

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#33 Review of Easter/Post Resurrection

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Dear Families: In this lesson we will review details of last week's Easter story. If you are reading all four gospel accounts, you will see that the facts seem to differ from book to book. To get people to tell the exact same account as other witnesses doesn't usually happen. There are four points of view and one will focus on one thing that another does not. Biblical scholars are not concerned about the few differences. Now, it is getting warmer and plants and trees are budding out. The spring season reminds us of new beginnings and a fresh renewal of life. I pray happier days for us all as we come out of this dark time. Soon we can be with more of our family and friends. We continue to pray for those who have lost precious loved ones from their lives and that they will begin to feel the stirrings of healing for so many deep loses. God Bless!

Bible Text: John 20:11-18; 20:19-23 ; Luke 24:13-31 Abridged

1) *Mary Magdalene* But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. . . "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him and said in Hebrew "Rabbouni!" (which means teacher) Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" and she told them that He had said these things to her.

2) *Locked Room* When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

3) *Road to Emmaus* Now on the same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus. . . and talking about all these things that had happened. While they were talking, Jesus Himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. J-"What are you talking about?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them named Cleopas answered Him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" J said, "What things?" . . . (They told Him all that had taken place and He began to remind them of many things that the Hebrew scriptures (OT) had said. He began to walk away and they invited Him to dinner). . . When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him and He vanished from their site.

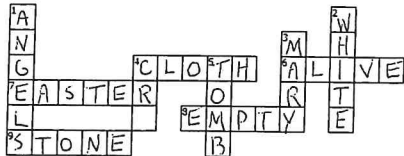
Jesus appeared to many others during the 40 days He stayed on earth after the Resurrection/Ascension.

Easter Story Eggs

- 1) *Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem* – (donkey/felt palm branch) **a)** greeted as a king; **b)** crowds still followed Him; **c)** “We Cry Hosanna Lord”
- 2) *Passover Becomes Last Supper* – (bread and cup) **a)** disciples prepare for Passover; **b)** Jesus washes their feet [P- “I should be washing Your feet!” J-“I must do this or you have no part in Me.” Humility - everyone else is just as important as I am; **c)** Judas leaves; **d)** Bread and Wine; **e)** P’s denial foretold
- 3) *Garden of Gethsemane* – (praying hand picture) **a)** J went a ways away and prayed “If possible, let this cup pass from Me; but Your Will not Mine be done.” **b)** finds disciples asleep. “Could you not stay awake with Me for 1 hour?”- 3X **d)** 3rd time J says, “Enough, My betrayer is here.”
- 4) *Betrayal* – (coins) **a)** Judas, followed by a large crowd w/ swords and clubs, from chief priests & the elders, says, “Greetings Rabbi,” kisses J on the cheek to show the One to be arrested
- 5) *Arrest* – (rooster) **a)** Then they came and laid hands on J and arrested Him; **b)** one in J’s group, Peter?, drew his sword and cut off the ear of a servant. J-“Put your sword back into its place, for all you who take the sword will perish by the sword.” Lk 22:51-J healed the servant; **c)** J-“My Father could call 12 legions of angels (72,000?); but how would the scriptures be fulfilled?” J allows them to arrest Him. **d)** Peter follows and waits-1. Servant-girl asks him, “You also were with the Galilean?” P-“I do not know what you are talking about.” 2. Another servant-girl, “This man was with J of Nazareth.” P-“I do not know the man.” 3. Bystanders, “Certainly, you are also one of them.” P-“I do not know the man!!” Then the rooster crowed. P remembered, went out and wept bitterly.
- 6) *Jesus in mocked* (made fun of in a mean way) – (crown of thorns) **a)** Jewish council could find no evidence against J; **b)** because He was called a king, they put on a crown of thorns; **c)** because He was called the Messiah-blindfolded and hit “Prophecy to us, who is it that hit You?”
- 7) *Pilate (bowl)*– **a)** Jewish leaders, afraid of losing their power, not the Jewish people, wanted to bring about His death. **b)** They took Him to Pilate, the Roman governor, was the only one with the authority to have J punished; **c)** Pilate could not find anything J had done wrong so he had a bowl of water brought to him and washed his hands, saying, “His blood is on your hands.” Afraid of a riot.
- 8) *Crucifixion* – (cross/nails) **a)** Roman soldiers put J on a cross; **b)** J’s followers watched from afar
- 9) *Soldiers cast lots (gambled) for J’s clothes* – (dice)
- 10) *Jesus’ Death* - (piece of linen) **a)** we think He died about 3:00 pm; **b)** Jewish buried their dead as soon as possible after death; **c)** Joseph of Arimethea, a member of the Jewish Council who did not want J to die went to Pilate and ask for J’s body to bury. Pilate called to make sure He was really dead; told soldiers to guard tomb; **d)** Sabbath (**no work**), which began in only about 3 hours, left no time to anoint His body, just time to wrap Him in linen and put Him in J of A’s tomb. Women prepared spices.
- 11) *Women come to anoint J’s body* – (spices, stone, angel) **a)** wondered how to move stone; **b)** earthquake, soldier faint told to lie; **c)** angel on stone. “Seek J, not here, He is risen; **d)** Not the end/story!!
- 12) *Empty!!!*

