

Jamie's Uncle Jim

Key Words: **Blind**

Key Verse: "Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight." *Luke 24:31*

Jamie had been named after his uncle Jim, and he was very proud of that. Jamie remembered him as someone tall with a very loud laugh. Jamie also remembered when they would find secret things like hidden birds' nests. Uncle Jim had gone away and Jamie never knew why, but he never stopped loving him.

One summer, Jamie vacationed with his friend, Mark, who loved bird watching. Jamie discovered a real love for birds. He learned how to spot birds on the seashore, in the pinewoods, and nesting in the trees. He could tell a bird simply by watching its flight or by listening to its song. He discovered the excitement of spotting rare birds. Jamie's interest in birds grew. He traveled all over the country, watching birds. He loved to meet new people and swap tales with them. One day, a new bird watcher appeared. He was older than Jamie, but he began to talk about birds. This stranger knew more than anyone Jamie had ever met. They spent the day together telling each other about birds they had seen. Jamie invited his new friend home for a meal, and he entertained the whole family with his passion for birds. Later, Jamie got up to go to bed. The stranger looked at him. "Don't you know me after all this time, Jamie?" he

asked. Jamie stared at him. Something tugged at his memory. "You're not — Uncle Jim?" A joyful laugh rang out. Despite the fact that he was older, Jamie ran to Uncle Jim and flung himself into his arms. "I knew there was something special about you," he exclaimed. "You're not quite how I remembered, but your laugh will never change! I never realized I got my love of birds from you. I loved you so much when I was tiny, and it's just the same now. Welcome home, Uncle Jim. I know you'll never leave again."

Jamie never did find out what had sent Uncle Jim away, but his Mom and Dad smiled much more now. Jamie knew that they'd never lose Uncle Jim again, for he had given himself to each of them and the love, knowledge, and laughter he had given was part of them forever.

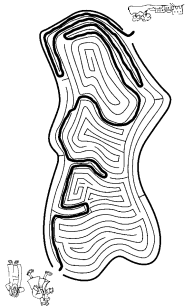
Questions

Why do you think Jamie's parents didn't tell Jamie that the "stranger" was his Uncle Jim?

Why did Jesus' friends not recognize him right away?

Gospel Grans

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 24:13-35



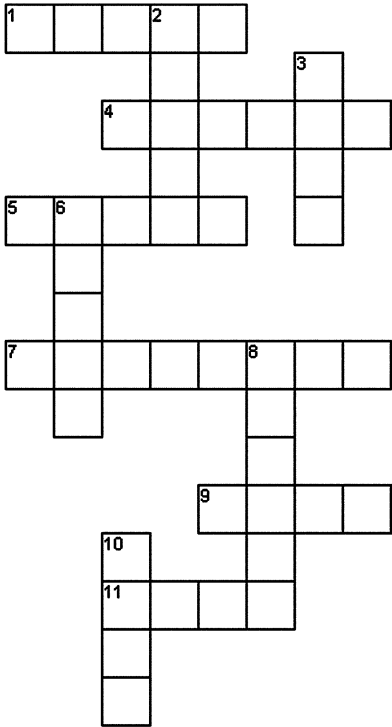
Maze

- Crossword Puzzle
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| 11. Eyes | Across |
| 9. Nazareth | Down |
| 7. Prophets | Across |
| 8. Emmaus | Down |
| 6. Heart | Across |
| 3. Body | Down |
| 2. Alive | Across |
| 1. Bread | Down |

Answers

Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers to the questions.



