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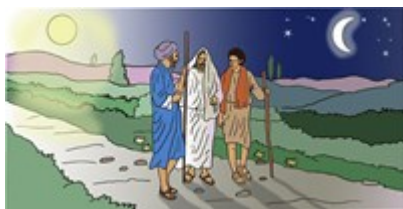
This week there are pictures to colour, activity sheets to complete and footsteps to create.

Send us photos of your completed activities and we can put them on our social media sites. (send to admin@holytrinitygeneva.org)

Dear parents, this week we have used Roots on the Web resources for inspiration. The story of the road to Emmaus is a powerful story of recognising Jesus, we hope you might encounter him anew through your worship together this week.

Jesus takes time to explain his own story.

Read the passage:



Who was the mysterious man on the road to Emmaus? That's what Cleopas wanted to know. Cleopas and his friend had been walking away from Jerusalem, talking about Jesus' death, when the man suddenly appeared with them. 'What are you

talking about?' the man asked. Everyone in Jerusalem was talking about Jesus. Where had this stranger been?

Cleopas said, 'We're talking about our friend, the prophet Jesus. We thought he was the Messiah, the one sent by God to save Israel, but he was killed three days ago, and now we don't know what to think.' There was something familiar about the stranger, but Cleopas couldn't put his finger on it.

Cleopas' friend said, 'This morning some women went to Jesus' tomb and told us the body was gone. They said they saw angels, who told them he was alive. The body's definitely gone. The disciples checked. But what does it mean? Where's the body?'

Then the stranger began to speak about the Old Testament prophets. He explained how the Messiah's life and death had been predicted a long time ago. 'You are slow and foolish not to see it,' the stranger said. 'The Messiah had to suffer before entering his glory.'

They all arrived in Emmaus as evening approached. 'Come in and eat with us,' Cleopas said. The stranger accepted, and when he broke the bread, Cleopas suddenly knew who he was. It was Jesus! Back from the dead!

Jesus disappeared and Cleopas and his friend couldn't contain themselves. They rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the 11 disciples what had happened. When they got there, the disciples were talking about Jesus. 'He appeared to Simon. He has risen!' Cleopas told his story and how he had recognised Jesus when he broke bread.

Activities

The soft shoe shuffle.

Act the story out using just footstep sounds. Make footstep noises by walking or running on the spot or by using shoes on their hands to create the different sounds.

Start with two sets of feet walking slowly and heavily.

Cleopas and his friend were walking the seven miles from Jerusalem to their home. They were really sad because Jesus had been crucified.

A third pair of feet joins in.

As they walked along, Jesus joined them, but they didn't recognise him.

The footsteps slow down to a standstill.

Jesus asked them why they were sad. They told him the very sad story of Jesus dying on the cross. They also told him how that morning some women had spoken some nonsense about seeing an empty tomb and angels.

The footsteps start again at a normal pace.

As they walked along, Jesus explained to them all the Bible stories that told about Jesus coming, dying and rising again.

Now the original two pairs of feet stop but the third pair goes on walking.

Cleopas and his friend arrived at their home but Jesus kept on walking. Cleopas invited him in for a meal.

The third pair of feet pauses then 'walks back' again. All the feet shuffle back and forth, dragging heels and stubbing toes.

They set the table and prepared a meal.

All the feet are still.

At the meal Jesus said grace and then broke the bread. The two disciples suddenly realised who he was.

The third pair of feet disappears. The other feet run around with excitement.

They were so excited to recognise Jesus. Somehow they had known there was something special about the stranger.

The feet now run very fast.

That very evening they ran back to Jerusalem to tell the others what had happened. They weren't surprised. They too had seen Jesus. He really was alive.

Printable activities can be found by clicking on the links below

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