Materials: *Coloring page and crossword-Mary Magdalene weeping in front of tomb; *Coloring page and fill in the blank puzzle-Jesus appears to the disciples in the locked room; *2 coloring pages and maze-Road to Emmaus; *Coloring page and fill in the vowels-Jesus cooks breakfast on the beach.

Answers to Puzzles:

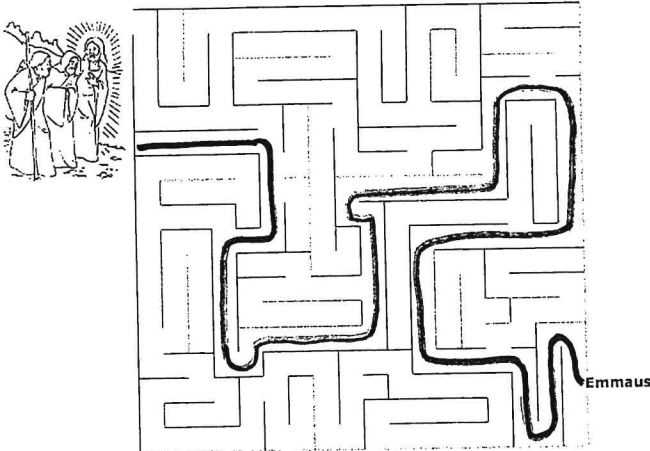


On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, JESUS came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his side and hands. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