Across

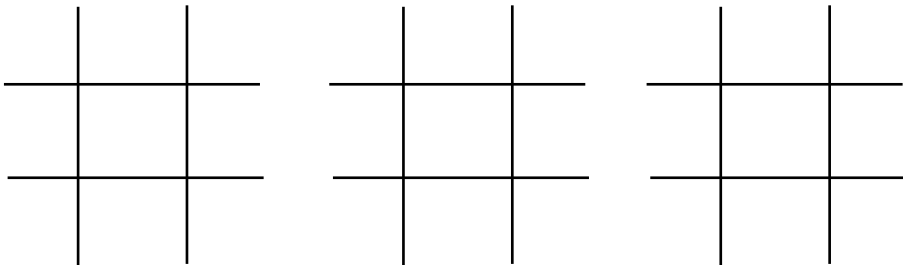
1. Jesus blessed and broke this
4. _____ of angels
5. How many days after the Crucifixion?
7. Believe what they declared
9. Jesus of _____
11. These were kept from recognizing Jesus

Down

2. Jesus is _____
3. They did not find his _____ in the tomb
6. Slow of _____
8. Two of them were going here
10. Mighty in _____ and word

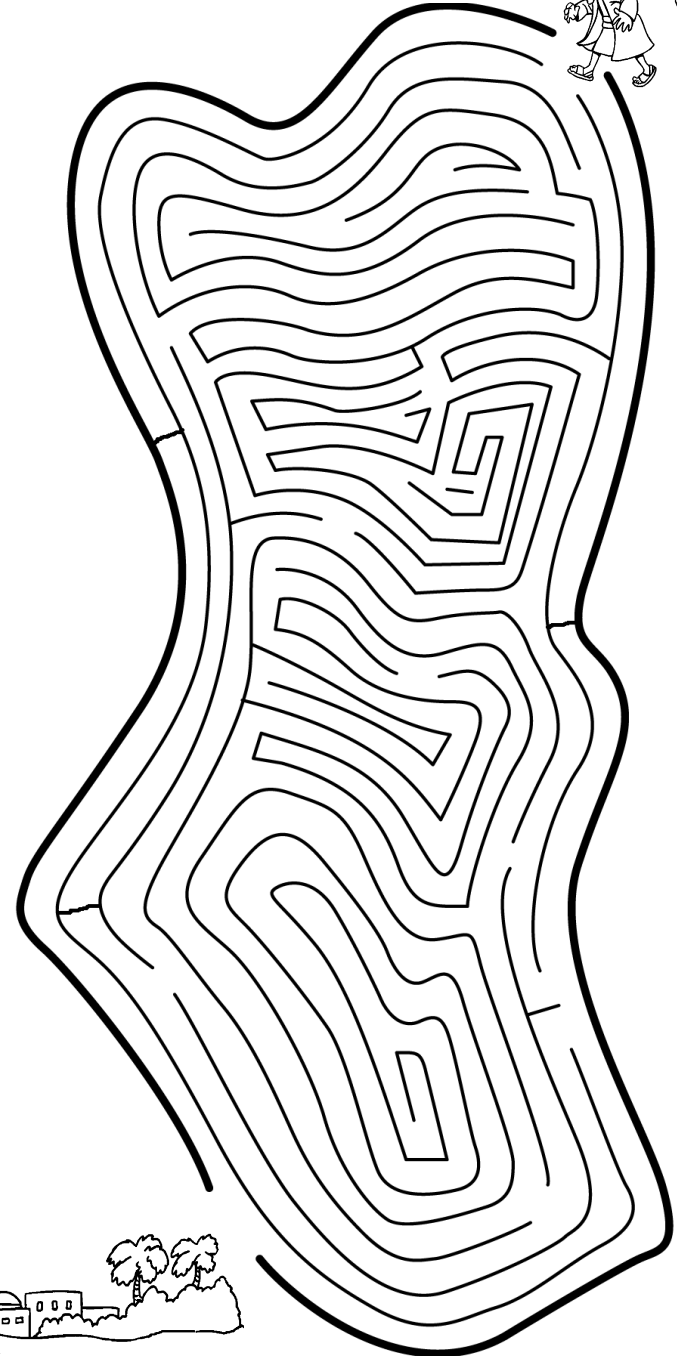
Tic-Tac-Toe

Play with a friend.



Maze

Today's Gospel story is about two disciples seeing Jesus after he was resurrected. Help guide the two disciples as they run back to town to tell the other followers that they've seen Jesus risen from the dead.



