

HEY KIDS

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Lectionary week: Easter 3

Scripture: Luke 24:13-25

Preparation: None needed

Who goes to school? What is your favourite subject? What do you struggle with?
When I was at school my favourite subject was ... but I really struggled with ...
But I had a teacher who was very patient and explained it and I finally 'got it.' And it was really clear.

This is a bit like two of Jesus' disciples. After that first Easter they were very sad. They were going along the road to a town called Emmaus. As they were walking they were talking about Jesus and how he had been killed. They thought that because he had been killed he couldn't have been the Messiah – the special one chosen by God. On the way a man joined them. He began to explain that wise people long ago, called prophets, had said that God's son, would upset the authorities so much that this would happen, but that God would make everything turn out for the best. So he explained that Jesus really was God's son.

Later they all ate their dinner together. As Jesus broke some bread the disciples realised that the person they were with was actually Jesus and that God had raised him. They finally 'got it' And they ran back and told all their friends the good news.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for people who explain things to us. Thank you for school teachers, for Sunday School teachers and Kid's Club leaders, thank you for parents and grandparents.

Please help us to understand how much you love us. Amen

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Lectionary week: Easter 4

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Preparation: Bring a hospital name bracelet. If you can't obtain one – a picture of one will work.

[show bracelet etc] When you go to hospital and when a baby is born you get given a bracelet for around your wrist or if you are a baby it is put around your ankle. It has your name written on it. Do you know why?

They give you this bracelet so they know who you are – so that they can give you the correct treatment to help make you better – or if you are a baby so they know who your parents are.

Names are important. People we love know our names without us having to tell them. Jesus knows our name – even without us having to tell him. Not only does he know our name – he knows all about us. He knows what we like and what we don't like. The things we are glad about and the things we are sorry about.

One day Jesus told a story about knowing names. In those days, in the Middle East, shepherds used to look after small flocks of sheep. The shepherd knew all the sheep by name. And the sheep didn't live on farms. The shepherd took the sheep from one lot of grass to another just by calling their names and the sheep would follow him. Jesus said he was like a shepherd (and we are like his sheep) – because he knows all of us by name – and he is a good shepherd because he loves each of us.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for sheep and other animals. Thank you for farmers who look after them. Thank you for the people who love us and know us and thank you that Jesus knows each of us by name.

Amen

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Lectionary week: Easter 5

Scripture: John14:1-14

Preparation: Bring a GPS – or an online map or a street directory. Select an address some distance from where you and the children are.

After church I have to go to *(address)*. I am not sure how to get there. How do you think I should go about finding my way?

Ask someone, look on a map, GPS

Those are great ideas. Let's put the address into ... *(whatever device you are using – or look it up in the street directory)*

It says we are to go ... *(tell the children the directions)*

Whew! I am glad that I know how to get there now. I wouldn't like to get lost.

This reminds me of a time when Jesus was talking with his disciples. It was before Easter and he was telling them that one day soon he was going to be with God. He said that they could be close to God too. One of his friends, Thomas, asked how they could find their way to God.

Jesus didn't give them a map or a GPS – he told them that he was the way. If they followed his example by doing the things that he did – praying, caring about others, loving each other then they would find their way.

Jesus shows us the way to be close to God too. We learn about Jesus, and we try to be like him as much as we can by being kind and loving and remembering that God loves everyone.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you that you have room for us to be with you. Help us to follow the way Jesus taught by sharing your love with people we meet. Amen