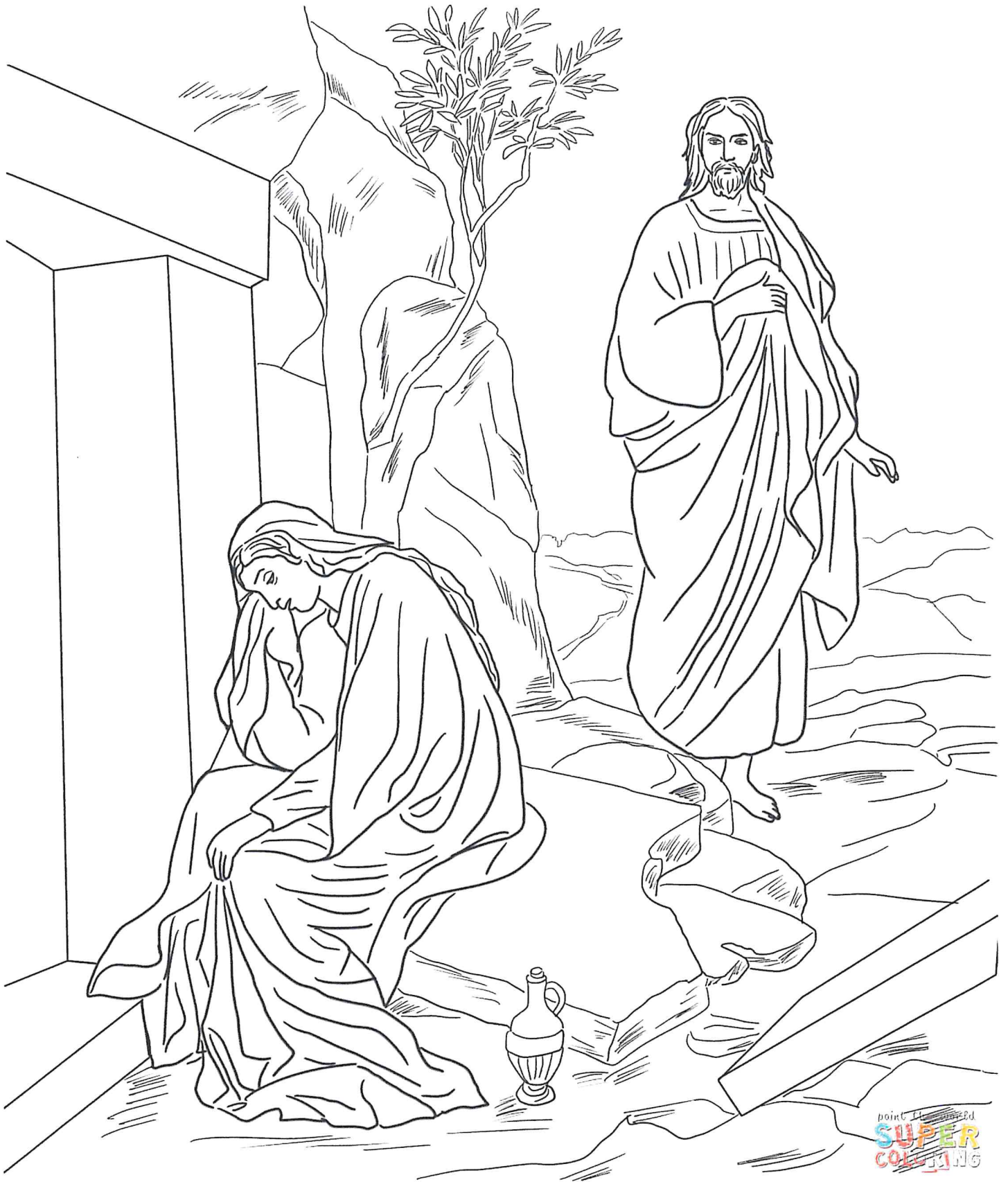
Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

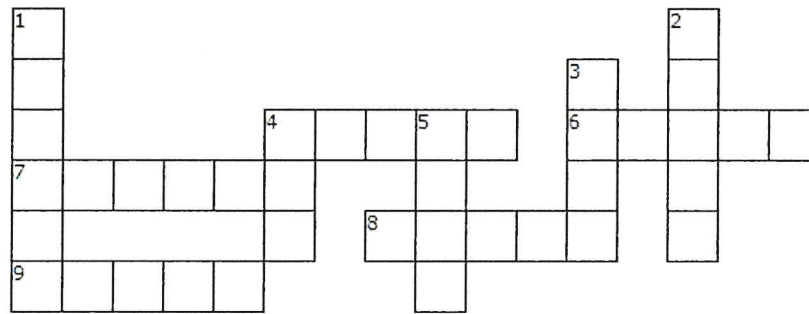
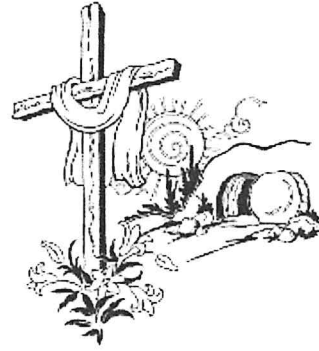


1. L _ RD LORD
2. KN _ W KNEW
3. BR _ _ D BREAD
4. J _ S _ S JESUS
5. _ SK ASK
6. C _ M _ COME
7. BR _ _ KF _ ST BREAKFAST
8. F _ SH FISH
9. D _ SC _ PL _ S DISCIPLES
10. G _ V _ GAVE



