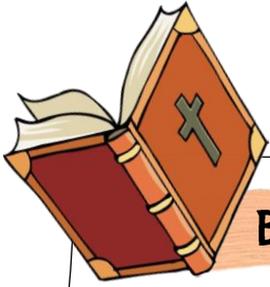


Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition
Sunday 10th May
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Jesus comforting his disciples.

You can find it in your Bible in:

John 14:1-14

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.

The other passages we will be thinking about at church this week are:

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Jesus comforting his disciples. Thank you that you always keep your promises, that we can be still be comforted by your promises today.

Thank you that through Jesus and his death and resurrection we have a way to relationship with you. Thank you that you hear and respond to us when we pray.

We pray for all those who don’t know you yet, that they would hear and respond to the good news of the gospel.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

How many promises of Jesus can you find in this passage?

Jesus told his friends that he was going to be with Father God but that one day he would return and take people to the place he had prepared for them. The disciples didn’t understand what Jesus was promising them, but he reassured them that because they knew him, they had a way to eternal life and relationship with God.

Jesus also promised his friends that they had the power to pray and see miracles on earth. Just like they had seen Jesus doing when he was on the earth with them.

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you prayed, and you saw God respond?

Family Activity 1

Play a game of hide and seek together. One person must count while everybody else hides – then they must search for everybody who has hidden. Take it in turns to be the seeker.

Think about how the disciples might have felt when Jesus was away from them and out of sight. The Bible tells us that we can be seekers of God, discovering more about Him even when we cannot see Him.

Proverbs 8 v 17

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.





A verse to remember

1 Peter 2 v 9

But you are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession. You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Try to learn this verse together, it is quite long so might need to come up with some actions to help you remember it. Why not decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week?

This verse reminds us of the power we have in the world, just like Jesus told his friends that they had a role to play on the earth while he was gone, we have a part to play today in sharing the good news with others.

Active Prayer



Jesus said that in his Father's house there are many rooms. Why not go on a prayer adventure around your own home.

Here is a prayer inspiration for each room in your house:

Bedrooms: Visit each bedroom in the house and say a prayer for the people who sleep in that room.

Kitchen: Pray a thank you prayer to God for providing physical and spiritual food for us each day. Pray for the foodbank and all those charities helping people to access food and supplies.

Bathroom: While you are in the bathroom... wash your hands and then take a moment to pray for all working for the NHS and emergency services and those working to find a cure for the Coronavirus.

Living Room: Take a moment to pray for all those who appear on our screens – world leaders making difficult decisions, church leaders finding new ways to be church during lockdown and teachers connecting with their classes online.

Garden/Outside: Pray for all those in your street and community that they would come to know God more and that He would provide all that they need.

Family Activity 3

You will need: Paper, pens, any craft materials you have in the house.

Jesus told the disciples that he was going to his 'Father's House'. What do you think God's home, heaven, looks like?

Why not spend some time together wondering and sharing about what you think it looks like in heaven? Use your art materials to create your own picture together. Think about who will be there, what it will look like and what people will be doing in heaven.



Helping Older Children

In these difficult times Older Children might be asking questions about what happens to people who die. They might also be asking about what happens to those who do not know Jesus.

Reassure them with Jesus' promise that he died on the cross to make a way so that anybody and everybody can receive God's forgiveness and friendship. We may not know what somebody else believes in their heart, but we can trust God that He hears and accepts everybody who invites Him into their life.

A colouring page you could print and colour together

But you are a...

1 Peter 2 v 9

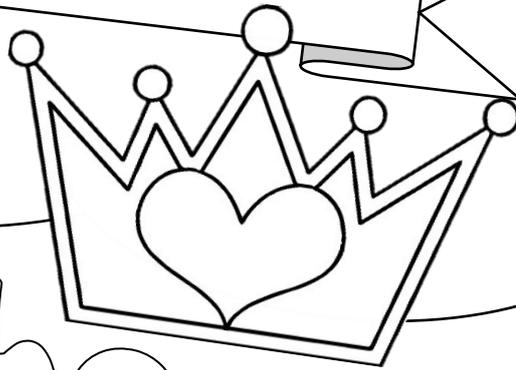
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royal priests

a holy nation

...a people
for Gods own
possession.

