 'appear'. You will need:

- A white wax crayon, or a white candle
- Some water colour paints

Draw a picture of Jesus on a white sheet of paper, using the wax crayon or candle. You can use the picture on the next page as a guide (put it under the sheet you are using) or make up your own idea of what Jesus might have looked like.

Then mix some thinnish wet paint and use a big brush to wash over the drawing. The wax will make the picture of Jesus appear. You can try it several times if it doesn't come out the way that you wanted at first.

Also

Have a look at the way some artists have shown parts of this story. You can use this link: <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-search.pl> and type the word Emmaus into the search box. If you click on the little thumbnail pictures and then click on them again they will open in larger versions.

And blow some more bubbles and feel your breath going in and out of you and the way it fills your lungs and think about the way the disciples felt Jesus' warm breath on them and were comforted.

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