The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
John 20:1 (NIV)



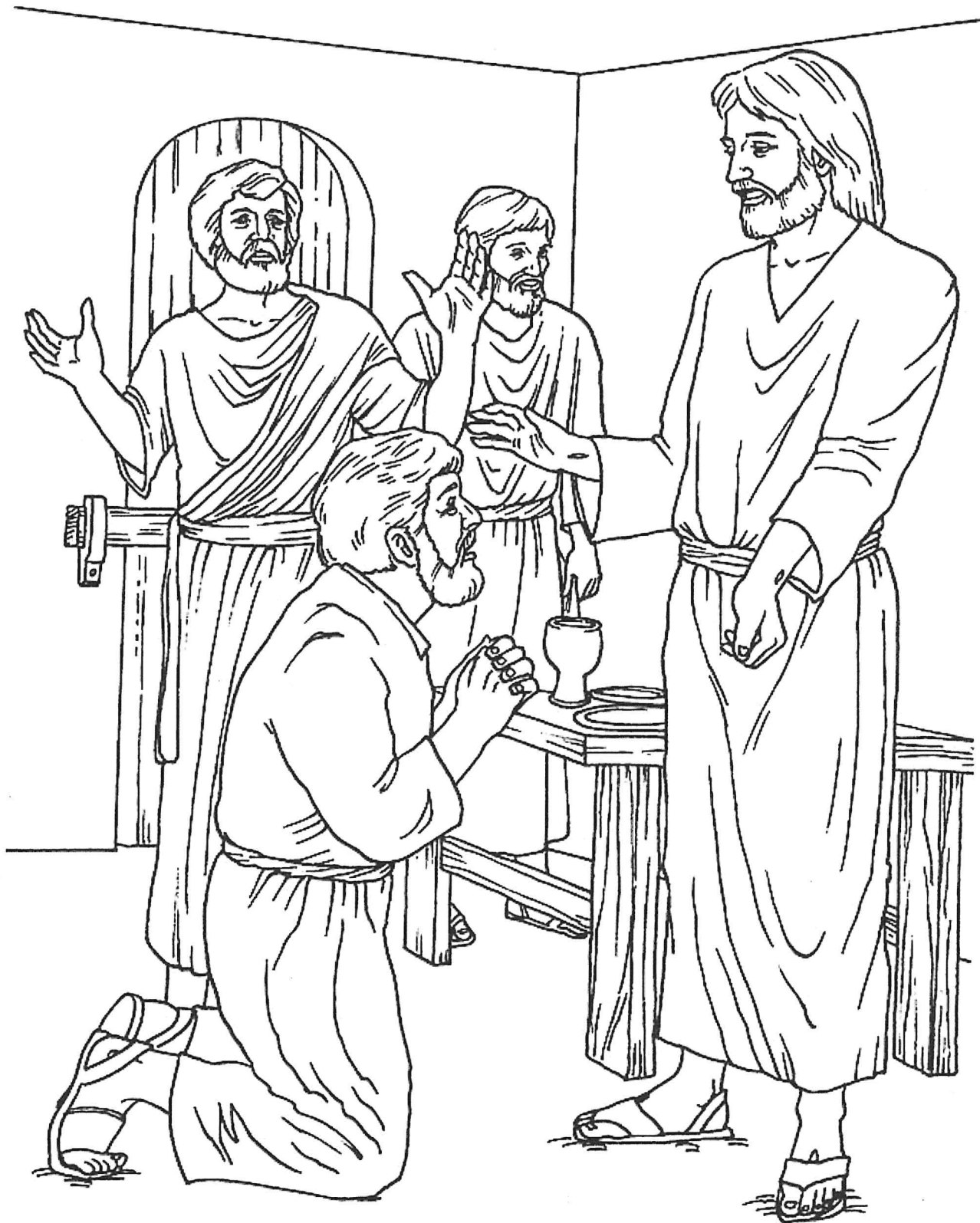
ACROSS

4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
6. Not dead
7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
8. To have nothing inside
9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
4. To produce tears; to weep
5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