You were



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to tell about

the

wonderful acts of God

who called you

out of darkness into his

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Puzzle Sheet



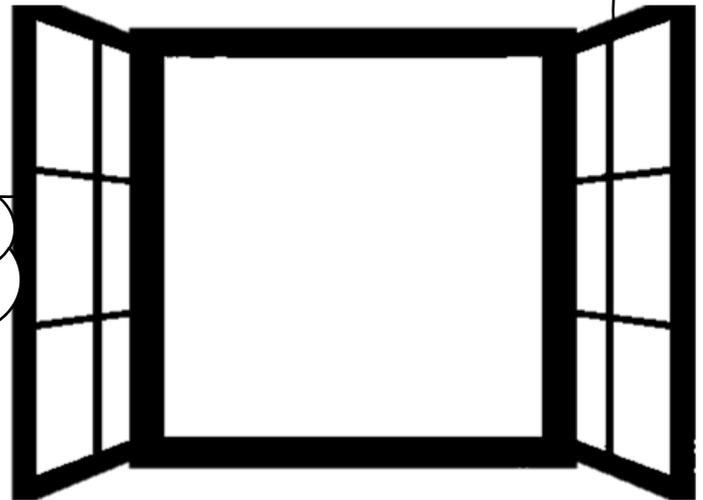
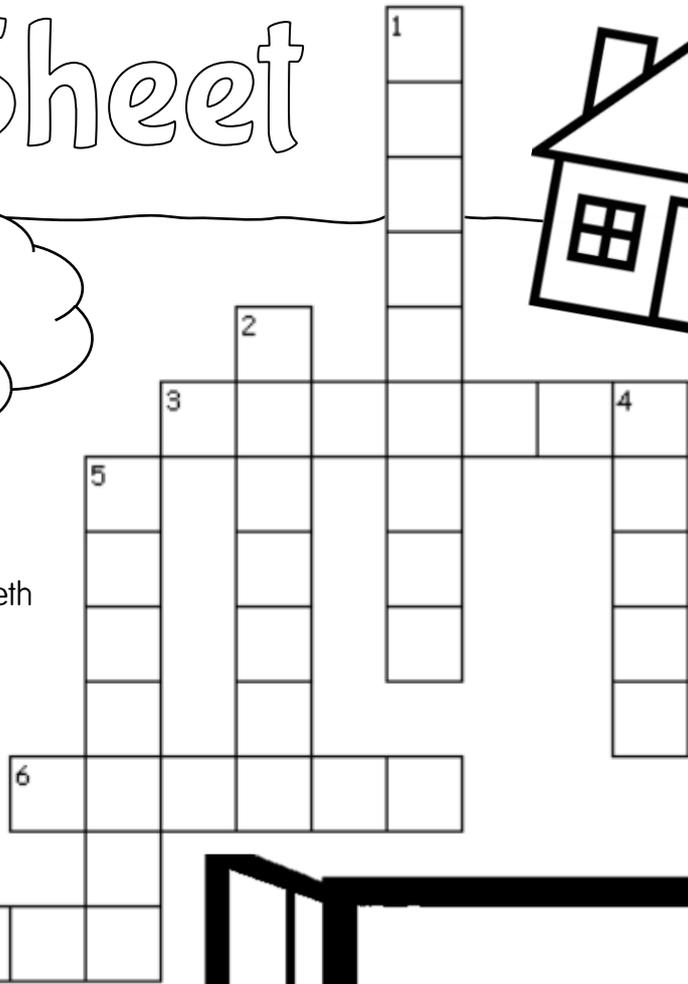
Can you solve the clues and write the answers in the correct spaces?

Across

- 3. These let light into your house
- 6. A room to relax in
- 7. The room where you brush your teeth

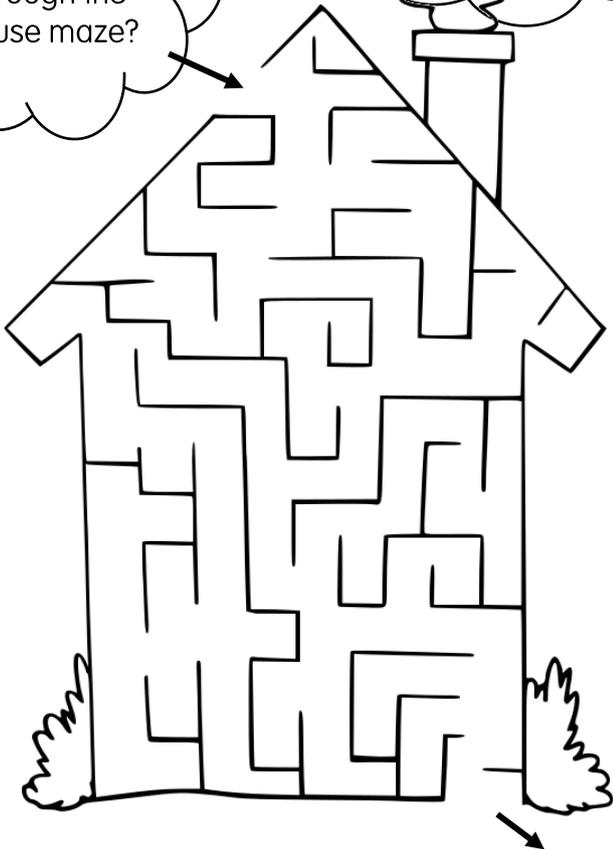
Down

- 1. The way into a house
- 2. The room where you cook dinner
- 4. A room for working in
- 5. The room where you sleep

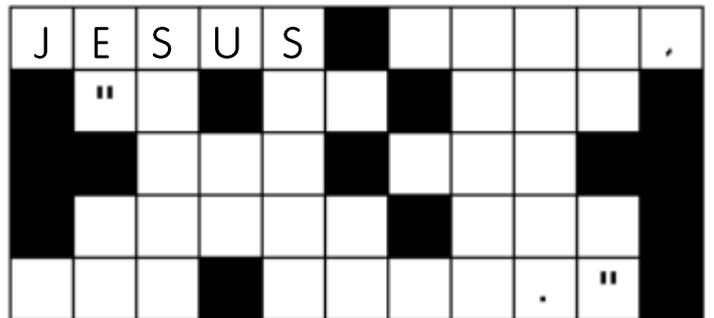


Draw a picture of what you can see out of your window.

Can you find your way through the house maze?



Can you fit the fallen letters back into the puzzle? Some of it has been started for you.



W S A
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 J H R U T H T H H E
 T E E A A M S T E D

Answer: Jesus said "I am the way the truth and the