MYSTERY GUEST COMES TO SUPPER

[Emmaus] — A strange thing happened on the way to this small town not far from the big city of Jerusalem. Two men, who had been friends of Jesus before he died, were walking home to Emmaus. On the way they met a man who walked along with them. They didn't know who the mysterious stranger was, but they found out he was interested in the latest news. The news was that Jesus, after he had been killed on the cross, had come back from the dead and was amazing people by appearing to them.

The stranger explained to the two men how the Scriptures had promised it would happen. Then when the three of them arrived at Emmaus, the men asked the stranger to stay for supper. As the guest broke bread they would be eating, the hosts may have remembered a miracle with loaves of bread — or a supper with bread in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Suddenly they recognized Jesus' voice and knew he was really alive again!

Luke 24:13-35

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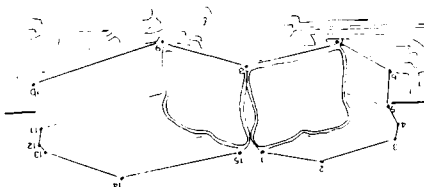
GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



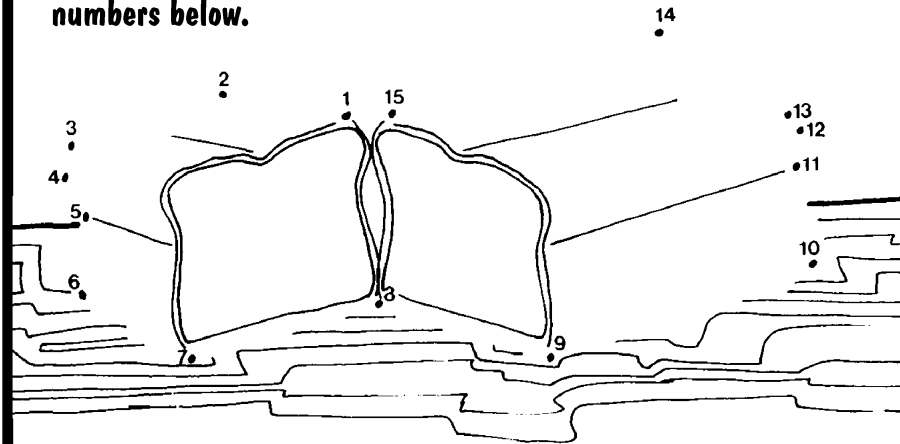
- SENTENCE BLANKS:
1. The two men were walking to EMMAUS.
 2. On the way they met a STRANGER.
 3. The SCRIPTURES had promised Jesus would come back to life.
 4. Emmaus was near the city of JERUSALEM.
 5. The men asked the stranger to stay for SUPPER.
 6. Maybe the men remembered something when they ate the BREAD.
 7. Suddenly they recognized the stranger's VOICE.
 8. The stranger in the story was really JESUS.
 9. Jesus died on a CROSS.
 10. Jesus is ALIVE again!



HIDDEN MESSAGE:
JESUS CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD.

ANSWERS

Finish The Picture. The two friends in today's Gospel story didn't recognize the stranger who came to supper until something special happened. To see what it was, connect all the numbers below.



Hidden Message. Use the code below to spell out a message about Easter. First find all the letters numbered "1." Use them to spell the first word. Do the same for words, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Write the hidden message below.

1	5	2	4	6	3	2	1	6	3	5	4
J	T	C	F	D	B	A	E	E	A	H	R
2	6	1	4	6	3	3	1	5	2	4	1
M	A	S	O	D	C	K	U	E	E	M	S

Message:

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Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Those two travelers who invited the stranger to supper really got a surprise! In the sentences below are some clues about that story. Use the words in the word list to fill in the blanks in the sentences."

WORD LIST: SCRIPTURES EMMAUS STRANGER
 BREAD SUPPER JESUS
 JERUSALEM VOICE ALIVE
 CROSS

- The two men were walking to _____.
- On the way they met a _____.
- The _____ had promised Jesus would come back to life.
- Emmaus was near the city of _____.
- The men asked the stranger to stay for _____.
- Maybe the men remembered something when they ate the _____.
- Suddenly they recognized the stranger's _____.
- The stranger in the story was really _____.
- Jesus died on a _____.
- Jesus is _____ again!