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| EMPTY | ANGELS | EASTER | CLOTH | WHITE |
| STONE | ALIVE | TOMB | CRY | MARY |



Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



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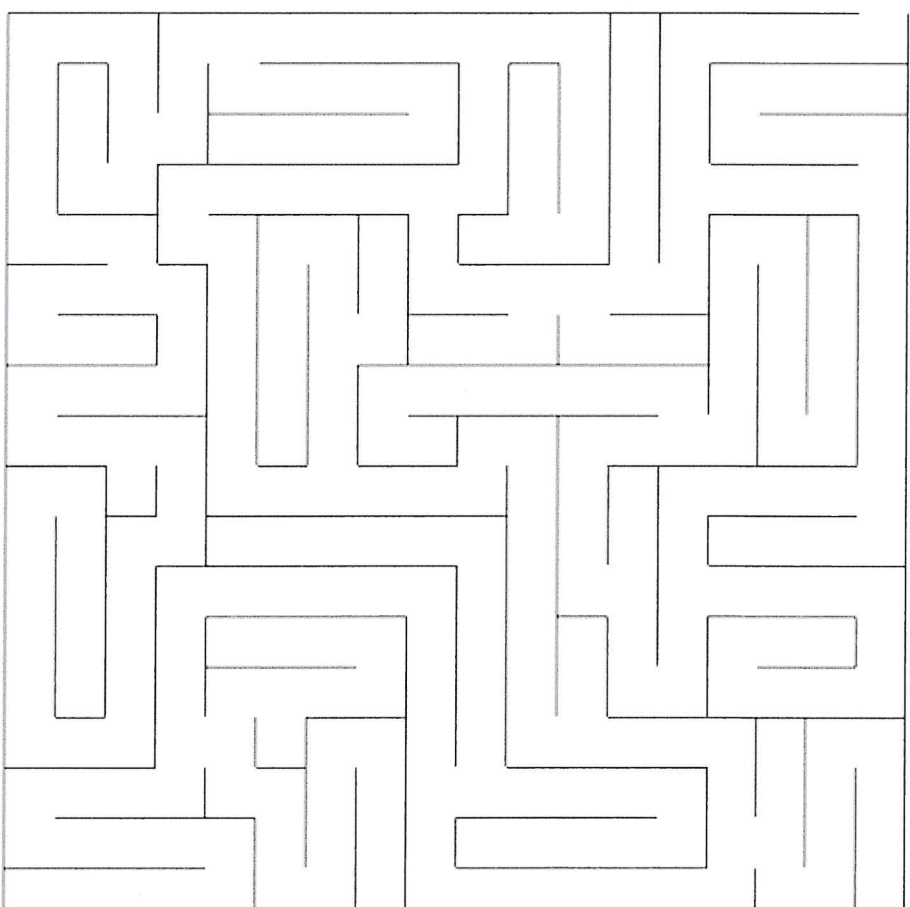
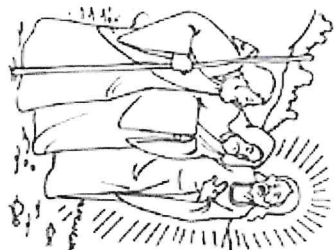
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John 20:19-28 (NIV)

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| believe | finger | jesus | nail | side |
| doubting | hands | locked | seen | Thomas |



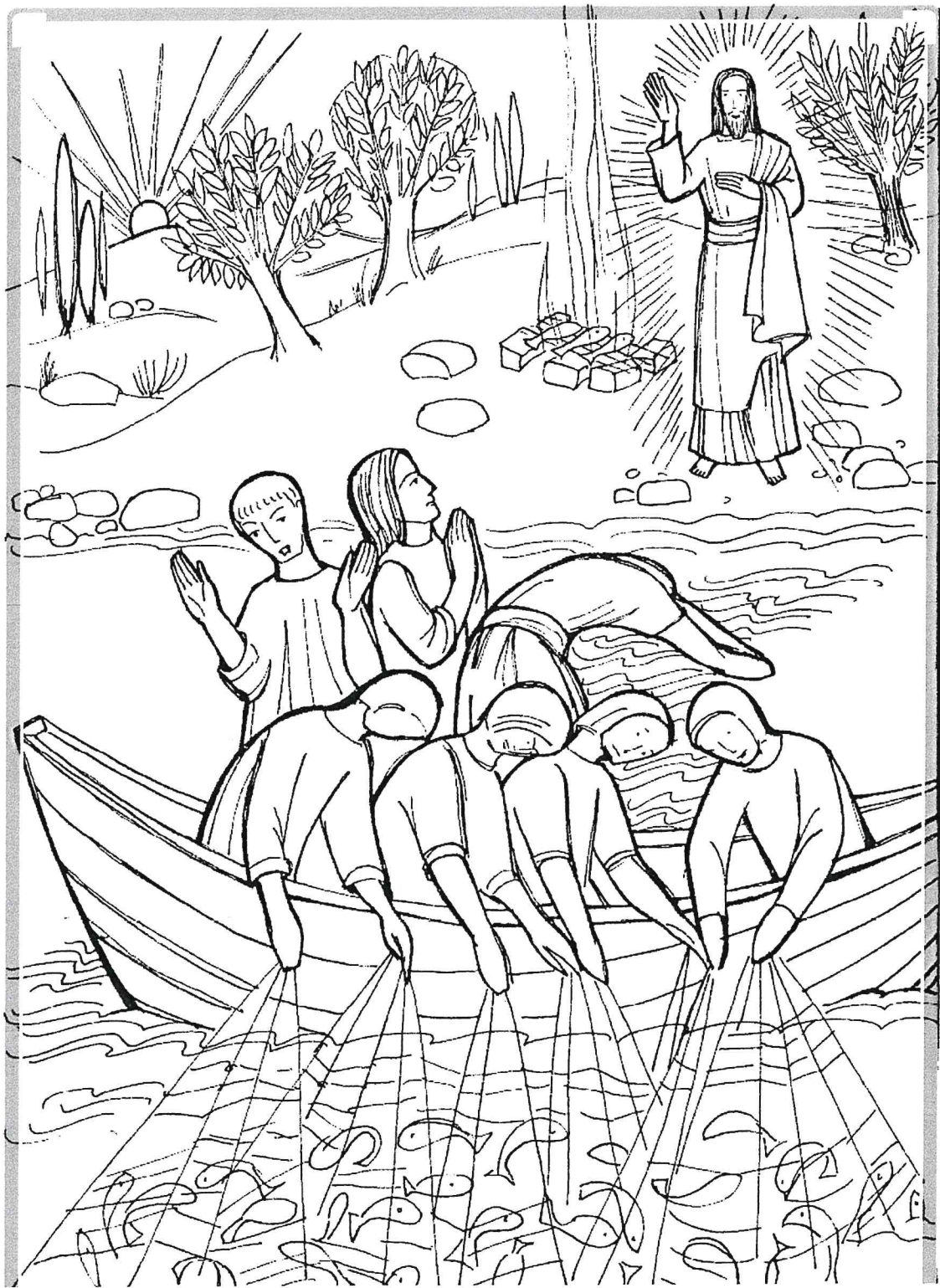




Emmaus

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles out of Jerusalem.
Suddenly, Jesus himself came along and joined them and began walking beside them.

Luke 24:13, 15 (NLT)



Breakfast on the Beach

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. John 21:12-13 (NIV)

Enter the missing vowels to complete the words from the Bible verse shown above.



1. L _ RD _____
2. KN _ W _____
3. BR _ _ D _____
4. J _ S _ S _____
5. _ SK _____
6. C _ M _ _____
7. BR _ _ KF _ ST _____
8. F _ SH _____
9. D _ SC _ PL _ S _____
10. G _ V _ _____